

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AGM FEBRUARY 2025**

Another year has gone by and I am standing here again giving my Chairman's Report for 2024 to you.

We have had another successful year and our membership is now 479 and growing. We are getting new members every month and lots of enquiries. This is keeping our membership secretary John Fulford very busy and also John Faulkner our Deputy Treasurer.

One of our big highlights this year is the creation of our new website by Gwen Davies our computer wizard. She has spent days and hours making sure everything is accurate and more attractive to the users. This will be a big asset to the growth of the group. We find that the new members are more technical savvy and expect to have information at their fingertips. Gwen continually updates everything and also she is adding new information when she receives it. Please send Gwen any information you think our members would benefit from.

We had a very successful U3A holiday in May 2024, organised by our very own travel agent Sue, to Llandudno with Alfa Travel. What made it more enjoyable was that we had the coach totally to ourselves and could decide what we wanted to do. The scenery was spectacular and the company even better. Many happy memories were made.

We also had a trip to Stratford in June organised by Sylvia including a very informative tour of Shakespeare's school. The rest of the day was spent exploring Stratford and some of us visited the butterfly farm. It started a bit damp but by the end of the day the sun had come out. Sylvia also organised, later in the year, a skittles night at Bolehall Manor which included a fish and chip supper. Everybody said how much they enjoyed the night. Thank you Sylvia.

The Gardening Appreciation group worked hard as usual and booked and organised some interesting garden trips. These included Botanical Gardens, beautiful Hidcote Gardens, Baddesley Clinton House and gardens and the atmospheric Batsford Arboretum. They finished the year with a Xmas lunch at the Castle Hotel including the Light Exercise Group, Friday Lunch group, Sunday lunch group and the Ambling Group. Sue and Sue you excelled yourselves.

I would like to thank all the Group Leaders for their continued hard work. They are the backbone of this group and it wouldn't be so successful without them. The new Group Leader for the Light Exercise Group, taking the reins from Pam, is Lisbeth. Thank you Pam for doing such a splendid job, quietly and efficiently, for a number of years.



The U3A choir has had a very busy year with a number of concerts including the cheese and wine concert at Elford Church. They finished the year at, the extremely cold St Editha's Church, with the U3A Ukulele Group. How they managed to sing and play their instruments I will never know. Even with the cold it was well attended and extremely enjoyable. Well done Choir.

Last year we lost some very close friends of the group and I would like to send my condolences to the family and friends of those members. One of those members was Judy Nestor a past Chairman and Speaker Secretary. She devoted a lot of her time to this group and was also involved in many other groups in the Tamworth area. She was always the first to volunteer if she could and I miss her on the stage with me, correcting my mistakes with her lovely smile!!!

The committee members work extremely hard on your behalf to make this a safe and enjoyable space to be involved and we would always welcome any feedback from you to make it even better. Thank you committee members for doing a fantastic job.

If you know of any member who is having a hard time health wise or personal and would appreciate a card to cheer them up please get in touch with our Welfare Officer Eileen. She will be very happy to send them an appropriate card. She is very good and seems to know the right thing to say.

The Assembly Rooms staff have always made us welcome and we are very grateful to be able to use this beautiful building for our monthly meetings. Thank you to the technical team and front house staff.

I would like to end my Chairman's Report for 2024 with thanking you all here today for letting me be Chairman for the past very busy year.

**Judy Emery**  
**Chairman**



## Statement of affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Cash book balance brought forward from 2023	£11,153.13
Difference between receipts /payments	£1,875.16
Sub-total being balance per cash book @31/12/2024	£13,028.29
Add back unpresented cheques	£270.00
Balance per bank statement at 31/12/24	£13,298.29 /
Petty cash balance B/fwd from 2024	£32.69
Add cash receipts	£0.00
Deduct payments	£6.05
Petty cash balance 2024	£26.64
Total Funds	£13,054.93 ✓
Deduct group liabilities	£8,062.10
Sub total	£4,992.83
Add Deposit A/c	£8,645.74
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>£13,638.57</b>



Balance Sheet 2024

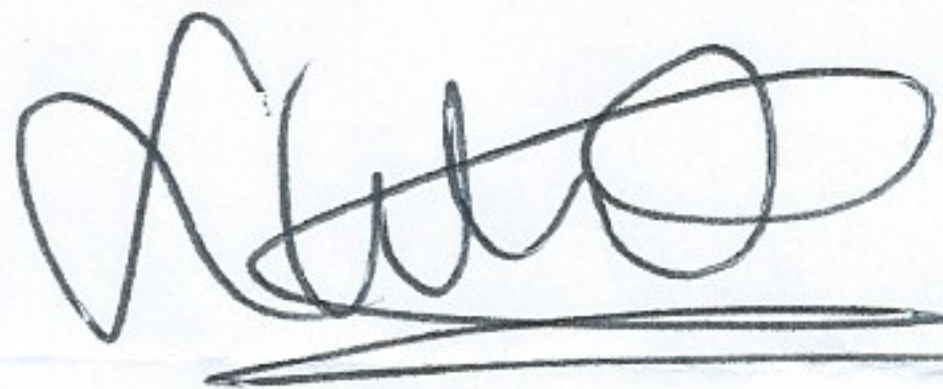
INCOME	
Annual Subs	4,620.00
Monthly meeting	3,459.55
Stratford	1,155.80
Skittles	384.00
Cards	24.75
Light Exercise	0.62
Riviera	422.82
Sub Total	10,067.54
<b>Groups</b>	
Art	1,195.00
Choir	2,903.25
Gardening	7,145.00
History	1,890.00
Light Exercise	1,932.00
Tai Chi	2,401.50
Bowls	1,247.40
Film Club	390.00
Science	0.00
Church History	320.00
Medieval History	465.00
Holiday	2,050.00
Debating	327.00
Bridge	102.00
Painting	1,460.95
Archaeology	330.00
Local History	114.00
Quiz	50.00
Sub Total	24,323.10
TOTAL	34,390.64

EXPENDITURE	
Room rental	2,040.00
Speakers	1,160.00
Audit	60.00
Capitation Fee	1,864.00
Committee Meetings	392.83
Sewing	60.00
Mah Jong	39.77
U3a Magazine	913.12
Travel	59.00
Printing/Stationery/Ink	209.34
Postage	75.00
Stratford	1,155.80
Cards/Flowers	131.52
Equipment/Computer	79.97
Skittles	360.00
Ambling	30.00
Leaders Lunch	610.07
Christmas (2023/24)	390.55
Sub Total	9,630.97
<b>Groups</b>	
Art	1,364.00
Choir	2,483.64
Gardening	7,025.77
History	1,495.00
Light Exercise	2,378.62
Tai Chi	2,216.00
Bowls	1,254.00
Film Club	210.00
Science	0.00
Church History	375.95
Medieval History	403.53
Holiday	2,200.00
Debating	252.00
Bridge	0.00
Painting	948.00
Archaeology	198.00
Local History	80.00
Quiz	0.00
Sub Total	22,884.51
TOTAL	32,515.48
Petty Cash	
Open Bal 2020	32.69
Income 2020	0.00
Sub Total	32.69
Expenditure 2020	6.05
Sub Total	26.64
Closing Balance	26.64



Examination of the accounts for Tamworth Third Age for year ending 31st Dec. 2024.

- Opening balance for 2025 agreed with the closing balance and bank statement for 2024.
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- All entries in the accounts check against the bank statements and agreed.
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- Final entries for individual groups checked against balance sheet and agreed.
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- Closing balance checked and agreed with bank statement.
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- Balance sheet and accounts checked and agreed with the statement of affairs and agreed.
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- No discrepancies were found during the examination and the accounts were in good order.

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S. Windridge