

# BUCKHURST HILL U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1178911

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2018-06-25

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE EDUCATION OF OLDER PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED FROM FULL TIME WORK BY ALL MEANS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

## Geography

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- Essex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£28,347	£28,933	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,497	£30,954	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,336	£22,700	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,126	£10,992	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,786	£5,068	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>David Dooks</b>	Chair	2023-09-14
CATHY TREDGETT		2016-05-12
CHRISTINE SLADE		2022-09-08
Christopher John Embling		2021-09-02
KEVIN NEIL LUCAS		2016-05-12
MARY NATHAN		2022-09-08
Ruth Frances Read		2023-09-14
Susan Eleanor Bird		2025-06-11
Valerie Thame		2021-09-02

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# Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT  
2025

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## BUCKHURST HILL U3A – CHAIR'S REPORT 2025

### 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 2015–2025

Writing this as the end of my tenure as Chair approaches, I am pleased to be able to report that the last twelve months have been very successful if somewhat testing for Buckhurst Hill u3a. This review gives me the opportunity to look back and highlight our successes.

With just 3 weeks' notice from Buckhurst Hill Parish Council last December, we were advised that Roding Valley Hall would be closing in early January for approximately 8 weeks to do the repairs needed. After trying multiple other venues with no luck for our proposed (we thought) short break, we were fortunate enough to be offered a slot on a Wednesday morning from 9.30–11.30 at a hall in Chigwell. After careful deliberation we chose to take a chance and book Grange Farm Hall and see if anyone would turn up.

For our first meeting at Grange Farm, we experienced an exceedingly cold, and misty morning and we had an encouraging 39 attendees. We have continued to hold our monthly meetings at Grange Farm and are now seeing regular attendances of up to 53.

We are exceedingly grateful to Trevor Johnson, Chairman of the Grange Farm Centre Trust, for allowing us to use the hall and helping us out in our time of need.

5 months later, we still do not have a date to return to RVH.

#### Membership

Our membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March and, at the end of March this year, the membership stood at 324 compared with a total of 307 at the same time the previous year. During the year we gained 58 new members, but for a variety of reasons 41 members did not renew. The good news is that we now have the highest membership in our 10-year existence.

New members are always welcome as they can bring fresh ideas but, at the same time, we are happy if our current membership is maintained. It has never been our desire to grow significantly as we believe that being a smaller group enables our members to participate in a wider range of activities without the need for too many waiting lists and for us to remain friendly and sociable.

#### Finances

Our finances are expertly managed by our Treasurer, Kevin Lucas. Accompanying this report is a copy of the audited accounts for the year to 31st March 2025 which show a surplus for the year of £611 compared with a surplus last year of £1083.

Kevin will report in detail on these figures at the AGM. My thanks to Kevin for all his hard work, especially considering we at Buckhurst Hill u3a have participated in more outings and events than ever before which in itself caused him more than a few headaches!! (probably mostly my fault).

#### Activities

Our monthly meetings, interest groups, outings and social events are what make us such a successful u3a but none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the small number of members who give up so much of their time to make these things happen.

The monthly meetings are an integral part of any u3a group, and we aim to provide a wide variety of interesting speakers. We cannot always cater to everyone's taste but the regular attendance each month would suggest that our Speaker Secretary, Ruth Read has done an excellent job, along with guidance from Ann Denwood, our previous Speaker Secretary. My thanks to them both.

I know that Ruth has booked a full and varied programme for us until the end of 2025.

The subject matter of our talks included: The Art of London, Epping Forest, John F Kennedy, Georgi Markov – the Poison Umbrella Murder, Alfred Hitchcock. Interspersed with our talks we enjoyed Summer and Christmas afternoon teas,

We currently have 36 Interest Groups, including over 9 new groups and I must take this opportunity to thank all our Group Leaders for their considerable efforts. Running an Interest Group can be a demanding and occasionally thankless task but generally, the positive feedback from members, does make it very worthwhile as Interest Groups are such an important part of u3a life.

We have seen a few new groups take shape during the year some of which have been shared with other local u3a's. Sharing groups can make a new idea viable and we are always looking for new ideas and people to facilitate them.

We have now staged 3 fully sold-out quiz afternoons, sharing them with Roding Valley and Wanstead and Woodford u3as, and are having a final one at the end of May before taking a break until the autumn.

I must thank Fiona Lucas, our Group Coordinator, for producing the Events Calendar each month and for her hard work supporting Groups that may have needed some assistance during the year as well as helping the new Groups get properly established.

During this year we have been able to arrange a full programme of visits including the Royal Hospital Chelsea, home of the Chelsea Pensioners, Physic Garden Christmas Fair, visits to various livery companies, Arundel Castle Tulip Festival and many other places, as well as numerous West End theatre visits.

Meanwhile, Mary Nathan has been busy arranging our Macmillan coffee morning, local "theatre", Court visits and other entertainments.

In addition to the outings, we also enjoyed a Music evening in November and various Afternoon Teas.

All of these outings and events were well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. My thanks to Mary and our very hard-working Committee for their unstinting work, and we are already busy organising outings and events for next year.

For the first time, we are arranging a short holiday which is "The Highlights of Normandy". This is being run by Riviera Travel, and we have 18 members participating in this.

Our main line of communication with members is our monthly Newsletter which has articles and information about our Interest Groups as well as forthcoming events. Members also submit interesting articles, and outings reports, these and all other contributions are greatly appreciated.

The credit for the success of our Newsletter must go to our Newsletter Editor, Christine Slade, who masterminds the production and distribution each month, and who, in addition to this role, is also our Membership Secretary, and Hall Hire Secretary. My sincere thanks to Christine for all her hard work.

We are also continuing using new methods of communications with our members ie our Facebook page, and thanks to David Dooks for taking on the task of setting this up and continuing to run it for us.

Our website recently underwent major changes, and it is quite outstanding. If you haven't had a chance to look at it, please do so when you can, the changes are amazing. Our thanks must go to Fiona and Kevin Lucas who spend many hours keeping it updated. Indeed, other local u3as are seeking their help in setting up their own sites.

## The Committee

The Committee is the backbone of the organisation, and I must thank all of the Committee members for their support, commitment, and the time they give so willingly to ensure Buckhurst Hill u3a succeeds. Without all the time and effort from our Committee members, we would not be able to function.

At the AGM all Committee members have to stand down and I must thank all those who have agreed to stand for re-election.

Owing to the u3a 6-year Committee service rule and other reasons, sadly, some of our members, including Margaret Bint, Ann Denwood as well as myself, have to stand down and cannot be re-elected. Sue Bird, our previous treasurer, had to stand down last year, but has kept in touch with Committee matters and was also instrumental in helping me with our Musical Evening.

I am delighted to announce that David Dooks has agreed to be our new Chairman if elected at the AGM. This will ensure continuity for us going forward, and I'm sure that I am leaving you in his very capable hands.

I hope you have enjoyed as much as I have our somewhat extensive events and activities programme during my tenure as Chairman and thank you for the opportunity of promoting and growing our u3a. I have been very proud to be your chairman.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who help each month with the setting up of the hall and help with refreshments. Every bit of assistance is appreciated.

## The Future

Formed in 2015, our u3a is this year celebrating our 10th Anniversary, and whilst I am confident that the next twelve months will see Buckhurst Hill u3a go from strength to strength, it really does rely on you, the members, to continue embracing the u3a ethos of 'run by the members for the members'.

### **Your u3a needs you!**

Finally, I must reiterate my thanks to the Group Leaders and the Committee for everything they do, and also to the membership whose enthusiasm and support make the whole thing worthwhile.

### **TEAM**

### **Together Everyone Achieves More**

Hilary Wrightman  
Chairman  
Buckhurst Hill u3a  
2024/2025



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**Accounts**  
**Year to 31st March 2025**

*all figures £*

	<b>2024 / 2025</b>	<b>2023 / 2024</b>
<b>Note 1: Third Age Trust Costs</b>		
Capitation costs	(1,224.00)	(1,096)
Third Age Magazine	(956.84)	(796)
	<b>(2,180.84)</b>	<b>(1,892)</b>
<b>Note 2: Administration expenses</b>		
Stationery	(146.09)	(171)
Stamps	(377.66)	(885)
Printer Ink	(29.00)	(110)
Postage supplement	423.00	470
Membership Cards	(44.40)	(40)
Publicity material	-	(49)
E-mail costs	(439.20)	(324)
Sundries	(197.62)	(246)
	<b>(810.97)</b>	<b>(1,355)</b>
<b>Note 3: Social Account</b>		
Thank you lunch	(423.96)	(421)
Drury Lane	(18.50)	-
Andre Rieu	50.00	9
Sandhurst	245.84	-
Summer Afternoon tea (AGM)	(662.45)	(111)
Angels	55.00	-
Music Quiz (Entertainment Evening)	143.88	160
Prom concert	46.02	-
Ladies who Lunch (Pearls & Prosecco)	66.65	-
Ladies who Lunch (Halloween)	49.17	-
Ladies who Lunch (Holly & Ivy)	53.99	-
Xmas afternoon tea	(481.31)	(503)
Coronation Lunch	-	55
Ladies who Lunch (Glitz & Glamour)	-	63
Ladies who Lunch (Autumn Leaves)	-	33
Ladies who Lunch (Turkey & Tinsel)	-	52
Ladies who Lunch (Easter Bonnet)	-	158
Newmarket	-	160
The Clink	-	107
Ely	-	25
Sister Act	-	77
The King and I	-	60
Goldsmith Hall	-	125
Kew - Xmas lights	-	220
Scott Elvis lunch	-	408
Hits from the Blitz (Kenneth Moore)	-	(4)
Kiss Me Kate	-	20
Middle Temple	-	(60)
	<b>(875.67)</b>	<b>633</b>

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*all figures £*

2024 / 2025	2023 / 2024
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**Note 4:**

**Amounts paid in advance (or receivable)**

Third Age Trust - credit note	27.36	18
Arundel	10.00	
ABBA (Queens Theatre)	26.20	
Joint Quiz Group re Hall Hire	48.00	
Operation Mincemeat - outstanding ticket money	39.50	
	<b>151.06</b>	<b>18</b>

**Note 5:**

**Amounts received in advance (or payable)**

2025/26 Membership fee and P&P paid in advance (24/25)	(4,362.00)	(5,076)
Hall Hire re Grange Farm (Jan/Feb)	(144.00)	
Arundel visit	(2,472.50)	
ABBA	(314.40)	
Titanique - ticket over paid	(20.00)	
Stationers Hall	(80.00)	
Xmas Flower Arranging	(12.00)	
Spring Flower Arranging	(259.00)	
Ladies Who Lunch	(600.00)	
MN expenses (cards/stamps/refreshments)	(40.12)	
Prince Regent - Motown Xmas lunch	-	(1,081)
Drury Lane visit	-	(352)
Roydon Gardens	-	(119)
Sandhurst	-	(1,950)
Gunpowder Mill	-	(456)
	<b>(8,304.02)</b>	<b>(9,034)</b>



Buckhurst Hill u3a  
Reconciliation of gross income and expenditure to the audited accounts  
Analysis of Social Account  
Year to 31st March 2025

Appendix 2  
all figures £

	Gross income	Gross expenditure	ADJUSTMENTS				Surplus / deficit	Audited Accounts
			paid / rec'd in prior year	Cash / cheques to bank	rec'd in advance or payable	paid in advance or receivable		
Thank you lunch	-	(423.96)					(423.96)	
Drury Lane	518.00	(888.00)	351.50				(18.50)	
Andre Rieu	455.00	(405.00)					50.00	
Sandhurst	550.00	(2,254.16)	1,950.00				245.84	
AGM Afternoon Tea	-	(662.45)					(662.45)	
Angels	1,317.50	(1,262.50)					55.00	
Music Quiz (Entertainment Evening)	1,232.50	(1,088.62)					143.88	
Prom concert	750.00	(703.98)					46.02	
Ladies who Lunch - Pearls & Prosecco	646.15	(579.50)					66.65	
Ladies who Lunch - Halloween	582.77	(533.60)					49.17	
Ladies who Lunch - Holly & Ivy	454.39	(400.40)					53.99	
Xmas afternoon tea	-	(481.31)					(481.31)	
101 Dalmations	416.50	(416.50)					-	
ABBA	131.00	-		157.20	(314.40)	26.20	-	
Arundel	2,497.50	(35.00)			(2,472.50)	10.00	-	
Chelsea Hospital	975.00	(975.00)					-	
Evita	1,100.00	(1,100.00)					-	
Farm Hall	140.00	(140.00)					-	
Fiddler on the Roof	330.00	(330.00)					-	
Flower Arranging	128.00	(128.00)					-	
Flower Arranging - Spring 25	259.00	-			(259.00)		-	
Flower Arranging - Xmas	240.00	(228.00)			(12.00)		-	
Goldsmith Hall	260.00	(260.00)					-	
Great Gatsby	1,210.00	(1,210.00)					-	
Gunpowder Mill	-	(456.00)	456.00				-	
Hamilton	750.00	(750.00)					-	
Jazz @ Kenneth Moore Theatre	162.00	(162.00)					-	
Joint Quiz group	54.00	(102.00)				48.00	-	
Ladies who Lunch - Easter	689.36	(30.00)	(59.36)		(600.00)		-	
Lehman Trilogy	100.00	(100.00)					-	
Macmillan Coffee morning	36.00	(36.00)					-	
MJ The Musical	670.00	(670.00)					-	
Moulin Rouge	220.00	(220.00)					-	
Oliver	780.00	(780.00)					-	
Operation Mincemeat	829.50	(869.00)				39.50	-	
Physic Gardens Xmas Fayre	416.00	(416.00)					-	
Prince Regent - Dec 2024	658.00	(1,739.00)	1,081.00				-	
Roding Players	153.00	(153.00)					-	
Roydon Gardens - Winter Lights	245.00	(364.00)	119.00				-	
Roydon Xmas Lights	148.00	(148.00)					-	
Stationers Hall	480.00	(400.00)			(80.00)		-	
The Play That Goes Wrong	111.00	(111.00)					-	
Tina	750.00	(750.00)					-	
Titanique	460.00	(440.00)			(20.00)		-	
<b>Social account totals</b>	<b>21,905.17</b>	<b>(23,201.98)</b>	<b>3,898.14</b>	<b>157.20</b>	<b>(3,757.90)</b>	<b>123.70</b>	<b>(875.67)</b>	<b>(875.67)</b>

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# Accounts

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## Buckhurst Hill u3a – Chair's Report 2024

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### Membership

Our membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March and at the end of March this year, the membership stood at 307 compared with a total of 274 at the same time the previous year. During the year we gained and lost some members, but the good news is that we now have the highest membership in our 10-year existence.

New members are always welcome as they can bring fresh ideas but at the same time, we are happy if our current membership is maintained. It has never been our desire to grow significantly as we believe that being a smaller group enables our members to participate in a wider range of activities without the need for too many waiting lists and for us to remain friendly and sociable.

### Finances

Our finances are expertly managed by our Treasurer Sue Bird. Accompanying this report is a copy of the audited accounts for the year to 31st March 2024 which show a surplus for the year of £1,082.00 compared with a surplus last year of £1,628.00. Sue will report in detail on these figures at the AGM. My thanks to Sue for all her hard work.

### Activities

Our monthly meetings, interest groups, outings and social events are what make us such a successful u3a, but none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the small number of members who give up so much of their time to make these things happen.

The monthly meetings are an integral part of any u3a group, and we aim to provide a wide variety of interesting speakers. We cannot always cater to everyone's taste but the regular high attendance each month would suggest that our Speaker Secretary, Ann Denwood, has done an excellent job. Owing to ill health, Ann has reluctantly stepped down and handed over the role to Ruth Read, who has already booked a full and varied programme for us for 2025.

The subject matter of our talks ranged from "Tripe and Trotters, The Art of London, and Pirate Radio". Interspersed with our talks we enjoyed Summer and Christmas afternoon teas.

We are fortunate that we have remained able to meet at Roding Valley Hall, which may be a bit run down but the car parking makes up for that. We have been informed that there may be renovations planned for the hall in the near future, and we wait with interest to see when this might be.

We currently have over 30 Interest Groups, including 2 new groups and I must take this opportunity to thank all of our Group Leaders for their considerable efforts. Running an

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I must thank Fiona Lucas, our Group Coordinator, for producing the Events Calendar each month and for her hard work supporting Groups that may have needed some assistance during the year as well as helping the new Groups get properly established.

During this year we have been able to arrange a full programme of outings. We have visited Brixton Prison's Clink restaurant for lunch, the Goldsmiths' and Freemasons' Halls, the Tower of London, Kew Gardens' Christmas Lights Festival, The Speaker's House, behind the scenes at the Drury Lane Theatre and many other places, as well as numerous West End theatre visits.

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All of these outings and events were well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. My thanks to Mary and all of our very hard-working Committee for their unstinting work, and we are already busy organising outings and events for next year.

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## The Committee

The Committee is the backbone of the organisation, and I must thank all of the Committee Members for their support, commitment, and the time they give so willingly to ensure Buckhurst Hill u3a succeeds. We have had three new Committee Members: Ruth Read, David Dooks and Margaret Bint, who are already making their presence felt. Without all the time and effort from our Committee Members, we would not be able to function.

At the AGM all Committee Members have to stand down and I must thank all those who have agreed to stand for re-election.

Owing to the u3a 6-year Committee service rule sadly Sue Bird, who has done such an amazing job as Treasurer, has to stand down and cannot be re-elected this year. I personally want to thank Sue who has been an enormous help to me in my first year as Chair. It has not been an easy task to keep track of all the banking involved considering the quantity of events that we have run. Sue was also instrumental in helping me with our Magic Evening. I hope, she will not vanish and will continue to help us in our endeavours.

Many thanks to Sue Meredith who was persuaded to come out of retirement to re-join us and stand as Vice Chair for one year.

I am delighted to announce that David Dooks has agreed to become Vice Chair with a view to becoming Chairman next year when I must retire owing to the 6-year rule. This will ensure continuity for us going forward.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who help each month with the setting up of the hall and help with refreshments. Every bit of assistance is appreciated.

## The Future

We will, in 2025, be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and, whilst I am confident that the next twelve months will see Buckhurst Hill u3a go from strength to strength, it really does rely on you, the members, to continue embracing the u3a ethos of 'run by the members for the members'.

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## TEAM


## Together Everyone Achieves More


Hilary Wrightman  
Chair  
Buckhurst Hill u3a  
15 August 2024

**Buckhurst Hill u3a**  
**Accounts**  
**Year to 31st March 2024**


*all figures £*

		2023 / 2024	2022 / 2023
<b>Income</b>			
Membership subscriptions		5,515.00	4,970
		<b>5,515.00</b>	<b>4,970</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Hall Hire		(432.00)	(432)
Third Age Trust Costs	Note 1	(1,891.60)	(1,568)
Administration expenses	Note 2	(1,355.27)	(623)
Interest Group support		(8.30)	(205)
Speakers		(942.00)	(1,058)
Equipment purchases		(391.15)	(77)
Refreshments - net expense / (income)		(44.66)	(147)
		<b>(5,064.98)</b>	<b>(4,110)</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>450.02</b>	<b>860</b>
<b>Social Account</b>	Note 3	<b>632.94</b>	<b>768</b>
<b>Total net income</b>		<b>1,082.96</b>	<b>1,628</b>
<b>Branch funds</b>			
Opening balance		4,197.44	2,569
Surplus for the period		1,082.96	1,628
Balance carried forward		<b>5,280.40</b>	<b>4,197</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Bank balance		13,884.54	10,712
Cheques & cash to be banked		411.36	500
Amounts receivable / paid in advance	Note 4	18.00	885
Amounts payable / received in advance	Note 5	(9,033.50)	(7,900)
		<b>5,280.40</b>	<b>4,197</b>

Hilary Wrightman (Chair)   
 Date 24/7/24

Sue Bird (Treasurer)   
 Date 24/7/24

Examiners report: I have examined these accounts and found them to be in accordance with the accounting records and explanations given to me

Graham Hurrell ACMA   
 Date 24/7/24

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		<b>2023 / 2024</b>	<b>2022 / 2023</b>
<b>Note 1:</b>	<b>Third Age Trust Costs</b>		
	Capitation costs	(1,096.00)	(948)
	Third Age Magazine	(795.60)	(620)
		<b>(1,891.60)</b>	<b>(1,568)</b>
<b>Note 2:</b>	<b>Administration expenses</b>		
	Stationery	(170.62)	(177)
	Stamps	(885.42)	(314)
	Printer Ink	(109.58)	(96)
	Postage supplement	470.00	425
	Membership Cards	(40.04)	(39)
	Publicity material	(49.15)	(78)
	E-mail / Zoom costs	(324.00)	(274)
	Sundries	(246.46)	(70)
		<b>(1,355.27)</b>	<b>(623)</b>
<b>Note 3:</b>	<b>Social Account</b>		
	Coronation Lunch	55.00	-
	Ladies who Lunch (Glitz & Glamour)	62.50	-
	Ladies who Lunch (Autum Leaves)	33.15	-
	Ladies who Lunch (Turkey & Tinsel)	51.45	-
	Ladies who Lunch (Easter Bonnet)	157.76	-
	Thank you lunch	(420.63)	(288)
	Newmarket	160.00	98
	Summer Afternoon tea (AGM)	(110.87)	(90)
	Entertainment Evening	159.57	299
	The Clink	106.72	-
	Ely	25.00	277
	Andre Rieu	9.25	-
	Xmas afternoon tea	(502.95)	(261)
	Sister Act	77.00	-
	The King and I	60.00	-
	Goldsmith Hall	125.00	-
	Kew - Xmas lights	220.45	-
	Scott Elvis lunch	408.14	-
	Hits from the Blitz (Kenneth Moore)	(3.60)	-
	Kiss Me Kate	20.00	-
	Middle Temple	(60.00)	-
	St George' Lunch	-	293
	Ladies who Lunch (Jubilee - Afternoon tea)	-	50
	Ladies who Lunch (Blue Boar)	-	28
	Ladies who Lunch (Halloween)	-	35
	Ladies who Lunch (Red Rose lunch)	-	70
	Canal Museum	-	45
	Royal Albert Hall	-	70
	Southend	-	87
	Formans Lunch	-	55
		<b>632.94</b>	<b>768.00</b>

**Buckhurst Hill U3A**  
**Accounts**  
**Year to 31st March 2024**

*all figures £*

**2023 / 2024**

**2022 / 2023**

**Note 4:**

**Amounts paid in advance (or receivable)**

Third Age Trust - credit note	18.00	30
Goldsmith visit deposit	-	100
The Clink - deposit	-	225
Entertainment Evening 2023 deposit	-	130
Prince Regent (Xmas 23)	-	150
Coronation Event 2023 - deposit	-	250
	<b>18.00</b>	<b>885</b>

**Note 5:**

**Amounts received in advance (or payable)**

Prince Regent - Motown Xmas lunch	(1,081.00)	
Roydon Gardens	(119.00)	
Gunpowder Mill	(456.00)	
Drury Lane visit	(351.50)	
Sandhurst	(1,950.00)	
Xmas Lights - Kew	-	(1,120)
Newmarket - 2023	-	(700)
Coronation Lunch	-	(1,200)
Wimbledon	-	(210)
2024/25 Membership fee and P&P paid in advance	(5,076.00)	-
2023/24 Membership fee and P&P paid in advance	-	(4,670)
	<b>(9,033.50)</b>	<b>(7,900)</b>

	Gross income	Gross expenditure	ADJUSTMENTS				Surplus / deficit	Audited Accounts
			Monies paid / rec'd in prior year	Cash / cheques to bank	Monies rec'd in advance	Monies paid in advance		
<b>Income</b>								
Subscriptions 2023/2024	1,593.00	(38.00)	3,960.00			5,515.00		
Subscriptions 2024/2025	4,490.00	-		240.00	(4,730.00)	-	5,515.00	
<b>Expenditure</b>								
<b>Hall hire</b>								
Main	-	(432.00)				(432.00)		
Craft	573.00	(573.00)				-		
Tai Chi	360.00	(360.00)				-		
Singing Group	72.00	(72.00)				(432.00)		
<b>Third Age Trust Costs</b>								
U3A Capitation	-	(1,096.00)				(1,096.00)		
U3A Magazine	-	(783.26)	(30.34)			18.00	(795.60)	
							(1,891.60)	
<b>Administrative expenses</b>								
Stationery	-	(170.62)				(170.62)		
Stamps	-	(885.42)				(885.42)		
Printer Ink	-	(109.58)				(109.58)		
Postal supplements 2023/2024	205.00	(5.00)	270.00			470.00		
Postal supplements 2024/2025	234.00	-		112.00	(346.00)	-		
Membership Cards	-	(40.04)				(40.04)		
Publicity Materials	-	(49.15)				(49.15)		
E-mail	-	(324.00)				(324.00)		
Sundry	100.00	(346.46)				(246.46)		
Donations	-	-				-		
							(1,355.27)	
<b>Interest Group support</b>	180.50	(188.80)				(8.30)	(8.30)	
Speakers	-	(942.00)				(942.00)	(942.00)	
Equipment purchases	-	(391.15)				(391.15)	(391.15)	
Refreshments net expense	-	(44.66)				(44.66)	(44.66)	
							(5,064.98)	
<b>Net Income</b>							450.02	
<b>Social account</b>								
Coronation Lunch	75.00	(910.00)	890.00			55.00		
Ladies who Lunch (Glitz & Glamour)	875.00	(812.50)				62.50		
Ladies who Lunch (Autum Leaves)	508.15	(475.00)				33.15		
Ladies who Lunch (Turkey & Tinsel)	737.85	(686.40)				51.45		
Ladies who Lunch (Easter Bonnet)	600.00	(501.60)		59.36		157.76		
Thank you lunch	-	(420.63)				(420.63)		
Newmarket	-	(540.00)	700.00			160.00		
Summer Afternoon tea (AGM)	-	(110.87)				(110.87)		
Entertainment Evening	1,137.50	(847.93)	(130.00)			159.57		
The Clink	950.00	(618.28)	(225.00)			106.72		
Ely	1,230.00	(1,205.00)				25.00		
Andre Rieu	1,520.00	(1,510.75)				9.25		
Xmas afternoon tea	-	(502.95)				(502.95)		
Sister Act	630.00	(553.00)				77.00		
The King and I	750.00	(690.00)				60.00		
Goldsmith Hall	345.00	(120.00)	(100.00)			125.00		
Kew - Xmas lights	280.00	(1,179.55)	1,120.00			220.45		
Scott Elvis lunch	1,452.40	(1,044.26)				408.14		
Hits from the Blitz (Kenneth Moore)	218.40	(222.00)				(3.60)		
Kiss Me Kate	1,120.00	(1,100.00)				20.00		
Middle Temple	1,800.00	(1,860.00)				(60.00)		
Wimbledon	-	(210.00)	210.00			-		
Prince Regent - Xmas 2023	1,980.00	(1,830.00)	(150.00)			-		
Sandhurst (2024)	1,950.00	-			(1,950.00)	-		
Gunpowder Mill	506.00	(50.00)			(456.00)	-		
Drury Lane	351.50	-			(351.50)	-		
Roydon Gardens	119.00	-			(119.00)	-		
Prince Regent - Dec 2024 (Mowtowns)	1,081.00	-			(1,081.00)	-		
Mrs Doubtfire	607.50	(607.50)				-		
Queens Theatre	200.40	(200.40)				-		
Copped Hall Redbridge Wind Orchestri	60.00	(60.00)				-		
Brick Lane	760.00	(760.00)				-		
Copped Hall Opera Delights	168.00	(168.00)				-		
Spy Walk	240.00	(240.00)				-		
Merchant of Venice	111.00	(111.00)				-		
Devil Wear Prada	632.00	(632.00)				-		
Trinity House	375.00	(375.00)				-		
Speakers House TRIP 1	240.00	(240.00)				-		
Speakers House TRIP 2	280.00	(280.00)				-		
Fawlty Towers	850.00	(850.00)				-		
Prince Regent - May 2024 (Musicals)	701.00	(701.00)				-		
Macmillan Coffee morning	48.00	(48.00)				-		
Queens Theatre	199.80	(199.80)				-		
Linguine	-	(629.20)	629.20			-		
							632.94	
<b>Total net income</b>							1,082.96	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33,497.00</b>	<b>(30,953.76)</b>	<b>7,143.86</b>	<b>411.36</b>	<b>(9,033.50)</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>1,082.96</b>	

**BUCKHURST HILL U3A**

England & Wales - Charity number 1178911

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# Accounts

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## BUCKHURST HILL u3a ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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## Buckhurst Hill u3a – Chair’s report 2023

Writing this as the end of my fourth year as Chair approaches I am pleased to be able to report that the last twelve months have been very successful for Buckhurst Hill u3a. This review gives me the opportunity to look back and highlight the successes.

### Membership

Our membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March and at the end of March this year, the membership stood at 274 compared with a total of 237 at the same time last year. During the year we gained 70 new members, but for a variety of reasons 36 members did not renew. The good news is that we have now returned to our pre-pandemic membership level.

New members are always welcome as they can bring fresh ideas but at the same time, we are happy if our current membership is maintained. It has never been our desire to grow significantly as we believe that being a smaller group enables our members to participate in a wider range of activities without the need for too many waiting lists and for us to remain friendly and sociable.

### Finances

Our finances are expertly managed by our Treasurer Sue Bird. Accompanying this report is a copy of the audited accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 which show a surplus for the year of £1,628 compared with a deficit last year of £389. Sue will report in detail on these figures at the AGM. My thanks to Sue for all her hard work.

### Activities

Our monthly meetings, interest groups, outings and social events are what make us such a successful u3a but none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the small number of members who give up so much of their time to make these things happen.

The monthly meetings are an integral part of any u3a group, and we aim to provide a wide variety of interesting speakers. We cannot always cater to everyone’s taste but the regular high attendance each month would suggest that our Speaker Secretary, Ann Denwood is doing an excellent job.

The subject matter of our talks ranged from “Wildlife at Copped Hall” to “The Christine Keeler Scandal”, via such delights as “My Life in Radio – BBC Radio Essex” and “The Mysterious Death of an MI6 Spy (the body in the bag)”. Interspersed with our talks we enjoyed a Summer afternoon tea in July and a Christmas tea in December.

Ann is already working hard to arrange the speaker programme for 2024.

We are fortunate that we have remained able to meet at Roding Valley Hall, which may be a bit run down but the car parking makes up for that. We are not aware of any further developments over the future of the hall which remains shrouded in mystery. We watch with interest to see what may develop.

We currently have 30 Interest Groups, and I must take this opportunity to thank all of our Group Leaders for their considerable efforts. Running an Interest Group can be a demanding and occasionally thankless task but generally, the positive feedback from members, does make it very worthwhile as Interest Groups are such an important part of u3a life.

We have seen a few new groups take shape during the year some of which have been shared with other local u3as. Sharing groups can make a new idea viable and we are always looking for new ideas and people to facilitate them.

I must thank Fiona, our Group Coordinator, for producing the Event Calendar each month and for her hard work supporting Groups that may have needed some assistance during the year and also helping the new Groups get properly established.

Unlike the previous couple of years, during 2022/23 we were able to arrange a full programme of outings. Both my Vice-Chairs were very busy all year, Hilary organised trips to the Canal Museum, Frogmore House, Southend on Sea (including a tour of the RNLI Lifeboat Station), Ely Cathedral & Christmas Market and a much-delayed visit to the National Stud at Newmarket originally planned for 2020. She also restarted organising theatre outings with Oklahoma and the Brick Lane Music Hall.

Meanwhile, Mary was busy arranging local "theatre" visits and entertainments, for example, Copped Hall for Christmas Carols, The Kenneth More Theatre for the 'Beauty and the Beast Ballet' and the Prince Regent Hotel for the Mamma Mia Christmas lunch.

In addition to the outings, Hilary and Mary also organised two special events during the year. Mary organised the St George's Day lunch in April and Hilary organised the Entertainment Evening in November with a surprise guest appearance by King Henry VIII who kept us entertained with stories of his wives.

All of these outings and events were well supported and enjoyed by all who attended. My thanks to both Hilary and Mary for their hard work and I know they are both busy organising outings and events for next year.

Our main line of communication with members is our monthly Newsletter which has articles and information about our Interest Groups as well as forthcoming events. Members also submit interesting articles; these and all other contributions are greatly appreciated.

The credit for the success of our Newsletter must go to our Newsletter Editor, Christine Slade, who masterminds the production and distribution each month, and who, in addition to this role, is also our Membership Secretary, and Hall Hire Secretary. My sincere thanks to Christine for all her hard work.

## **The Committee**

The Committee is the backbone of the organisation, and I must thank all of the Committee members for their support, commitment, and the time they give so willingly to ensure Buckhurst Hill u3a succeeds. I must not forget Valerie and Chris who work in the background and have not been mentioned above. Without all of their contributions we would not be able to function.

I am grateful to Hilary and Mary who have deputised for me at several monthly meetings whilst I was out of action due to health issues. This has given rise to the idea of having different "hosts" for the monthly meeting which is something we are looking into so that members will be able to put faces to the names of Committee members.

At the AGM all Committee members have to stand down and I must thank all those who have agreed to stand for re-election including Cathy Tredgett who, despite having taken her one-year sabbatical required by our constitution, acted as our ex-officio Minutes Secretary. She is also offering herself for re-election to the Committee.

Members will recall that at the AGM in 2022 I was re-elected for a fourth year as Chair, our constitution having previously been amended to allow me to serve this additional year. I now have to stand down and am not eligible for re-election.

I have on several occasions issued a plea for members to come forward to join the Committee and help run our u3a and I am delighted to report that three members have put their names forward. In addition, Sue Meredith has been persuaded to come out of retirement to re-join us and stand as a Vice Chair.

Hilary Wrightman has agreed to stand for the role of Chair, and I am very grateful she has agreed to do so. I wish her well and will support her in any way I can.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who help each month with the setting up of the hall and help with refreshments. Every bit of assistance is appreciated.

### **The Future**

Whilst I am confident that the next twelve months will see Buckhurst Hill u3a go from strength to strength it really does rely on you, the members, to continue embracing the u3a ethos of 'run by the members for the members'.

### **Your u3a needs you !**

Finally, I must reiterate my thanks to the Group Leaders and the Committee for everything they do and also to the membership whose enthusiasm and support make the whole thing worthwhile.

Kevin Lucas  
Chair

17/08/2023

**Buckhurst Hill U3A**

*all figures £*

**Accounts**

**Year to 31st March 2023**

**2022 / 2023**

**2021 / 2022**

**Income**

Membership subscriptions

4,970.00

4,305

**4,970.00**

**4,305**

**Expenditure**

Hall Hire

(432.00)

(252)

Third Age Trust Costs

Note 1

(1,567.56)

(1,132)

Administration expenses

Note 2

(623.36)

(1,579)

Interest Group support

(204.79)

-

Speakers

(1,058.00)

(325)

Equipment purchases

(77.45)

(1,047)

Refreshments - net expense / (income)

(147.05)

-

**(4,110.21)**

**(4,335)**

**Net income**

**859.79**

**(30)**

**Social Account**

Note 3

**768.32**

**(359)**

**Total net income**

**1,628.11**

**(389)**

**Branch funds**

Opening balance

2,569.33

2,958

Surplus for the period

1,628.11

(389)

Balance carried forward

**4,197.44**

**2,569**

**Represented by:**

Bank balance

10,712.10

7,077

Cheques & cash to be banked

500.00

240

Amounts receivable / paid in advance

Note 4

885.34

-

Amounts payable / received in advance

Note 5

(7,900.00)

(4,748)

**4,197.44**

**2,569**

Kevin Lucas (Chair)

Date 15/8/2023

Sue Bird (Treasurer)

Date 15/8/23

Examiners report: I have examined these accounts and found them to be in accordance with the accounting records and explanations given to me

Edgeline Jovero Meredith

Date 15/08/2023

## Accounts

Year to 31st March 2023

	<b>2022 / 2023</b>	<b>2021 / 2022</b>
	Year to Date	Full year
<b>Note 1: Third Age Trust Costs</b>		
Capitation costs	(948.00)	(644)
Third Age Magazine	(619.56)	(488)
	<b>(1,567.56)</b>	<b>(1,132)</b>
<b>Note 2: Administration expenses</b>		
Stationery	(176.95)	(150)
Stamps	(314.44)	(330)
Printer Ink	(96.37)	(673)
Postage supplement	425.00	384
Membership Cards	(39.39)	(42)
Publicity material	(78.00)	(160)
E-mail / Zoom costs	(273.60)	(331)
Sundries	(69.61)	(277)
	<b>(623.36)</b>	<b>(1,579)</b>
<b>Note 3: Social Account</b>		
St George' Lunch	293.39	-
Ladies who Lunch (Jubilee - Afternoon tea)	50.11	-
Ladies who Lunch (Blue Boar)	27.50	72
Ladies who Lunch (Halloween)	35.00	-
Ladies who Lunch (Red Rose lunch)	70.20	-
Xmas afternoon tea	(260.87)	(309)
Canal Museum	45.00	-
Ely	277.00	-
Entertainment Evening	299.28	-
Thank you lunch	(287.76)	-
Royal Albert Hall	70.00	-
Southend	87.00	-
Summer Afternoon tea (2021 - AGM)	(90.28)	(354)
Formans Lunch	54.50	-
Newmarket	98.25	-
Quiz Night	-	105
Ladies who Lunch (Marygreen Manor - Afternoon tea)	-	(116)
Highclere	-	243
	<b>768.32</b>	<b>(359.00)</b>
<b>Note 4: Amounts paid in advance (or receivable)</b>		
Third Age Trust - credit note	30.34	-
Goldsmith visit deposit	100.00	-
The Clink - deposit	225.00	-
Entertainment Evening 2023 deposit	130.00	-
Coronation Event 2023 - deposit	250.00	-
Prince Regent deposit (Xmas 23)	150.00	-
	<b>885.34</b>	<b>-</b>

**Buckhurst Hill U3A***all figures £***Accounts****Year to 31st March 2023****2022 / 2023****2021 / 2022**

<b>Note 5:</b>	<b>Amounts received in advance (or payable)</b>		
	2023/24 Membership fee and P&P paid in advance	(4,670.00)	(3,820)
	Xmas Lights - Kew	(1,120.00)	
	Coronation Lunch	(1,200.00)	
	Wimbledon	(210.00)	
	Newmarket - 2023	(700.00)	
	Ladies who lunch	-	(28)
	St George' Lunch costs & sundries	-	(900)
		<b>(7,900.00)</b>	<b>(4,748)</b>

## Buckhurst Hill U3A

Reconciliation of gross income and expenditure to the audited accounts  
Year to 31st March 2023Appendix  
all figures £

	Gross income	Gross expenditure	ADJUSTMENTS				Surplus / deficit	Accounts
			Monies rec'd in prior year	Cash / cheques to bank	Monies rec'd in advance	Monies paid in advance		
<b>Income</b>								
Subscriptions 2022/2023	1,740.00	(50.00)	3,280.00		(4,360.00)	610.00		
Subscriptions 2023/2024	3,962.00	(2.00)		400.00		4,360.00		
							<b>4,970.00</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>								
<b>Hall hire</b>								
Main	-	(432.00)				(432.00)		
Craft	351.00	(351.00)				-		
Tai Chi	408.00	(408.00)				-		
							<b>(432.00)</b>	
<b>Third Age Trust Costs</b>								
U3A Capitation	-	(948.00)				(948.00)		
U3A Magazine	-	(649.90)				30.34	(619.56)	
							<b>(1,567.56)</b>	
<b>Administrative expenses</b>								
Stationery	-	(176.95)				(176.95)		
Stamps	-	(314.44)				(314.44)		
Printer Ink	-	(96.37)				(96.37)		
Postal supplements 2023/2024	270.00			40.00		310.00		
Postal supplements 2022/2023	125.00		300.00		(310.00)	115.00		
Membership Cards	-	(39.39)				(39.39)		
Publicity Materials	-	(78.00)				(78.00)		
E-mail	-	(273.60)				(273.60)		
Sundry	23.00	(92.61)				(69.61)		
Donations	109.14	(109.14)				-		
							<b>(623.36)</b>	
<b>Interest Group support</b>	-	(204.79)				(204.79)		
<b>Speakers</b>	-	(1,058.00)				(1,058.00)		
<b>Equipment purchases</b>	-	(77.45)				(77.45)		
<b>Refreshments net expense</b>	-	(147.05)				(147.05)		
							<b>(4,110.21)</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>							<b>859.79</b>	
<b>Social account</b>								
St George's lunch - 22/4/22	18.00	(624.61)	900.00			293.39		
Ladies Who Lunch - Jubilee Tea	765.61	(715.50)				50.11		
Ladies Who Lunch - Blue Boar 16/2/2022	-	-	27.50			27.50		
Ladies Who Lunch - Halloween	735.70	(700.70)				35.00		
Ladies Who Lunch - Red Rose Lunch	699.40	(629.20)				70.20		
Xmas afternoon tea	-	(260.87)				(260.87)		
Canal Museum	450.00	(405.00)				45.00		
Ely	1,314.50	(1,037.50)				277.00		
Entertainment Evening	1,447.98	(1,148.70)				299.28		
Thank you lunch	-	(287.76)				(287.76)		
Royal Albert Hall	560.00	(490.00)				70.00		
Southend	675.00	(588.00)				87.00		
Summer Afternoon Tea	-	(90.28)				(90.28)		
Formans visit	975.00	(975.00)				-		
Formans Lunch - 2023	825.00	(770.50)				54.50		
Newmarket	1,760.00	(961.75)			(700.00)	98.25		
Frogmore	1,260.20	(1,260.20)				-		
Brick Lane Musical	829.50	(829.50)				-		
Copped Hall Concerts	160.00	(160.00)				-		
Copped Hall Carol Concert	144.00	(144.00)				-		
Roding Players	270.00	(270.00)				-		
Oklahoma	550.00	(550.00)				-		
Temptations	1,087.50	(1,087.50)				-		
Wimbledon	210.00	-			(210.00)	-		
Beauty & The Beast	224.00	(224.00)				-		
Goldsmiths - 2023	-	(100.00)				100.00		
Coronation Event - May 2023	1,140.00	(250.00)		60.00	(1,200.00)	250.00		
We Will Rock You	450.00	(450.00)				-		
Xmas lights - Kew	1,120.00	-			(1,120.00)	-		
Prince Regent - Xmas 2023	-	(150.00)				150.00		
Prince Regent - Xmas 2022	1,628.00	(1,628.00)				-		
Entertainment Evening - 2023	-	(130.00)				130.00		
Macmillan Coffee morning	48.00	(48.00)				-		
The Clink Lunch October 23	-	(225.00)				225.00		
							<b>768.32</b>	
<b>Total net income</b>							<b>1,628.11</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26,335.53</b>	<b>(22,700.26)</b>	<b>4,507.50</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>(7,900.00)</b>	<b>885.34</b>	<b>1,628.11</b>	