

Diary dates

January 6th 2023

Peter Mockford:

The History of Forgotten Trades and Skills

February 3rd

Nicola Matthews

‘Kitty Canham’ – a novel
“Based on real events, Kitty Canham is said to haunt the Bell PH at Thorpe-le-Soken”

March 3rd

Life in Prison

– a Governors’ perspective

An interactive presentation based on a working life in many prisons, lastly, at Chelmsford”

Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month (except August)

10.00 at McGrigor Hall Frinton

The July meeting will be at a different venue

2.15 at Holland Public Hall

You are welcome to attend your first meeting as a guest before you decide to become a member.

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Both Committees always welcome offers of help - either small tasks as required (STARS), as Committee Members or other non-Committee admin roles.

FWD in particular are looking for members with Secretarial, IT or Publicity skills.

Please contact any of the above if you feel you could contribute in any way to the running of u3a in this area.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN TDu3a

At the recent Annual General meeting held in October, a completely new Committee was elected to take Tendring District U3A (TD) into 2023 which is the 30th year from its' formation in the area.

Apart from myself, the members of the Committee have no previous committee experience with U3A but plenty of relevant knowledge from other organisations. Interestingly, they have some lengthy time in TD U3A with an average each of 10 years membership between them. This commitment to our U3A gives me great confidence that the Branch will be in good hands as we go forwards.

The details of Committee roles and responsibilities with contact information are listed on page 2 We also have a valuable group of ten 'STAR's who will assist in running monthly meetings, delivering newsletters and other small tasks as required.

We have just had an excellent speaker for the November meeting with Jane Pearson giving us a detailed understanding of the difficult lives of little children in the 18th and 19th centuries living in the area of North East Essex. It always surprises me how much detailed knowledge of such individuals exists in the Record Office, and other sources, leading to the conclusion we were very lucky to be born in modern times.

We are now looking forward to the Xmas party in December and then a full programme of monthly speakers in 2023, possibly with a surprise thrown into the mix of events somewhere.

Helen Rees has already visited some of our Study Groups and also met with a number of members to discuss the formation of a new History Group to continue what has always previously been a popular group in this subject.

In the short term, I will also act as Newsletter Editor and Paul Bryant as Membership Secretary. In addition, off Committee, Philip Price will act as Beacon Administrator to assist in the running of the Branch.

You will know that we have had the intention of splitting TD into two parts with a new U3A Branch covering the Frinton, Walton District. This separation is now happening and will be formalised through the 2023 Membership process. We wish FWD well in this new venture and hope for a long and close cooperation with them.

The Committee wish you a Merry Christmas and, hopefully, a Happy New Year.
Keith Lamdin

AGM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What are the membership options? There were several questions around the separation and, simply, it is an individual choice with a default to the postal address code with no stated preference. There is always an option to belong to more than one Branch in the u3a and, if required, the default Branch will be at full cost and any further Branches at a reduced cost.

What about my choice of Study Groups? You may continue in your current groups as if there had been no change in membership. You may access groups additionally across both Branches but, as always, there may be waiting lists if a group is over-subscribed.

What about monthly speakers? Generally, both Branches will continue to use the same speakers, being in FWD in the morning and TD in the afternoon. This does not preclude the possibility of either Branch doing something different on occasion.

Will the web site be shared? For simplicity, it is currently expected that the same web site will be shared between the two Branches with separate password protected areas for each Branch. This allows for just one version of all the shared information to be kept current.

How will the two Branches co-operate? Guidance is currently being drawn up to advise and enable the two independent Committees to operate co-operatively.

How will FWD management operate? The previous satellite Steering Group has now become a Steering Committee to take FWD forward. Be reassured that this is exactly the same group of members who were the previous TD Committee!

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got very angry about this, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

don't let Nobody do it all!!!

NEWS UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that Frinton, Walton and District u3a has finally been granted official status by the Third Age Trust. We will be operated by the Steering Committee until our first AGM and members will be covered by Third Age Trust insurance.

We are only the second new u3a since Covid and we bring the total u3as in the East of England to 140. Nationally many u3as are shrinking, merging or even closing, so we should feel very proud.

We will be accepting applications for new members from November 2022 for 2023. Applications forms for those current members of TDu3a who may wish to transfer are included with this newsletter package.

In the meantime your membership for Tendring District u3a continues until 31st December 2022.

Please continue to support monthly meetings, interest groups and social events wherever they are held.



Steering Committee FWDu3a Chairman's address

The Frinton Walton and District (FWD) Steering Committee are excited to be able to tell you that we have finally been ratified as a u3a by the Third Age Trust! We still have some hoops to jump through – our official start date is January 1st. We will have an inaugural launch meeting on 4th March and hold an AGM within 15 months. We are delighted to be able to start to take FWD forward in accordance with the wishes of our members. We will of course, continue to work closely with Tendring u3a and you will be able to go to groups for either u3a as long as they are in existence or have sufficient space.

In the meantime, it is important to understand that you are members of Tendring u3a for the rest of 2022. From January 1st you get to choose which u3a you want to belong to. This mailing contains the forms you need to complete for your 2023 membership. Please note that there are 2 forms: one for Tendring and one for FWD and you must make sure you complete the right one otherwise both Committees will be pulling their hair out! Also, if you wish to join FWD you will need to cancel any standing order you may have had previously and set up a new one with the relevant bank details which are detailed on the FWS form. This will ensure your payment goes to your chosen branch.

The FWD Steering Committee is a small but happy team and it is continuing to work very hard on your behalf. We want to thank all those people who came forward to offer help following our September meeting and hopefully we have been able to give them all something that suits them. However, we still need more people helping us in the wings particularly those who can find their way around a computer or can take minutes for a meeting. We also need good communicators who could help to publicize our u3a so we can attract new members. None of these tasks are especially onerous and most can be undertaken at a time to suit you. If you would like to know more, please speak to any member of the Steering Committee.

As we move forward into 2023 we will be seeking to identify what our members want from their u3a. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let us know and we will try to respond where we can. In the meantime we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Lorry Greenall

Out-going Chairman's (TDu3a) address

This is my last Chairman's address as Chair of Tendring District u3a. I have to say that I have actually enjoyed most of the last few years. It has been a very busy time, reestablishing face-to-face monthly meetings and social events, restarting my groups, ensuring safe and secure continuation for Tendring District u3a and much negotiation and discussion with the Third Age Trust re the proposed u3a for the Frinton Walton area.

It has seemed, at times, that "they" have been inventing hurdles for us to jump over but as you will have read elsewhere in this newsletter things are now on the straight and narrow. A few more hoops to jump through and then will be up, up and away!!

None of this would have been possible without the brilliant Committee members - past and present – we have worked together in friendship, support and harmony (mainly) and I thank all of them most sincerely. Although I have stood down from the TD committee I have not left u3a but will be focusing my efforts as part of the Steering Committee for Frinton Walton and District. I am so pleased and thankful that a new committee for Tendring has come forward and were elected at the AGM. All of us will continue to work closely together to ensure the ongoing success and growth of both u3as.

Both committees continue to welcome new volunteers to help either in a named role, as a committee member, or as a "STAR" – small tasks as required eg help at monthly meetings or at social events. There are always jobs to be done and many can be done at home and in your own time or shared with a friend.

The "split" / the satellite / the project / "the way forward" - it has had many names over the past few years and it is vital that it is seen as a positive means to increase our presence in the community, offering more opportunities to all those who may not yet have heard of u3a and are keen to keep mind and body thriving in their third age. **LEARN LAUGH LIVE as the logo says.** As we have reassured you, the members, from the very start of this enterprise – nearly 10 years ago – your access to interest groups, speaker meetings and social outings and events **WILL NOT CHANGE.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who have left the committee during the past year or two – Val Duncan (after many years) and Maureen Chudley (secretary). A token of our appreciation will be presented to them. Val has not actually left us as she is now a busy member on the Social Team.

Also to be thanked are Liz who continues to organize and provide refreshments at both venues – I am sure we all appreciate this. Also our "meet and greet" teams – who will soon be sporting their new team rosettes. Also our newsletter deliverer team whose shoe-leather and stamina has enabled us to keep communication costs down. And Bob Smith who has managed our website since 2010. I am sure he, and we, would be delighted to see it being used by more members.

We must also thank the management teams and caretakers for the three venues we currently use. Their work to provide good accessible premises with chairs and tables arranged as we request is invaluable.

If I have omitted to thank anyone, it is my fault alone and I apologize.

Season's Greetings Everyone and a 2023 full of Learning, Laughing and Living
Phyllis Deer

Study and Interest Group Information

	morning	afternoon
Monday	Handbell Ringing – Clacton Lacemaking – Great Holland Scrabble – Clacton Sewcial Stitchers – Frinton Well-being - Clacton	Current Affairs – Holland Recorder Beginners – Frinton Recorder Improvers – Frinton Handbell Ringing – Clacton History - Frinton
Tuesday	Card Making – Holland Table Tennis - Walton	Apollo – Clacton Astronomy & Geology – Clacton Card Making – Holland Current Affairs – Kirby-le-Soken Discussion & Conversation –Clacton Games <u>Evening</u> – Clacton Petanque – Kirby-le-Soken Science - Clacton
Wednesday	Card Making – Holland Recorder Group – Clacton Singing for Fun – Clacton Crochet - Clacton	Art Appreciation – Holland Garden Matters – Holland Ten Pin Bowling - Clacton
Thursday	Card Making - Holland	Church Visits – various Country Dance – Great Holland Music Playing - Frinton Sewcial Stitchers – Frinton Writing for Pleasure - Holland
Friday	Poetry Appreciation – Walton	Bridge – Frinton Games Group – Clacton World History - Walton
Saturday		Bridge - Clacton
Other / various	Walks Origami Garden Visits	Lunch Group Kite Flying Cribbage - Clacton

Remember – as a member of either TDu3a and/or FWDu3a you can attend any of the above groups provided there are spaces.

New groups are being started all the time.

If your particular interest is not represented, or the group is full or if you have skills or knowledge you would like to share please contact our co-ordinators to discuss perhaps setting up a new group.

Contact

Helen Rees for Tendring District area
Karen Riley for Frinton / Walton area

The TDU3A hand-bell ringing group would welcome some new players. You don't need to be able to read music as we have developed a colour coded system that means anybody can play. If you would like to come and have a go, please ring Dinah Peachey on 436873. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays each month at 10am or 2.15pm whichever suits you best.

MINUTES FROM THE 28TH AGM OF TENDRING DISTRICT U3A

HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2022 AT HOLLAND PUBLIC HALL @2.15

The meeting opened with a programme of songs and music from the Music Playing Group led by Mike Garrett.

Committee Present: Phyllis Deer – Chairman
Kate Collins – Treasurer
Elaine Bloomfield – Membership Secretary
Karen Riley – Groups Co-ordinator + Social Team Leader
Mark Riley – Beacon Administrator
Keith Lamdin – co-opted - the Way Forward

55 TDu3a members attended.

61 TDu3a members had registered their votes by email / telephone / paper / proxy.

The Constitutional quorum requirement was met.

18 apologies were received.

There being no Secretary currently appointed, minutes were taken by Elaine Bloomfield.

Phyllis Deer welcomed everyone to the meeting, mentioning that u3a was celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and that Tendring District would be 30 years old next year – a considerable achievement.

- The minutes of the 27th AGM held on 1st October 2021 had been available prior to the AGM on the website or by printed copy on request
Proposed: Ian Duncan
Seconded: Maggie Sandell
Membership voted in favour
Copy of minutes to be signed and submitted to archive
- Matters arising: there were none
- Reports from Membership Secretary, Social Team Leader, Groups Co-ordinator and Speaker Secretary. These had been available prior to the AGM on the website or by printed copy on request.
Proposed: Val Duncan
Seconded: Margaret Lamdin
Membership voted in favour to adopt
Copy of reports to be submitted to archive with these minutes
- Financial Report. This had been available prior to the AGM on the website or by printed copy on request.
KC gave a report saying that mostly due to Covid, membership was down in number and that income had therefore been affected. The National Third Age Trust proposal to increase their subscription automatically each year in line with Pension increase had been defeated overwhelmingly at their recent AGM. It is currently £4 per member and will not increase in 2023. However due to current inflation, everything is increasing in cost and TD and FWD membership subscription will need to go up soon.
Proposed: Maggie Sandell
Seconded: Mavis Stephens
Membership voted in favour to adopt
Copy of reports to be submitted to archive with these minutes
- Election of Independent Financial Examiner for 2023
Tony Bullock had agreed to be nominated
Proposed: Helen Rees

Seconded: Ian Duncan
Membership voted in favour

- Chairman's address
Story read out about "Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, Nobody"
Address to be submitted to archive with these minutes

This concluded the "looking back" part of the AGM and there was a break for refreshments

- Election of Officers for Tendring District u3a Committee
The following had been nominated and agreed to stand:
Chair – Keith Lamdin
ViceChair – Paul Bosenquet-Bryant
Treasurer – Eileen Kelly
Secretary – Margaret Lamdin

Proposed: Phyllis Deer
Seconded: Rosemary McGrath
Membership voted in favour

- Election of Committee Members for Tendring District u3a
The following had been nominated and agreed to stand:
Helen Rees
Wendy Lockyear
William Adamson

Proposed: Phyllis Deer
Seconded: Helen Burfoot
Membership voted in favour

- Committee proposals
"That those members renewing for 2023 and indicating an intention to join FWDu3a will be transferred (database) when appropriate"

Proposed: Val Duncan
Seconded: David Totman
Membership voted in favour

"That the assets of TDu3a be transferred to FWDu3a pro rata to membership numbers when appropriate"

Proposed: Keith Lamdin
Seconded: Helen Rees
Membership voted in favour

- AOB There was none

Meeting closed at 3.23pm

There followed an open-floor question and answer session – replies provided by Keith Lamdin and Phyllis Deer

- Maggie Sandell offered thanks to those Committee members standing down and wished good luck to the new Committee
- Colin Harper - Will members be able to attend new groups whatever the venue?
Yes – provided there are spaces
- Christine Deeprose – would members be able to join both u3as if they wished

Yes – and a discount was being agreed

- Helen Rees – appointed Group Co-ordinator for TDu3a would like to meet any Group Leaders she had not yet met
- KL explained to the Floor about how he saw the new TDu3a going forward. It would make no difference to members and their Groups / meeting attendance. Both u3as would now have the opportunity to promote and expand their membership and scope.
- Mavis Stephens – how will the funds be split
Pro rata to membership
- Christine Pope – how will speaker programme be affected?
For the next year programme would be as at present with same speaker am and pm wherever possible
- Ruth Smith – are the Committee members who have stood down going to be the new committee for FWDu3a?
Yes – as the Steering Committee until an AGM is held
- Georgina Margerison – does where you live affect which u3a you join?
No – the choice is up to each member
- Christine Deeprise – will the website still operate?
Yes but changes might need to be made – discussion ongoing

APPENDIX

Treasurer's Report for AGM 2022

In 2021 our membership receipts were down on 2020 which also affected our Gift Aid claim, but also our contribution to Third Age Trust and for Third Age Matters (the magazine).

Monthly meetings costs were not back to 2019 levels

Our social events are run to break even rather than make a profit. With Covid still an unknown factor when events were booked, the committee took the decision that if events were not fully subscribed they would still run. We had to allow for people not being confident enough to attend but couldn't let that stop us organising things.

Extra line items are Beacon and Zoom.

For another year our income did not meet our expenditure. I warned at the last AGM that membership fees would need to go up, regardless of the decision to split into two separate u3a groups. This is still the case.

The Third Age Trust is putting forward, at its AGM in October, a resolution to index link its affiliation fees. It wants to increase fees by the same percentage as the state pension each year. Its fall-back resolution is the same but to delay implementation for a year. Not surprisingly there is a lot of resistance from around the country, it would have implications for all u3a groups.

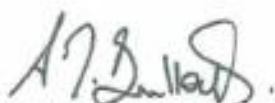
Kate Collins
Hon Treasurer

Annual Financial Report for Tendring District U3A

YEAR TO 31/12/2021

2020	Receipts	2021
	Member Receipts	5,754
	Add: paid 2020 for 2021	2,548
	Year end adjustment	126
	Less: paid 2021 for 2022	-2,282
7,612		437
60	Diaries	6,146
952	Gift Aid	777
73	Donation	29
5	Interest	1
0	Study Day	
0	Socials/Outings receipts	3,237
	Less: Prepaid re annual lunch	-1,261
<u>8,702</u>		<u>1,976</u>
		<u>8,929</u>
	Payments	
60	Diaries	
405	Monthly meetings HPH	852
326	Monthly meetings FWD	865
1,627	Member handbooks/printing	1,979
1,107	339 Third Age Matters	220
1,971	563 Third Age Trust	397
	TAT Beacon	15 mths 427
142	Committee and Administration	142
120	Accounts Checking	60
14	Zoom	173
	Publicity / u3a day	559
<u>75</u>	Socials/Outings costs	<u>2,168</u>
<u>5,846</u>		<u>9,235</u>
2,856	Surplus/Deficit over year	-306
<u>5,679</u>	Brought Forward	<u>8,535</u>
<u>8,535</u>		<u>8,229</u>
	Held as:	
2,492	Bank Current Account	201 *
6,016	Bank Savings Account	8,017
<u>27</u>	Cash	<u>11</u>
<u>8,535</u>		<u>8,229</u>
	* Adjusted to exclude receipts re 2022:	
	Annual lunch	1261
	2022 membership income	2282
	Groups	<u>23</u>
		3566

I have examined the books, vouchers and other documents relating to Tendring District U3A and, in my opinion, the above account gives a true and fair view of its transactions for the year ending 31/12/2021 and of the balances in hand at that date.



Tony Bullock
Independent Examiner



Kate Collins
Honorary Treasurer