

Chair Report AGM 2023

Our 40th Anniversary events and Afternoon of Entertainment were the highlight of another successful year. Led by Amanda Brown and Heather Quiney who organised and inspired some amazing activity and entertainment. Heather writes more about this below. Our Christmas Party with an enlarged Rock Choir and buffet was wonderful and even had a few members dancing in the aisles literally – great to see! In May we held our Quiz which was attended by about 80 people and afterwards there have been requests that we should have another if possible, later this year. It is always encouraging when members come up and say or email how much they have enjoyed these events because it takes much energy to put such things together.

The real strength of Du3a is of course in the Groups; we have 39 at present ranging from art to Zumba, a testament to the hard-working group leaders without whom we would cease to function. We know they enjoy the activity themselves but my profound thanks to them all as well as my committee colleagues. A good job well done.

40th Anniversary Celebrations (Heather Quiney Publicity and Newsletter)

Back in September 2022, u3a was 40 years old and Dunmow u3a celebrated with a variety of events. We started with an 5-day Exhibition in Dunmow Library of paintings and drawings from our two Art groups. Then many of our interest groups marked the anniversary by tailoring one of their meetings in September to tie in with the u3a colours, the number 40 or hark back to the 1980s, eg the Cycling group planned a ride of over 40km and the Walking group attracted 40 walkers for a choice of 3 Anniversary Walks.

The month was concluded with an Afternoon of Entertainment, attended by almost 200 members, wearing blue, yellow and white. We also welcomed Dunmow's Town Crier, the Mayor of Dunmow and the Regional Trustee for the East of England u3a. Anita Davey arranged an amazing sketch around the life in our u3a with walk on parts for the cyclists, line dancers, walkers and even the committee. The 3-hour programme of entertainment included demonstrations from our Line Dancing and Zumba Gold groups, with talks and presentations from several of our other interest groups. There were also static displays around the theme of the number 40 and the Science group displayed

technology from the early 1980s, complete with Sinclair C5! A couple of our members baked a wonderful celebration cake to toast the occasion.

We used all these activities to promote Dunmow u3a with articles, not only in the local newspaper and neighbouring parish magazines, but also regional and national u3a publications. And to round it all off, we produced a picture booklet to commemorate all that we did to celebrate the milestone.

Groups Coordinator's report (Rosemary Jensen Groups Coordinator)

There have been a few changes this year:

Heather Quiney has replaced Adrian Hoodless as leader of Family History,

David Cole has stepped in to lead Geology from Linda Powell on a temporary basis, Julie Coates has replaced Peter Hodge for Mah Jong

Jean Hull is the leader of the new Line Dancing 2 group that started at Easter.

The Meet and Greet Lunch Group led by Jackie Carr has closed as has

Gentle Exercise. Anita Davey has ran this for several years and special thanks to her for keeping this running through difficult circumstances.

Many thanks to all Group leaders for their persistence and continued support.

Dunmow Events (Hilary Jinno Events Manager)

24th June 22 – Quiz in Day Centre A successful evening for all who attended; 9 teams in all and tried the no meal approach for the first time which seemed to work fine leaving people to bring their own food and drink allowing us to reduce the ticket price to cover the hall hire and prizes only. We followed this model in the next quiz.

September 17th – Dunmow carnival – we had a stall on the site with information about Dunmow u3a and the human fruit machine game. Thanks to Mike and Maureen, Shirley and others who gave their time.

December 7th Christmas Party with the Rock Choir in St Mary's church.

We had a good turnout of members who enjoyed the music provided by the Rock Choir followed by refreshments and conversation. Everybody seemed to have a really good time and we are planning to repeat it this year if possible.

Many thanks to the many committee and members who gave their time to set up and run the event, including the refreshment team led by Mary Jensen and too many others to list here, but you know who you are!

Quiz night 12 May 2023 This was very popular and I had to turn teams away as we had a limit of 10 tables/80 people for the venue. On the night we had 71 quizzers (a few expected did not turn up) plus 5 organisers. Winners were a team entered by Julie Coates. It seemed as if members enjoyed the night and I've had positive feedback. We should consider booking a larger hall next time

to increase the number of tables and avoid turning people away (with the challenges that may provide)

New Members welcome meeting 17th May 2023

We had 15 new members for tea and cake in the Dourdan Pavilion and nine committee members who made them very welcome and provided them with information about our u3a. Despite the challenges caused by lack of an urn, Anna and Maureen coped admirably with the provision of hot drinks for everybody. Good feedback from all who attended and said it was very useful.

Outings Report (Pat Jones Outings Coordinator)

First of all, a big thank you to all those u3a members who buy our tickets and support the outings.

The past year has been a busy year for the Dunmow u3a outings team. We started the year with an interesting trip to the Brooklands Motor Museum and followed it up with a wonderful sunny day at Broadstairs. This was particularly popular resulting in several upgrades of coach size to accommodate demand. The autumn saw us visiting Sutton Hoo and Cambridge to see the farce "Noises Off". We visited Thursford for their "Christmas Spectacular" and then Canterbury for their Christmas Market.

At the request of the Geology and Science groups we visited the British Museum and the De Havilland Museum.

We made two other visits to the theatre at Milton Keynes to see both the Sleeping Beauty and the Mousetrap.

In total we will have done 10 outings from June 2022 up to May 2023. This involved the sale of over 300 places to members.

My thanks to the Geology and Science groups for allowing us to widen access to their outing, to the wider membership.

My thanks also to the outings team who have worked hard to make our outings programme such a success. Our thanks also to Don's Coaches and our "regular" driver Dave for getting us "there and back again".

Membership Report (Terry Parker membership secretary)

For the year 2022/23 we had a total of 577 members, the highest membership number since Dunmow u3a was founded. The total included 85 new members which compares with 89 new members in the previous year.

The membership fee remained at £13 for 2022/23. We aim to keep this as low as possible but we have a range of fixed costs such as the subscription we pay to the Third Age Trust and the cost of the Beacon system which is used to record member data, Group information and all of the financial data.

Additionally, we have the cost of the monthly meetings at which we continue to offer free refreshments.

Early indications from renewals for 2023/24 are encouraging and at the time of writing this report (mid-May 2023) we have 530 members. We continue to attract new members.

As in previous years we encourage members to pay their subscription using the bank transfer process though we appreciate that some members do not have this facility or are wary of using this process so we continue to accept cheques and cash.

With our high membership numbers, it is clear that members of Dunmow U3A are very pleased to be associated with an active and caring community that offers the chance to make new friends, socialise at our various events and participate in our Groups.

New Committee Members

Welfare Coordinator Maureen Best nominated

Other Committee Member TBD

Mike Best

Chair



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
DUNMOW U3A

No (if any)
1168310

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date

01-Apr-22

To

Period end date

31-Mar-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Charitable Funds A/C No 1 to the nearest £	Charitable Funds A/C No 2 to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	7,566	-	-	7,566	7,839
Gift Aid	1,174	-	-	1,174	1,079
Grants and Donations	202	-	-	202	-
Group Activities	16,056	-	-	16,056	11,328
Ticket Sales	-	14,728	-	14,728	14,881
Refreshments	-	268	-	268	-
Raffle	388	-	-	388	341
Miscellaneous Transactions	32	-	-	32	199
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,418	14,996	-	40,414	35,667
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,418	14,996	-	40,414	35,667
A3 Payments					
U3A National Fees	4,333	-	-	4,333	3,279
Group Activities	15,543	-	-	15,543	10,104
Ticket Purchases and Transport	-	12,206	-	12,206	13,008
Refreshments	340	899	-	1,239	-
Hall Hire	1,022	-	-	1,022	1,208
Speakers	814	-	-	814	731
Communications	254	-	-	254	622
Publicity	125	-	-	125	-
Stationary	357	-	-	357	500
Welfare	-	-	-	-	30
Miscellaneous Transactions	499	-	-	499	622
Sub total	23,287	13,105	-	36,392	30,104
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	715
Sub total	-	-	-	-	715
Total payments	23,287	13,105	-	36,392	30,819
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,131	1,891	-	4,022	4,848
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,521	6,893	-	33,414	28,566
Cash funds this year end	28,652	8,784	-	37,436	33,414

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Charitable Fund No 1	28,653	-	-
	Charitable Fund No 2	8,784	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,437	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Charitable No 1	-	503
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Group Activities	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,500	April - July
	u3a National Fees	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,000	April - July
	Outings	Charitable No 2	ca. 3,000	April - July
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

J. MARSHALL

28 Apr '23



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

DUNMOW U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1168310

Set out on pages

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 2 May 2023

Name: Peter Hodge

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Retired Bank Manager

Address:



Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters have come to my attention during my Independent Examination of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 that require disclosure to the Charity Commission.