

Our membership has nearly tripled since 2003..

This gives the membership secretary a very big job. Setting up our online membership database has been an enormous task but is beginning to pay benefits and should make it easier.

I should like to thank Jim Cooke and his son for giving us a web site that helps members and leaders keep in touch with classes and keep up with vacancies etc We know some of you do not use the internet but you are welcome to phone your group leader or course organizer or me.

This year we have enjoyed a variety of activities.

We had a successful open day in May when we took names of those interested and sent them a program as soon as it was published. We were able to admire the great standard of work in our craft and art classes and take an interest in activities from Walking to bee keeping to investments and of course history along with music and dance. Nearly all our classes were represented. Thank you Gerry Lewis

To celebrate the Jubilee we organized a Right Royal evening of variety with a bring and share supper. Thank you Betty Ford. and Mike Pimley and also Caryl Longland and her choir

The strawberry tea this year was held at Barbara Brown's in her lovely garden. Thank you Barbara.

We had our usual display in the library at the beginning of July when the programme is published. Thank you Margaret Wilson and Betty Ford for the excellent programme.

This year 2012-13 we have already had a square dance and the Lansdown lunch prepared by the students.

Individual classes also organize their own activities. Visits and holidays are advertised on the 3 boards.

Gerry organized a table top sale which was well supported and raised

During June I went to the open forum of the POPP older people's project to tell them all about the U3A.

14th November Table was reserved for U3A at the POPPS Information Day – Barrington 1-4p.m. We advertised U3A and made the programmes available.

The third age trust is our parent body and has regulations and advice sheets for us and resource information for various subjects. Helen Tremain has been our representative on the regional committee for the past few years despite this involving quite a bit of travel. Thank you Helen

They used to pay our photocopy license but we now have to pay for our own license which we have done

For Tutors For data protection At the end of a term please shred or return registers. Please let your class know how to contact you

Thank you to the 3 members who have taken classes while the tutor was not able to do so. Thank you Miriam Read, Kathy Butler and Helen Tremain. The Latin class will discontinue for the moment but Helen is running a short course on holiday Italian next term.

Thanks too to Laurie Shields who runs the bridge so smoothly and thanks to people who have taken over groups that needed a leader.

Finances this year have been better as John Mullett will tell you. Thank you for continuing with us despite the necessity to raise the subscription. We are also delighted with a good response to our request for new committee members and we have also had offers to help when needed. If you would like to add to this list of helpers to help with catering or newsletter or social events or as regional representation or to help with hall bookings please tell me or 1 of the committee.

We thank Sheila Clark for her help with hall and room booking.