

Chair's Report

Welcoming Remarks

Thank you all for attending and supporting the hard work that the committee, Group Leaders and Office Volunteers have carried out during the year. A particular welcome to any new members who may be attending. A reminder that this is your AGM. One additional item to the Provisional Agenda has been received, but that does not preclude you from raising an issue under AOB. However, I have been requested by a new member to explain our registration procedures which I have included in this report.

Review of 2015/2016

We had another successful year, maintaining membership numbers and again have been able to keep our membership fee at £42. People join U3A for many reasons, friendship, social activities but classes are still our core activity. We were able to offer 122 groups plus other regular events in our new programme. My thanks to Julie Williams who jointly co-ordinates the programme with me and to Judy for another excellent production of the brochure.

We continue to be active in our recruitment campaigns. Local U3As participated in a Learning for Leisure Day at a local school and we were invited by BBC Radio Solent to their Big Cuppa day at Bournemouth Pavilion. These two very different public events were an excellent opportunity to promote our organisation. Once again, we held promotional events in nine local libraries during the summer break. However, our own members are still our best advert and are encouraged to spread the word. Our link with Bournemouth University continues and two of our group leaders gave presentations during their Festival of Learning Week. Members have helped with exam invigilating whilst others have responded to student research projects. U3A enjoy occasional 'themed' free lecture days.

We held our first Open meeting in September which was well attended. Monthly meetings continued during the winter months though some of the attendances were disappointing. The meetings are advertised, open to everyone and members are encouraged to take a friend along.

Once again our office volunteers have done a superb job dealing with the rush of applications. So a special thanks to all the people who worked tirelessly throughout July. Applications are dealt with on a first come first served basis with no reservation of places permitted. Our new brochure for the academic year is first made available to members at our annual summer gala. Remaining brochures are sent out the next day. Non-members who have requested a brochure receive these two weeks later. After this, our brochures are made available to the public through the libraries and other promotional events.

Five long serving Group leaders retired at the end of the summer term. They will be missed, particularly by their loyal group members who returned year after year. Unfortunately, in two cases we have been unable to continue the groups. However, we have been fortunate to recruit

new leaders, some taking over an existing group and others offering new ideas and skills. Stuart Sherring leads an induction training session for new leaders and anyone else who feels they would benefit from it, a few weeks prior to the beginning of term. We continue to have an urgent need for Art & Language leaders, Bridge tuition and Historians.

Leaders receive our 'Managing Sensitive Issues Policy' annually as a reminder to be sensitive to the backgrounds, beliefs and values of all our members during classes and discussions.

Good Communication is so important to the effective management of our organisation. The four quarterly Newsletters full of the latest information on classes, social activities, booking forms and notices is our main form of communicating with our members. Our thanks to Judy Morgenstern and Keith Pitman for their excellent publications. However, we are currently reviewing the format and presentation of these newsletters and members are welcome to voice any views during AOB. We would also like to recruit members with IT skills to help us with publications. They would not need to become committee members. We have Noticeboards at our four main venues and our thanks to Richard Smith for his eye-catching posters and our new publicity pop-up banner. Members are reminded to please read the noticeboards! We are also dependent on Group Leaders passing on notices to their class members in between newsletters.

We are a self-help organisation and members are encouraged to participate in so many different ways. The hard work the Committee members carry out, the commitment by Group Leaders, the Office Volunteers, the people who assist with refreshments and set up equipment, tables and chairs at meetings. Members who bake a cake, create displays or participate in performances at our annual summer gala, and members who helped at our Library promotions – thank you all for your valued contribution and embracing the ethos of U3A.

Emma Arnold, Ruth Lunn and Chris Williams are standing down from committee and I would like to thank them for their past service. Emma came back onto the committee at a time when we had a real need for social committee members and I know it is with much regret that she is unable to continue. We have received two nominations – Margaret Ronchetti and Anita Kane, both office volunteers and I know they will be a real asset to the committee.

Accommodation costs continue to account for the largest part of our expenditure. We are now fortunate to have fifteen groups which are held in Leaders' own homes resulting in a significant saving. Our thanks to those leaders who make our members so welcome in their own homes.

Finally I would like to thank the committee and Group Leaders for their support.

BOURNEMOUTH U3A

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2016

<u>2015</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2016</u>
£		£	£		£
40,641.50	Membership Fees	41,433.00	35,283.63	Accommodation	38,808.63
5,339.86	Gift Aid Repayment	6,228.57	1,021.70	Photocopier Rental	168.14
400.00	Short Ten./Bad. Fees	1,022.40	419.75	Telephone/Internet	505.10
99.00	Computer Classes	151.00	79.22	Elec. App. Testing	110.50
453.00	Donations	2,434.00	2,965.42	Stat./Print./Postage	
84.00	Photocopy Sales	85.70		(inc. Newsletter)	5,073.38
21.00	Badge Sales	-.--	611.99	Equipment for Group	
48.63	Bank Interest	76.54		Leaders	133.98
264.50	Gala Party	552.09	100.66	Office Computer/	
46.14	Barn Dance	-.--		Printer	128.94
492.61	Drama Group	406.33	33.92	Office Sundries	42.86
65.50	Monthly Meetings		3,598.00	U3A Capitation Fee	3,430.00
	(net of costs)	26.83	260.90	Publicity	560.12
184.50	Cream Tea	-.--	70.00	Presentation	-.--
-.--	3 rd Age Trust Grant	200.00	261.01	Games Items	269.73
			591.81	Tutors Lunch	809.71
			36.00	Regional Meeting Cost	44.40
			18.00	St James Membership	22.00
			26.65	U3A Newsletter	20.25
			187.00	Cleaning Carpet	-.--
			-.--	CLA Licence	60.00
			2,574.58	Excess of Receipts	
				over Expenditure	2,428.72
<u>£48,140.24</u>		<u>£52,616.46</u>	<u>£48,140.24</u>		<u>£52,616.46</u>
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BANK, BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNTS AND CASH

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>01.07.2015</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Surplus/</u> <u>(Reduction)</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>30.06.2016</u>
	£	£	£	£
Current Account	3,728.44	- 2,561.31	2,414.05	3,581.18
Barclays Base Reward Account	15,040.09	2,500.00	76.54	17,616.63
Petty Cash	5.33	61.31	- 61.87	4.77
	<u>£18,773.86</u>	<u>-.--</u>	<u>£2,428.72</u>	<u>£21,202.58</u>
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