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Weekenders:

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From The Chair

Despite the snow that fell on Sheffield this winter and despite many buses not running, I did not hear of one U3A event being delayed or cancelled. We must be made of strong stuff in Sheffield. Congratulations to all of you who made it through.

This May, at the AGM, I am standing down as Chairman of Sheffield U3A. My fellow EC members, Dot Sutcliffe and Jane Whitehead, retire from the EC too but are continuing to run the Weekenders trips. Our Treasurer, Chris Cave, is continuing in the post for a little while longer. All of them have been invaluable and it has been hard to find replacements for them. As with other posts in the organisation, we have tried to replace individuals with teams of members. This makes volunteering more attractive because the work load and responsibility are shared out. Sheffield U3A is too big an organisation nowadays for the responsibility of any job to lie on one person's shoulders.

I arrived in Sheffield five years ago, newly widowed and knowing no-one outside my family. I leave the Committee four years later with many friends and acquaintances and very fond memories of the welcome I received wherever I went. I tried to visit as many groups as possible and found these visits one of the pleasures of my term. I listened to music with a lovely group of people in Hillsborough, I read a part in a play and listened to fascinating talks. Thanks for the invitations and keep them coming, as my successor will try to visit as many groups as he/she can, too.

The success of our new membership system, Wild Apricot, has thrilled even the most technological sceptics amongst us. Just under 2/3 of members gave it a try and found it user friendly. My thanks to the team of helpers who came to the Drop Ins and sorted out problems for the less adept at using the system. I know that at times they were rushed off their feet but they always managed a smile and a cheery word or two. It was very fortuitous that this year we were running the online system alongside the manual system when our Membership Secretary was taken ill. We wish her all the best and hope that she is back in the saddle soon and thank the people who took on her work load.

Whenever I talk to officers of other U3As they are often amazed at the range of subjects that we cover. I find it hard, at times, to get my head round the topics and how they operate, but the stranger the idea, the more success the group seems to have. Keep the ideas coming in, the General Coordinators are always receptive to suggestions and will do what they can to facilitate new groups. New members have ideas that they bring with them from other organisations. Don't be afraid to mention it to either an EC member, a General Coordinator or simply come along to a Drop In.

The main difficulty that I have met in the last few years is that so many members are not prepared to help. They are more than happy to leave all the work to the dedicated few and this is not fair on anyone. Not only is it more work for those few but there are skills and talents untapped which we could all benefit from. The complaints from members are few and any praise is a delight to receive. If you really enjoyed an event, please tell the organiser, it makes it all worthwhile when you get positive feedback.

Keep your eyes on the programme that is being offered to you and do give them a try. Don't ever be put off by not having someone to come with, if there is one thing that SU3A members are good at it is offering a warm welcome.

Jean Stevenson.

Chair



Wild Apricot and you

So how did the trial with renewing members' subscriptions on line via Wild Apricot go? At the end of February, the final date for renewals, 3,017 members had renewed their subscriptions of whom 1,710 (57%) had done so online. As the original target for this first year was 50% we must count it a success. Many thanks to those 1,710 who have greatly eased the administrative burden on our volunteers.

Calling All Coordinators!

167 of you have given us email addresses. Yet the last two emails sent from Wild Apricot were only opened by about 110 of you. That means we are failing to communicate with a third of you. If you have given us an email address please would you check it at least once in every two weeks. If you would rather not do that, or if you are not on email at all, then please find a member of your Group who does check emails regularly and ask them to be your Internet 'Buddy'. We will not inundate you with emails but there are a few very important emails during the year which are essential for the smooth running of SU3A.

In the first week of April you will receive an email inviting you to the Group Coordinators Meeting on Tuesday 28 April. As a free 'thank you', lunch is provided. It is essential we get prompt replies for catering purposes. So please open those emails!

Clare Chiba (General Coordinator A)

Report: Sheffield Street Art Walk

Over 20 members walked a fascinating trail of Street Art in Sheffield City Centre by artists such as Phlegm and Rocket01.



*Group photograph outside
The Millennium Gallery.
Artist: Phlegm.01*

Organisers: Pat & Clare Ryan

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Classical Concertgoers

A few tickets remain for the afternoon concert at Holme Pierrepont Hall by the Baroque ensemble Musica Donum Dei on Sunday 14 June (*details in February Links*). The programme is entitled "Sitting by the Streams that Glide" and will include Handel's Water Music and other songs and instrumental music. Pamela Sandford

Donations for the Whirlowbrook Garden

The planting is nearly finished but there is always a need for funds to replace trees and shrubs so donations continue to be much needed! Donations in memory of loved ones can be made by contacting Alison Cowper on 0114 2746165. All donations received by the end of April will be included in the illustrated Book of Remembrance which will be on display at the AGM.

This happy group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and newcomers are most welcome.

Shelagh Woolliscroft

01246 768212.

Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer please sign up for Gift Aid, as it does allow us to reclaim the tax. Gift Aid is valuable to U3A as it represents about 20% of total income and, without this, subscriptions would have to increase. Signing the box does not cost you anything. If you have signed up for Gift Aid and are no longer a tax payer, please let us know, so that we do not claim Gift Aid against your subscription. If you have Couples membership and only one of you pays tax, please make that person the administrator so that they can sign up for Gift Aid.

Remember!

Copy deadline for the July *Links* is 28 May 2015

EVENTS

Sheffield City Poets & Poetry Walk. Thursday 16 April

The Poets & Poetry Walk cancelled in December due to poor weather has been rescheduled and will now take place on Thursday 16 April. Meet outside the Mappin Gallery in Weston Park at 10.15 for a 10.30 start, finishing at the Winter Gardens, probably a distance of 2 – 3 miles interspersed with poetry readings as we visit locations featuring poetry or which acted as the inspiration for poems.

If you would like full details of the walk route and the poems we will recite please email us for a copy; it would also be delightful if we had some volunteers to recite a poem or two during the walk! We will finish the walk at lunchtime but you are free to join and leave the walk at any point. If you would like to join the walk, so that we have some idea of numbers, please contact us by, (preferably) email or telephone.

Pat & Clare Ryan. drpjryan@gmail.com (0114) 2368749

Pond Clearance at Whirlowbrook Park

This year the dates are 15 and 22 April and 7 and 14 October (all Wednesdays). We need help at any time between 08.30 and 12 noon. The more the merrier! If you cannot wield a bucket or push a barrow, then there is plenty of brushing, hoeing and general tidying to be done. Drinks and cakes are available throughout the morning.

All you need is a pair of gloves and some welly boots. I promise you, you will go home glowing with satisfaction!

Shelagh Woolliscroft

01246 768212

Advance Notice:

Study Day: Winston Churchill Friday 9 October

The aim of the day will be to examine aspects of Churchill's career other than his wartime premiership. Along with a film, our two speakers will talk on Churchill and Empire (Professor Bruce Collins of Hallam University) and Churchill and Social Reform (John Evans of Sheffield U3A, the coordinator of the Modern Europe History Group).

The cost will be £6.00 to include tea/coffee and biscuits at midmorning. Further details and an application form will follow in the July edition of *Links* and on the website.

Linda Evans

Second Regional Summer School

The second regional summer school will be held at Northern College from Monday 3 to Thursday 6 August 2015 (3 nights). Last time there were several members from Sheffield, both residential and non-residential.

This year there are six or seven topics to choose from, including Criminology, Drawing (Still Life and Buildings), The Romantics, Introduction to Philosophy, Climate Change, History (Blenheim to Waterloo) and Post-War literature. Further details and booking form are on the YAHR website - www.yahru3a@co.uk.

Denise West

(0114) 2746797

Annual General Meeting: 6 May 2015 Central United Reformed Church

Entertainment from 10.15 followed by the AGM
Recorder Group, Stocksbridge Tai Chi, A Capella Singers and
Vintage Voices
Compere: Frank Abel

Please come along and support your SU3A

**Literature Network:
Professor Chris Hopkins**

Wednesday 29 April

Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 14.00 at the Quaker Meeting House,
10 St. James Street, Sheffield S1 2EW

Professor Hopkins from Sheffield Hallam University will be giving a talk on Evelyn Waugh entitled *Evelyn Waugh: Comedy, Seriousness and the Modern World* with the emphasis on three of his novels, *Vile Bodies* (1930), *A Handful of Dust* (1934) and *Brideshead Revisited* (1945).

Evelyn Waugh (1903–1966) was a writer, journalist and reviewer, and is generally considered as one of the leading English prose writers of the 20th century. Waugh's novels find much to satirise, ridicule and laugh at in the modern world, but they also often seek to make serious criticisms of the assumptions which underpin modern life.

This talk will explore what it is about modern life which Waugh found comic, what his serious objections were to modernity, and trace the ways in which three of his best-known novels of the thirties and forties combine serious and comic approaches to twentieth-century life and belief.

This promises to be an exciting and illuminating talk on an important British novelist. U3A members will remember Professor Hopkins' previous talk on Orwell with great pleasure.

For this talk only, tickets are free, including refreshments. However, because of limited availability, tickets must be obtained prior to the meeting from Ann Barclay. Kindly book in advance using the form on page 10

Belinda Barber

(0114) 230 4717

**Literature Network: “Evelyn Waugh:
Comedy, Seriousness and the Modern World”**

29 April 2015 at 14.00, Quaker Meeting House, 10 St. James Street,
Sheffield S1 2EW

Name(s) SU3A No(s).....
Address Tel.
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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve places for me. I enclose a small stamped,
addressed envelope. Send completed forms to: Ann Barclay,
14 Clarendon Court, Carr Bank Lane, Sheffield, S11 7FN



“Opportunities”

The new edition of your audio magazine “Opportunities” is out on
<http://www.mixcloud.com/su3aaudiomag/> where you can hear about
The Street Art Walk, Pond Clearing, The Video Group and The Friday
Lectures. There is more SU3A Music and lots of important SU3A
information. This edition again lasts just over ten minutes.

The above link on your internet leads you to the su3aaudiomag page on
MIX CLOUD. Scroll down the page - ignore the advertisement - below it
the uploaded shows appear. The most recent Opportunities appears
first. Hit the big PLAY arrow button to enjoy. Members have fed back
that computers are better than i-pads for listening to the show.
Opportunities is produced by the SU3A Radio Production Group.
Contact: *mashitupharry@yahoo.co.uk*

Friday Lecture Programme 2015

Friday 17 April:

Love, Lust, Politics and Magic

Dr. Charles West

Or, how (how not) to get divorced in the ninth century : The case of King Lothair II and Queen Teutberga.

For full details see February *Links*

Friday 15 May:

Who Killed William Shakespeare?

Andrew Stirling

Andrew will give us a rich and lively context for Shakespeare's life and death; the dodgy dealings, corrupt politicians, double-crossing spies, the jealousies and intricate love lives of the main protagonists. He will draw our attention to the covert codes embedded in Shakespeare's writings revealing the political and religious controversies of the late 16th and early 17th Centuries, and bring to life a modern man juggling his work - writing and performing - with property deals, finances, family, friends and enemies.

For more details please look at our website.

Friday 19 June:

The Cutlers and Silversmiths of Hallamshire

Peter Machan

Peter has been a well known presenter in Sheffield for many years. He was a primary headteacher for over twenty years and is the author of many local history titles including *The Dramatic Story of the Sheffield Flood* and *The Fantastic Story of Charlie Peace: the Banner Cross Murderer*.

No one brings old Sheffield to life like Peter Machan!



Classical Concertgoers
Gilbert and Sullivan: The Gondoliers
Wednesday 5 August 2015

Hurrah! The Gillbert and Sullivan Company is returning to Buxton Opera House. The opera is *The Gondoliers* which we have not seen in recent years. As usual, there are good tunes galore. If the soloists and chorus are as good as in *HMS Pinafore* last year we are in for a treat.

There will be time to enjoy a lunch (or picnic in the Pavilion Gardens) before the performance at 14.30

The coach will leave the bus stop at the junction of Knowle Lane / Ecclesall Road at 11.00, and we expect to be back at around 18.00.

The cost of the ticket (mid-stalls), coach travel and driver's gratuity is £32.00. To apply, please complete the form below.

Pamela Sandford

(0114) 2361815



Classical Concertgoers
Gilbert and Sullivan: The Gondoliers
Wednesday 5 August 2015

Name(s) SU3A No(s).....

Address Tel.

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..... Postcode.....

Please reserve..... place(s) for me (£32.00 per person). I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to SU3A Concertgoers' and a small stamped addressed envelope. If possible I would like to sit with

Forms should be sent to:
 Pamela Sandford, 289 Abbey Lane, Sheffield S8 0DA

SHEFFIELD U3A

NOTICE OF TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The 29th Annual General Meeting of Sheffield U3A will be held at 11.00 on Wednesday 6 May 2015 at the Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield

Only current 2015 members may attend and vote at the AGM. The final agenda for the AGM and 2014 minutes are published in this issue off *Links*. Members wishing to raise business under clause 13(viii) of the Constitution (see below) should have notified the Secretary, in writing, by **1 March 2015** so that it could have been included in the final agenda.

Clause 13(viii) of the Constitution reads "The agenda for the AGM shall be published in the last edition of the SU3A Newsletter to be issued to members at least 14 days before the AGM and shall include any other business notified in writing to the Secretary in sufficient time before publication".

There will also be the opportunity for informal discussion (see agenda item 8) but no decisions can be made on these items at the AGM. The Committee meets bi-monthly, usually on the first Friday of the month. Nominations for election to the Committee should be made and should reach the Secretary no later than **Friday, 17 April 2015**.

Tricia Pulfrey, Secretary

AGM AGENDA

Registration from 9.45 when tea/coffee and biscuits will be served

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting.
3. Chair's Annual Report 2014/15.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Elections to Committee.
6. Appointment of External Examiner
7. Change to the Constitution: to enable the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and General Coordinator to be held by non committee members by inserting in clause 6(ii) of the Constitution "If there is no suitable candidate for the posts of Secretary, Treasurer or General Coordinator on the Committee, the Committee may appoint non Committee member(s) to those position(s), such appointment(s) to be effective only until the next Annual General Meeting".
No other business has been notified in writing.
8. Any Other Business (brought up informally but no decision can be taken at the meeting).

Explanatory Note for Proposed Change in Constitution

Our constitution currently requires the Secretary, Treasurer and General Coordinator to be members of the Committee. We have recently lost an excellent candidate for one of these posts as the person in question was reluctant to become a committee member (and therefore trustee). The Committee considers that (1) with an organisation the size of Sheffield U3A it is important to have the best possible candidates to fill these positions and (2) that it is not absolutely necessary for these posts to be held by committee members. It is therefore proposed that the constitution be changed to allow non-committee members to hold these posts **if there is no suitable candidate on the committee.**

SHEFFIELD U3A

Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on 15 May 2014 at the Central United Reformed Church, Sheffield

Present: around 139 members, with Jean Stevenson in the Chair.

Apologies for absence: Margaret Langrish, Shirley Marney, Sue Morton, John Richards, John Robertshaw, Pat Roddis, Pamela Sandford, David & Catherine Trickett, Edna Wilson, Alan and Hilda Wisby

1. Minutes of the 27th AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on 18 April 2013 (previously circulated) were agreed as a correct record.

Proposed: Anne Granville, Seconded: Vera Dyer.

2. Chairman's Annual Report

The Annual Report had appeared in the April Links. The 3,000th member had been enrolled during the year, and had been presented with a certificate. Several new members had joined at every Drop In.

The Chairman thanked the lecture committee for the interesting lectures at the Showroom; the Lunch and Lecture events were also successful. The Study Days, including the one on World War I, and those organised by the Yorkshire & Humber Region (YAHR) were also going well.

There were close links with the two Universities, and U3A members were volunteering for various research projects. Shared Learning projects were also being looked at. Denise West was now on the National Board of U3A Shared Learning Advisors.

Silverline, the helpline for lonely older people, would be looking to U3A for volunteers in the future as they take on more training.

Barbara Lewis, National U3A Chair, had visited Sheffield in January to see how a large U3A functioned, and appeared to be very impressed. She mentioned that problems were similar for all U3As.

A Working Party had been formed to identify what the current and future computing needs were and to design a new IT system for SU3A.

Many new Groups had been formed during the past year, including the European Travel Group, and members were invited to come up with ideas for new Groups. The Chairman thanked Jim Walker for all the work he had done during his term as General Coordinator. As no one had agreed to take on the role of General Coordinator, five volunteers had been found to look after “families” of Groups. Details of this arrangement would appear in Links.

The Committee had been looking for a room in the centre of Sheffield, to use for storage and small group meetings. This project was in the early stages, and the Chairman would report back in the future.

3. Treasurer’s Report

The Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 had been circulated to members via the April issue of Links. The Treasurer reported that after budgeting for a loss, there was in fact a surplus of £7,000 on the accounts. There were more members, and more had signed the Gift Aid declaration; Outreach work had been reduced, and the Coordinators’ meetings cut down from three to one a year. Links had cost less than expected, but this cost would rise in the current year.

A new sound system had been purchased. The debtors shown in the accounts included Gift Aid and pre-payment of capitation fee to the national U3A. The Charity Commissioners’ Guidelines regarding cash reserves were being followed.

The approval of the Accounts was proposed by Shelagh Woolliscroft and seconded by Derek Shipley. Agreed by the majority.

The Treasurer thanked Robert Mellers for his work as Independent External Examiner, and reported that Robert had agreed continue for a further year.

4. Elections to the Committee

There were three vacancies to fill, and two nominations had been received. The nominees introduced themselves and gave details of their careers and interests:

Samina Aslam Proposed by Vera Dyer and seconded by John Williams

David Longson Proposed by Dot Sutcliffe and seconded by Jean Stevenson

Both nominees were individually elected unanimously. The meeting was asked to vote in the continuing members of the Executive Committee en bloc. This motion was agreed and carried unanimously.

The Chairman thanked Ann Barclay for her work as Minute Secretary.

6. Any other business

No matters had been formally notified in advance, but various points were raised in an informal discussion.

- (i) **YAHR Study Day.** In response to a question about the Study Day in August, Shelagh Woolliscroft replied to say the details and booking form were on the YAHR website.
- (ii) **Website.** Derek Cave praised the SU3A website, and hoped it would remain 'intuitive' and without advertising.

- (iii) **Membership.** Margaret Bullivant asked if people were informed when they joined that it is a self-help organisation. The Chairman confirmed that they were.

- (iv) **Memorial garden.** Shelagh Woolliscroft asked for volunteers to “meet & greet” at the memorial service in the garden at Whirlowbrook Hall on 11 June.

Chairman’s Annual Report for the AGM 2015

For another year running, Sheffield SU3A has continued to grow in both numbers and activities. 2014’s membership was 3298. We are just coming to the end of membership renewal which is the first year using an online system. We have been pleased by the response from members with nearly 2/3rds of members choosing to renew online. This will increase year on year as it is seen to be a success and as the newer members are more used to using computers. We have been offering a help service at our monthly coffee morning for members who do not own a computer and those who needed help to use the system. Our total number of activity groups is 189 with many and varied topics being covered. The Executive Team along with the General Group Coordinators are always willing to facilitate the formation of new groups. Some groups close, usually because the membership is aging and none of the members are willing to take the responsibility of being the Coordinator, but these are very few in number.

This has been the first year with our own room which is used as an office and general meeting room. The take-up from members, who can rent for £10 per session, has been slow but it has proved useful for Executive Committee meetings and general one-off sessions from various groups. It is also useful as a central depot for storing SU3A equipment. The lease was taken for one year to see how useful it was found to be.

We continue to forge close links with the universities in Sheffield and there are usually one or two postgraduate students at the Drop Ins looking for volunteers to help with their research projects.

Not all the projects which are presented to us are followed up, but we assist whenever we can and are always looking for new ways to cooperate. We continue to work in schools on the ESCAL (Every Sheffield Child Articulate and Literate). Our volunteers sit with individual children and spend time which is hard for the teachers to fit in to a busy classroom.

We continue our scheme of working with the Sheffield Parks Department developing our Memorial Garden and also tidying other areas of the city.

Because we are such a large organisation, communication with all our members is very important. We continue to hold monthly Drop In sessions in the city centre. These are usually busy, particularly so when the membership renewals are due. The Drop Ins are where new groups meet for the first time and they decide when and where they are going to meet in the future. By using the Drop In as their first meeting place there is the advantage of the Executive Committee, including the General Coordinators being around with advice.

We have several Open Groups which mean that members can enjoy the excursions and trips without being a member of a specific interest group. There are groups which exist in order for members to socialise, these include the Indian Vegetarian Buffet evenings and an Afternoon Tea Group. We are aware that U3A, although an organisation designed for self-development, is also a way of meeting new people and developing social bonds.

All new members are invited to attend a New Members' Meeting. This enables them to meet the Executive Committee, General Coordinators and other new members. They are given information on the groups and the trips and holidays and are encouraged to join. This is also a useful time for the Committee to discover talents that members are bringing to SU3A.

As more information is now communicated by email, particularly any urgent information, members who do not have access to a computer are asked to find an e-mail "buddy". This is someone who will see the information as it arrives and pass it on.

We attend pre-retirement courses which are held in Sheffield where we give a short talk about SU3A and what it can offer the newly retired people.

As well as the regular meetings we have held a monthly lecture, with subjects covering a wide range from The Tudors on Film to Emigration from Norway. These open lectures are held monthly at the Showroom Cinema and are free to all members. After the December lecture there was a Christmas lunch.

There are two Lunch and Lectures each year and they included a talk from the only female Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London. She told us about life in the Tower and about the wonderful display of ceramic poppies which were in remembrance of the soldiers lost in World War I.

The Classical Concertgoers have travelled to hear Gilbert and Sullivan, Don Quixote and the St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra plus other concerts in a fantastic programme of events.

The two Travel Groups continually offer a wide variety of outings from days out to country houses, churches and fairs to holidays in the UK and Europe. The reports we get back are that these outings are well organised, varied and above all very enjoyable.

Weekenders offer a wide range of outings, one each month and as the name suggests they are held at the weekends. These vary from quiz nights with pea and pie supper to canal trips, theatre visits, country houses and sites of historical interest.

As Chairman I would like to thank the other Committee members, the General Coordinators, the Group Coordinators, the organisers, the men and women who make the refreshments and anyone else who helps to make Sheffield University of the Third Age as brilliant as it is.

Jean Stevenson

Chairman

NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO SHEFFIELD U3A COMMITTEE 2015

To be returned by **Friday 17 April 2015** to the Secretary:
Tricia Pulfrey, 72 Toll House Mead, Sheffield, S20 5EN

Name of nominated person

Address
.....

SU3A membership
number
Tel no.

Groups to which nominee
belongs
.....
.....

Name of Proposer
SU3A membership
number

Signature of
Proposer

Name of Seconder
SU3A membership
number
Signature of
Seconder

I am a member of Sheffield U3A and agree to be nominated as a
candidate for election to the Committee of Sheffield U3A at the Annual
General Meeting on Wednesday 6 May 2015.

Signature of Nominee

Date.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of The Sheffield University of the Third Age

I have reviewed the income and expenditure accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014 and the balance sheet as at that date and report as follows :-

Respective Responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the 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 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993) (*the Act*) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of *the Act*; follow the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of *the Act* and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners and included a review of the accounting records and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of *the Act* and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of *the 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: Bob Mellers
12 Ryefield Gardens, Sheffield, S11 9UD

5th March 2015

SHEFFIELD U3A
(Registered Charity 703147)
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER

	2014 £	2013 £
<u>Fixed assets</u>		
Cost	4,223	4,223
Accumulated depreciation	4,222	4,222
Net book value	1	1
<u>Current assets</u>		
Debtors & prepayments	8,038	7,388
Cash on deposit	54,492	54,847
Cash in hand & at bank	3,489	414
	66,019	62,649
<u>Current liabilities</u>		
Creditors and accruals	23,728	21,691
<u>Net current assets</u>	42,291	40,958
<u>Total net assets</u>	42,292	40,959
<u>Represented by</u>		
Accumulated funds at 1 January	40,959	33,877
Surplus for the year	1,333	7,082
	42,292	40,959

Accounting policies

1. The accounts are prepared on an accruals, historic cost basis.
2. Fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase.
3. Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
4. The Committee consider that individual groups are special interest groups not undertaking charitable activities and as a consequence, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidelines, their accounts are not included in these accounts.

Jean Stevenson
Chairman

Chris Cave
Treasurer

SHEFFIELD U3A
(Registered Charity 703147)
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

	2014			2013			2015		
	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Budget		Per member
	£	Per member	£	£	Per member	£	£	Per member	
INCOME									
Subscriptions	31,810	10.00	30,000	30,418	10.00	32,000	10.00	10.00	
Gift Aid	6,376	2.00	6,000	6,087	2.00	6,400	2.00	2.00	
Late renewal fees	115	0.04	-	130	0.04	-	-	-	
Interest	169	0.05	200	229	0.08	88	0.03	0.03	
Room 50 lets	150	0.05	-	-	-	300	0.09	0.09	
Sundry	47	0.01	-	200	0.06	-	-	-	
Total	38,667	12.15	36,200	37,064	12.18	38,788	12.12	12.12	
EXPENDITURE									
External									
National affiliation fee	10,560	3.32	10,558	10,251	3.37	11,005	3.44	3.44	
Third Age Matters	3,689	1.16	3,780	3,619	1.19	3,978	1.24	1.24	
National AGM	-	-	800	713	0.23	700	0.22	0.22	
Regional meetings	88	0.03	300	-	-	250	0.08	0.08	
Total	14,337	4.51	15,438	14,583	4.79	15,933	4.98	4.98	
Membership									
New member enquiries	197	0.06	400	313	0.10	370	0.11	0.11	
New members meetings	436	0.14	600	446	0.15	600	0.19	0.19	
Membership renewal	1,630	0.51	750	504	0.17	2,927	0.91	0.91	
Publicity	-	-	250	204	0.07	-	-	-	
Promotional material	1,062	0.34	1,000	424	0.14	-	-	-	
Outreach	-	-	300	5	-	500	0.16	0.16	
Computer system upgrade	455	0.14	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	3,780	1.19	3,300	1,896	0.63	4,397	1.37	1.37	

<u>Communication</u>									
Links magazine	10,425	3.27	8,480	2.83	7,951	2.61	9,390	2.94	
Website	185	0.06	120	0.04	238	0.08	200	0.06	
Bulk emailing	54	0.02	150	0.05	42	0.01	-	-	
	10,664	3.35	8,750	2.92	8,231	2.70	9,590	3.00	
<u>Groups</u>									
Coordinators meetings	1,104	0.35	1,500	0.50	1,056	0.35	1,500	0.47	
Start up support	99	0.03	1,000	0.33	539	0.18	300	0.09	
Insurance excesses	200	0.06	-	-	-	-	100	0.03	
Equipment	-	-	500	0.17	-	-	700	0.22	
	1,403	0.44	3,000	1.00	1,595	0.53	2,600	0.81	
<u>Committee & administration</u>									
Administration expenses	247	0.08	900	0.30	483	0.16	435	0.13	
Room hire	254	0.08	330	0.11	317	0.10	-	-	
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SU3AAGM	68	0.02	125	0.04	65	0.02	150	0.05	
Sundries	112	0.03	210	0.07	122	0.04	250	0.08	
	681	0.21	1,565	0.52	987	0.32	835	0.26	
<u>Central activities</u>									
Drop ins	1,025	0.32	1,000	0.34	820	0.27	1,040	0.32	
Lectures	2,584	0.81	2,800	0.93	1,871	0.61	2,750	0.86	
Room 50 costs	1,242	0.39	-	-	-	-	2,272	0.71	
Study days	-	-	200	0.07	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	1,618	0.51	1,500	0.50	-	-	600	0.19	
	6,469	2.03	5,500	1.84	2,691	0.88	6,662	2.08	
<u>Total</u>	37,334	11.73	37,553	12.53	29,983	9.85	40,017	12.50	
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	1,333	0.42	-	1,353	-	2.33	-	1,229	-
									0.38

GROUP NEWS

Old Time Music Hall Group

This is a new group for those interested in Old Time Music Hall. We will meet at 10.30 to 12.30 on the first Wednesday of the month starting on 1 April in the U3A room at Victoria Hall, Chapel Walk. We currently have a dozen people wanting to be in the new group. If you are interested in joining us and bringing back the good old days, please get in touch:

Group Coordinator: Graham Williams
Email: teahouse2@gmail.com

(0114) 230 7756

Afternoon Tea

We are a small friendly group who meet up at 14.00 on the second Wednesday of each month for a chat and afternoon tea. Places must be booked one week before the events

8 April: Jameson Tearooms, 334 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield S7 1FN
13 May: Seasons Gallery, 290 Abbeydale Road Sth. Sheffield S17 3LP

Coordinator: June Jackson

(0114) 236 4474

Sheffield U3A Memory Course Group

We are in the process of organising our tenth course in March (fully booked) and hope to run another course on Thursdays in November. To date, nearly 100 members have undertaken the course, and feedback has been very positive. What people like is to be able to share, in confidence, their fears and concerns about their memory and appreciate the reassurance given.

The course runs for four weeks and to get maximum benefit from the course we ask for people to commit to all four weeks. The fee of £22 covers the cost of the venue, the course booklet, refreshments and sundry expenses. The venue is the Quaker Meeting House, St. James Street and generally we have run the courses in the afternoon from 14.00 - 15.45

The Team is going to discuss later in the year what our future plans will be and whether we will continue in 2016. If there is any member, especially someone who has undertaken the course, who feels they could present the course, please contact me. (Teaching or medical background useful.) If anyone wants to know more about the course there is a link on the website..... and I am happy to answer any queries.

stephanie.m.dixon@btinternet.com

Contract Whist and Double Twelve Dominoes A

We have been successfully running for many years, meeting on Sunday evenings and this continues. The Coordinator is now able to offer a regular midweek session for these games in the S10 area, times and dates to be confirmed. Interested members please ring

Coordinator: Gerald Cartwright (0114) 266 7032 / 0875 544 5048

Singing for FUN

We can best be described as a Group Karaoke, where we meet in town, bringing CDs and printed lyrics to sing together. We meet fortnightly on Thursday afternoon but can change to Friday, if enough people would prefer it. If you would like to join us, either on Thursdays or on Fridays, please could you email me on mail@jillwhyms.plus.com or contact me on 0771 722 0054. (If I do not reply please text me instead, as I often miss verbal messages.) *Jill Whyms*

Handwork and Craft

We are a friendly group who enjoy our craft work and we would welcome some new members. We sometimes work individually on our own craft projects - at other times we take part in a joint venture. Beadwork, quilling, paper folding, felt brooches and paper embroidery are just a few of our recent projects. For more details please contact our Group Coordinator.

Elsbeth Eggington (0114) 2308755 elsbeth.eggington@hotmail.co.uk

Sheffield U3A Celtic Language Courses are in their fifth year!

Welsh and Gaelic are some of the oldest languages in Europe. You don't need to be from Wales or Scotland to join our groups – lots of English people are learning about our amazing Celtic language heritage these days.

We already have *Welsh Intermediate*, *Welsh Conversation* and *Scottish Celtic* courses. I am now proposing to start a new course, *Welsh for Starters*, for complete beginners. The course would be based on “Street Welsh” by Heini Gruffudd and would start in September 2015 running initially until Christmas. We would meet fortnightly in members' houses on a Tuesday afternoon. Welsh is surprisingly easy to pronounce as the spelling is very consistent, so why not have a go? If there is enough interest the course could continue into 2016.

More details can be found on our website and will be published in July Links. If you are interested please contact me preferably by email or by phone **after 18.00**

Coordinator: Welsh Conversation: Steve Clements

stevejohn39rd@gmail.com.

(0114)255 8422

Can We Borrow Your Grandchildren?

One of the topics at the 2015 YAHR Summer School is Climate Change - *What do we tell the Grandchildren?* The tutor would like to include an informal discussion with a small group of young people - nothing too heavy or intimidating. The meeting would take place on either 4 or 5 August at Northern College and the exact time would be negotiable depending on availability.

If your grandchild (and maybe a friend) are willing to help us out, please get in touch

Shelagh Woolliscroft

01246 768212

Swim challenges 2015

Chris Hill, SU3A member, is undertaking three swim challenges in 2015. The first challenge is a 5k Swimathon, at Hathersage baths on Friday 17 April; this is followed by a 2 mile open water swim in the Great North Swim again on June 12. Then the big, serious challenge comes in September - Saturday the 5th, the Big Chill Swim: Coniston, end to end, 5.25 miles. Training has already started helped by regular walks with D group and F group also help and their encouragement and support.

As previously, Chris is intending to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Care. Last year over six hundred pounds was raised for this charity. Full details can be found on our website

Coordinator F Walking Group: Pete Digby

Lesotho Revisited

A second group of U3A members, this time from Howden and Sheffield, visited South Africa and Lesotho in January. The tour started in Cape Town with the opportunity of a walk through Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, a wine tasting at Groot Constantia, a visit to the District Six (Apartheid) Museum, a boat trip to Robben Island, shopping to music at the famous waterfront, a cable-car ride up Table Mountain and a trip to Cape Point to swim with the penguins and stand at the point where the two oceans meet.

We stayed 11 nights at Malealea Lodge where we got to know some of the community and worked at various tasks according to our strengths. We helped in the schools, planted hundreds of trees, held a "community fun day" for the children and worked alongside villagers to clear silt from a dam and make a "keyhole" garden.

Ken Dunn who works tirelessly for Africa and who organises these trips is offering to take another group next winter (their summer of course!). Anyone interested should contact Ken at kdunn@ccwld.org or phone me. Please note these are not designated as official U3A trips but everyone on this trip was a U3A member.

Shelagh Woolliscroft

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weekenders

Helmsley and Hovingham Hall Sunday 14 June 2015

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Contact details (email/ Tel number)

Please reserve place(s). I enclose a cheque for £
(£24.00 per person) payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**.

Please send to Jill Saxby, 17 Spilsby Close, Cantley, Doncaster,
South Yorkshire DN4 6TJ with a small SAE as soon as possible.

Please indicate your preferred pick up point

Ecclesall Road South/Knowle Lane 08.30 (....)

Pond Hill (Penny Black Pub) 08.45 (....)



weekenders

Brodsworth Hall and Gardens Sunday 16 August 2015

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Helmsley and Hovingham Hall Sunday 14 June 2015

We start the day with a stop in the charming village of Helmsley in North Yorkshire to have a bite to eat, to look around the shops or explore the Castle. We then travel the short distance to the historic 18th Century house, Hovingham Hall. The Worsley family bought the Manor of Hovingham in 1563. The Palladian house was built between 1750 and 1770 by Thomas Worsley to his own design and is unique in being entered through the Riding School. He was obsessed with horses and architecture and the house remains the product of the extraordinary fusion of these two obsessions.

There are wonderful vaulted ceilings on the ground floor, with the principal rooms having different architectural styles each gracefully decorated and furnished. The house has a wonderful collection of pictures and furniture.

The cost of the trip is **£24.00** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity, entry and a guided tour of the house. If you would like to join us, please complete the form on **page 30** and return it to Jill Saxby with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a **small SAE as soon as possible**. Please ring 01302 532830 if you would like further information.



National Memorial Arboretum Saturday 4 July 2015

Join us in July for a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, the UK's Centre of Remembrance, in Staffordshire. This 150 acre site is home to over 300 memorials covering both military and civilian associations, along with tributes to individuals - even one to a ship's cat.

The arboretum includes 50,000 trees with all but one native species being included. At the heart of the Arboretum is the Armed Forces

Memorial which is a tribute to over 16,000 service personnel who have lost their lives in conflict or as a result of terrorism since the end of the Second World War. At 11.00 on 11 November the sun shines through two slits in the outer and inner walls of the Memorial, casting a shaft of light across a wreath in the centre.

We will arrive in time for members to attend the daily Act of Remembrance in the Millennium Chapel, if they wish to do so. The Arbour restaurant will be open for lunch or you could bring a picnic. After lunch there will be a guided tour, with commentary, on a land train and then tea and cake before we leave for Sheffield, arriving back at about 18.00.

The cost of the trip is **£ 23.00** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity, the guided tour and the tea before departure. If you would like to join us, please complete the booking form on **page 34** and return to Jean Stevenson with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders** and a **small SAE as soon as possible**. Please ring 0114 327 6294 if you would like further information.



weekenders

Brodsworth Hall and Gardens Sunday 16 August 2015

Time really does stand still at Brodsworth Hall, one of the most unusual visitor attractions in South Yorkshire. Inside this beautiful Victorian, Grade 1 listed country house almost everything has been left exactly as it was when it was still a family home. Possessions that took more than 130 years to gather together are still in their original places whilst the beautiful grounds have been restored to their full Victorian splendour. The Hall plans to hold concerts outside on the Sundays in August and you will need to bring a rug or portable chair if you wish to sit and listen on the lawn. The Hall has a tearoom serving lunch and teas or you could bring a picnic.

The cost of the trip is **£20.00** which includes the coach, the driver's gratuity and entry into the house and gardens. If you would like to join

us, please complete the form on **page 30** and return it to Jill Saxby with your cheque, made payable to **Sheffield U3A Weekenders**, and a **small SAE as soon as possible**. Please ring Jill on 01302 532830 if you would like further information.



European Travel Group

We now have our first 12 months under our belt and we thought we would update you on our efforts. To date we have fulfilled two holidays: Dordogne and Lot and Valkenburg & Aachen Xmas markets.

For 2015 we have organised 3 trips: A Classical Sicilian Adventure, The Ring of Kerry in Ireland and, our Big Holiday, Rioja and the Pilgrims Trail. Unfortunately, this third trip had to be cancelled as we were one place short by the Holiday Operator's deadline. This was particularly disappointing as we had 3 late applications which would have meant the holiday could have proceeded. If you are interested in any of our trips, please do apply on time. It takes a great deal of hard work to reach the stage of actually being able to offer a trip and my thanks go to Brian Cave and Julie Edworthy

We are currently looking ahead to 2016 and are knee-deep in investigating a number of varied trips two of which are highlighted below.

Jewels of the Peloponnese : This would be a unique holiday, specially put together for Sheffield U3A, taking travellers to the gems of the Peloponnese, from the 19th Century engineering wonder of the Corinth Canal to equally impressive monuments of 2nd Century BC and from preserved mediaeval villages to Venetian inspired towns. This holiday will be a must for all lovers of Greece, History and Mediterranean cuisine.

Iceland and the Northern Lights:

For many, a holiday of a lifetime, to view the mystery and magnificence of the Aurora Borealis. This would be for a small group of travellers and will also take in the grandeur of the Icelandic Landscapes.

The full 2016 Calendar will be published in July *Links*.

We are very conscious of the cost of going abroad. Alas the days of getting cheap flights are long gone! Many holidays are now offered only on a B & B basis as tour operators try to reduce costs. However, we do try and will continue to offer a range of trips to suit different pockets. We are always keen to hear from members with suggestions for new holiday destinations, so do please get in touch.

Samina Aslam, ETG Coordinator
(0114)2351489

sammas1747@gmail.com/



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For a full list of the Travel Organising Committee, insurance and cancellation policies please refer to your February Links or our website

Advance Notice: Travel Group Day Visits for 2015

8 September	Tennants Auction Centre, Leyburn (see July <i>Links</i>)
1 October	Motor Heritage Centre, Gaydon (see July <i>Links</i>) and Charlecote Park, Warwickshire
December	Arley Hall at Christmas, Northwich (see Oct <i>Links</i>)

Burnby Hall Gardens, and Sledmere House, Wednesday 8 July 2015

Burnby Hall Gardens are situated in the charming market town of Pocklington. They are often claimed to be a “jewel in Yorkshire’s Crown” and have been awarded Gold in the prestigious Yorkshire in Bloom competition for the last three years. The two lakes are home to a National Collection of Hardy Water Lilies and offer a wonderful array of changing vistas including a secret garden.

After lunch at Burnby, we will visit Sledmere House, the home of Sir Tatton Sykes, 8th Baronet. The house exudes 18th Century elegance with each room containing decorative plasterwork and examples of the work of the finest craftsmen of the period. The magnificent library is the high point of the house tour and overlooks the park landscaped by Capability Brown.

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**Burnby Hall Gardens and
Sledmere House,
Wednesday 8 July 2015**

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Please send to Barbara Robertshaw, 20 Whinfull Court Sheffield
S11 9QA with a small SAE as soon as possible.

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Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.30 (....)

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 08.45 (....)

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**Four South Yorkshire Churches
Monday 17 August 2015**

Name(s) SU3A No(s).....

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..... Postcode.....

Contact details (email/ Tel number)

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Please send to Valerie Wiley, 112 Button Hill, Sheffield S11 9HJ
with a small SAE as soon as possible.

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Bus Stop Knowle Lane/Ecclesall Road South 08.30 (....)

Sheffield Interchange, Platform E5 09.00 (....)

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The cost of the day is £29.00. This includes coach travel, gratuities, admission at Burnby Hall, coffee and lunch and a guided tour of Sledmere House. If you would like to join us, please complete the booking slip on **page 36** and send it with a cheque and s.a.e. to Barbara Robertshaw as soon as possible.



Four South Yorkshire Churches 17 August 2015

We start at the church of St. Laurence at Adwick-le-Street. Although Adwick is thought to have been a Roman settlement, the church dates from the Norman Conquest and was begun in 1150 in the reign of Stephen. the tower and Chantry Chapel date from the 15th century. From Adwick, we go the church of St Helen at Burghwallis, which predates the Norman Conquest, although the present church is of that period with later, mostly medieval additions and a Royal Coat of Arms of George III.

At Owston, we shall pause for lunch before exploring the lovely 15th Century church of All Saints which displays a range of ecclesiastical architecture. The reredos was carved by Robert "Mouseman" Thompson and there are two monuments sculpted by Chantry. Our day's excursion, which throughout will be conducted by Pat McLaughlin will conclude at St. Mary Magdalene, Campsall.

Of Norman foundation, the church was expanded in the 15th Century. The Norman tower is reputedly one of the finest in the West Riding.

We plan to leave for Sheffield at 16.30. The cost of this outing is £26.60 per person. This amount includes coach travel, gratuities, donations to the churches and lunch, tea and coffee. If you wish to apply for a place on this visit, please complete the booking form on **page 36** and send it with a cheque and small s.a.e. to Valerie Wiley as soon as possible.

Boughton House
“The English Versailles”
Wednesday 17 June 2015

We plan to spend the whole day at this magnificent house in Northamptonshire, arriving there in time for coffee before having a conducted tour of part of this thirty-roomed house which dates from 1528. This is the home of the Dukes of Buccleuch and Queensberry with its superb collection of paintings and sculptures reflecting something of the history from the time of the Tudors. Lunch will be at 13.00 and we rejoin our coach at 14.15 for a conducted tour of the extensive Boughton estate, which includes the local villages and church and will last for about 1 ½ hours. We shall return to the Stables Café for tea and cake before leaving for Sheffield at 16.30.

The price for the whole day is £44 per person. This includes travel, gratuities, entry to the house and estate tour, coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. If you would like to join us on this visit, please complete the booking form below and send it with a small s.a.e. and cheque as soon as possible to Valerie Wiley.



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Calendar 2015

- April 7 **Drop-In Session + iPad/web support:** 10.00-12.00:CURC
16 Event: Poets and Poetry Walk
17 Showroom Lecture: Love, Lust, Politics and Magic
18 C'Goers: Vladimir Ashkenazy: Leicester: Evening Trip
19 Weekenders: Doddington Hall and Rufford Park:Day Trip
20 - 26 ETG: A Classical Sicilian Adventure: Short Break
24 TG: Crosby Beach (A. Gormley) and Liverpool: Day Trip
29 Literature Network: Evelyn Waugh
30 - 5 Travel Group: Isle of Man: Short Break
- May 5 **Drop-In Session + iPad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
6 **AGM: Sheffield U3A: CURC**
13 Travel Group: Bolsover Castle:Day Trip
15 Showroom Lecture: Who Killed William Shakespeare?
17 Weekenders: Yorkshire Wildlife Park:Day trip
31 - 4 Travel Group: Cardiff/South Wales: Short Break
- June 2 **Drop-In Session + iPad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
14 Classical Concertgoers: Summer Special
14 Weekenders: Helmsley and Hovingham Hall:Day Trip
17 Travel Group: Boughton Hall:Day Trip
19 S'room Lecture:The Cutlers and Silversmiths of Hallamshire
28 - 2 ETG: Killarney and the Ring of Kerry: Short Break
- July 4 Weekenders: National Memorial Arboretum:Day Trip
7 **Drop-In Session + iPad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
8 Travel Group: Burnby Hall and Sledmere House
17 Showroom Lecture: Living with Floods and Droughts
- Aug 3 - 6 YAHR Summer School: Northern College: Short Break
4 **Drop-In Session + iPad/web support:** 10.00-12.00: CURC
5 Classical C'goers: G&S: The Gondoliers:Day Trip
16 Weekenders: Brodsworth Hall and Gardens:Day Trip
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