

Sully u3a AGM 2024 Agenda

1. Chair's opening remarks.
2. Minutes of 2023 AGM.
3. Chair's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Motion
6. Ratification of committee members
7. Chair's closing remarks.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Sully u3a 8th June 2pm in the Old School Main Hall

Item 1 Present:- The meeting was well attended with over 80 members present and a further 6 having accepted the reports via email prior to the meeting.

Item 2 Chairmans Report:- Roger Pattenden welcomed the members and referred them to his written Chairmans report which had been circulated with the papers inviting them to attend the AGM.

He repeated his thanks to the three new committee members for stepping forward and to the rest of the committee for their work in keeping the branch going during the past few difficult years, finally he thanked Jane Lamey who, although no longer serving on the committee, continues to make sure refreshments are provided following each monthly general meeting.

Item 3 Treasurers Report:-

John Williams asked if anyone had any questions on the year end figures he had provided. A member asked for clarification on why no Gift Aid payment from HMRC had been received last year, John explained that as we had not collected any subscriptions for 2021 we wouldn't be entitled to the extra 25% from the Government either. He then asked that his year-end Treasurer's report be accepted by the meeting. This was AGREED and he handed back to Roger.

Item 4 Motions:-

There were no motions for discussion. Roger then explained that he and Janet Pryce-Jones have come to the end of their tenure on the committee and welcomed Wendy Gruffydd as the new chair of the committee wished her well and handed over conducting the rest of the meeting to her.

A presentation was made to Roger and Janet in thanks for the hard work they undertook during their past 6 years on the committee.

Following the close of the business section of the meeting we were regaled with a very enjoyable talk on the renovations to Insole Court given by John Pryor-Morris which was followed by tea and cake.

The meeting closed at 3.30

Sully U3A – Chair’s Report to 2024 AGM

We’re delighted to report that, for a small village, Sully u3a is a thriving and active branch of the u3a.

Our membership maintains a healthy number. In April Maggie recorded 347 members and this is very favourable compared with last year’s figures at the same time of year (319). Inevitably some people leave and others join and it is important that we all play our part in making new members feel most welcome. Some recent members are new to the area and are hoping that membership of Sully u3a will lead them to new friends and expand their social circle. We are often hearing how important social integration is for our health; Sully u3a can play an important role in encouraging this.

Attendance at the monthly talks on the second Thursday of each month is always high: Lynne Thoms has now taken over as Speakers’ Coordinator and is busy compiling the list for 2025. If you have any suggestions for speaker or topic (or if you can offer a talk yourself), Lynne would be delighted to hear from you. Lynne has also organised two very successful trips for us: in September 2023 following on from a talk by John Prior Morris we visited Insole Court to see for ourselves the remarkable work that has been undertaken in restoring this old Cardiff mansion; and more recently we have been taken round the BBC’s new premises in Central Square, Cardiff.

Our finances are also in a healthy state and we are, once again, able to keep our annual membership fee down at £10 which must surely represent excellent value for money!

The three people who joined the committee last year have really come up trumps: Mo (Maurice) Hoskins volunteered to become our liaison person with u3a National and South Wales and gives us really useful feedback; Maggie undertook the job of Membership and has done a huge amount of work researching a new system which will make the whole process so much more efficient; and Lynne whose work I have mentioned above. Thanks to Joyce’s persistent work we have reclaimed funds owing to us through the Gift Aid system and this has helped keep our accounts in good shape.

Thank you to all committee members for your voluntary service: each one fulfils a valuable role and is much appreciated.

We do have a full complement of 11 members on the committee at the moment, but this coming year we will be recruiting again.

Soon three members will have served a six-year term and according to our constitution they will have to stand down at the AGM in June 2025. It is not too early for newcomers to join: the posts of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be assumed by people already on the committee, but we will need new members to take their places. We must not forget the fate of Barry u3a who had to close two years ago, not because of falling membership, but because they were unable to find people willing to serve on the committee. So, if you feel you could offer your services, please let us know. The roles of all current committee members are shown on the Contacts page of our website, but new members can just come along initially as observers to get the feel of things, see what interests them and offer help where their own expertise might lead them. It's not all hard slog! We do occasionally go out for lunch and we get to know each other that bit better and have some fun.

Thanks also go to those not on the committee but who contribute to the smooth running of Sully u3a. In particular to Jane Lamey who so efficiently runs the kitchen to provide refreshments after meetings; to Peter Morris who takes care of our IT system and to Jean Deery who so skilfully writes the reports of our monthly talks for both the press and our Newsletter.

Thank you to all our group convenors who have developed their own interests into something valuable to many others. They do such sterling work organising and keeping their group's activities vibrant and enjoyable. And thanks also to new convenors who see a gap in the market and work to see their idea become a reality.

Thank you to all members for making Sully u3a such a success.

See our website www.sullyu3a.co.uk for details of our interest group activities and our general meetings with speakers which are held on the second Thursday each month.

Wendy Gruffydd

May/June 2024

Treasurers report Sully U3A for Year Ending 31st March 2024

This was another successful year for Sully u3a. My report contains four separate tables

1 Annual Accounts

The accounts show an overall financial picture very similar to last year. Both years benefitted in ways not likely to be repeated. Last year, we had a one-off boost in our income as a result of the funds of Barry u3a being transferred to us following their closure. This year saw the resumption of Gift Aid and, thanks to the efficiency of Joyce Stent and the improved systems of HMRC, we received credits for the tax years 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2023.

In the year ahead, we will probably not receive a windfall and the Gift Aid credit from HMRC will be for one year only. Fortunately, our membership numbers remain steady and the charges levied by the Third Age Trust are not likely to rise very much. Our financially stable position means that we can maintain our membership fee at £10 for the foreseeable future.

I would like to thank Jeff Bryant, a past U3A treasurer, for scrutinizing these accounts.

2 Group Annual Accounts

The Group Accounts show the amounts held by the treasurer on behalf of the groups named. The funds are “ring fenced” for exclusive use by the groups named. The Social Development fund which dates from the time before Sully u3a became a charity has enabled us to cover the cost of the Christmas party in recent years. Now that the fund has fallen below £600, this will no longer be possible and from now on any events which do occur will have to be paid for by those members attending.

3 Groups Income/Expenditure

Our groups keep their own accounts and they do not appear as part of Sully u3a accounts. We include the income/expenditure of the individual groups and it is submitted as part of our annual return to the Charity Commission.

4 U3A Assets register

This shows the details and book value of the assets that we own.

SULLY U3A - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS to 31st MARCH 2024

To 31st March 2023	MAIN FUND	To 31st March 2024
	<u>Funds Received</u>	
460.00	Subscriptions 2023	490.00
3,435.00	Subscriptions 2024	3,435.00
-	Gift Aid	1,191.35
1,892.39	Barry U3A Closing Funds	-
-	Misc	50.00
2,511.79	OS Room Hire Receipts (from Groups)	2,196.06
8299.18	Total Receipts	7,362.41
	<u>Payments Made</u>	
1,272.00	Capitation	1,276.00
1,025.21	U3A Magazine	976.54
375.00	Speakers	525.00
108.10	Stationery	102.49
68.00	Postage	18.75
2,511.79	Old School Room Hire	2,196.06
106.00	Newport Ship Trip	0
-	Misc	43.16
356.69	AGM Costs	47.00
487.05	Monthly meeting costs	669.56
6309.84	Total Payments	5,854.56
1,989.34	Surplus/Deficit for Period	1,507.85
6,859.90	Balance Forward	8,849.24
8,849.24	Balance in hand	10,357.09

John Williams Treasurer

As the appointed Examiner for the Sully U3A I have examined the books for the period ending 31st March 2024 and find that they have been maintained in a correct manner and they accurately show the financial position of Sully U3A

Jeff Bryant

SULLY U3A - GROUPS ANNUAL ACCOUNTS to 31st MARCH 2024

Funds held by U3A Treasurer

To 31st March 2023	GROUP	To 31st March 2024
£65.95	iPads	£65.95
£389.15	Drama	£389.15
£20.00	Bridge	£40.00
£53.71	History	£29.96
£184.15	Singing for Pleasure	£184.15
£11.87	Petanque	£11.87
£1,489.96	Social Development	£587.24
£ 219.11	Painting	£244.11
£0.00	Photography	£40.00

£2,433.90

£1,592.43

GROUPS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

Group Name	A/C received	Income	Expenditure	Income year Financial Calendar C	Comments
Art History	Y	£147.79	£100.00	F	
Book Club	Y	£80.00	£82.50	F	
Book Club 2	Y	£110.00	£110.00	F	
Bridge	Y	£720.50	£694.96	F	
Calligraphy	Y	£390.00	£392.50	F	
Canasta	Y	£272.00	£234.00	F	
Debating	Y	£0.00	£0.00	F	Group No Longer Operating
Enjoying Music	Y	£80.00	£75.00	F	
Gardening	Y	£140.00	£218.00	F	
Guitar	Y	£176.00	£137.50	F	
Handbell Ringing	Y	£139.00	£156.00	F	
History	Y	£86.00	£84.48	F	Group Previously named Local History
iPads	Y	£77.00	£55.00	F	
Knitters & Stitches	Y	£180.90	£68.00	F	
Love to Sing	Y	£89.00	£93.57	F	
Painting	Y	£969.00	£945.08	F	
Petanque	Y	£0.00	£0.00	F	
PingPong4 Pleasure	Y	£1,016.00	£963.38	F	
Recorders	Y	£420.00	£420.00	F	
Singing for Pleasure	Y	£446.00	£400.38	F	
Spanish	Y	£184.00	£170.00	F	
U3A Photography	Y	£174.00	£151.00	F	
Walking	Y	£0.00	£0.00	F	
Wine Appreciation	Y	£1,370.00	£1,383.46	F	
Writing	Y	£0.00	£0.00	F	
Total		£7,267.19	£6,934.81		

U3A Asset Register

Asset No.	Description	Make	Model	Serial No.	Custodian	Purchase price	Value end 2019/2020	Expected life	Age years	Current value
2	Laptop	Lenovo	G581	WB08539761	Claire Stansfield		£1.00	5	>5	£1.00
3	Laptop	Lenovo	G582	WB08546411	Peter Morris		£1.00	5	>5	£1.00
4	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	
5	Wireless microphone	KAM	KWM1932V2	UKKAM03144733B20101110	Peter Morris		£50.00	5	>5	£1.00
6	CD Player	Sony	CFD505	2054233	Peter Morris		£40.00	5	>5	£1.00
7	Guitar	Eastcoast	SA20ACE NAT	1701 / 0016	Guitar Group	£79.00	£42.00	10	5	£33.00

Notification of motion to the Annual General Meeting of Sully u3a on 13th June 2024

As shown in the Treasurers report, the Social Development fund has reduced to a level where it can no longer pay for non-core activities such as the Christmas Party.

Charity Commission rules forbid the use of money from the Main Account to fund social events: it is for use on core activities of the branch only.

We propose that a Christmas Party continues to be held, but that from 2024 onwards, the cost of that party be borne by the u3a members who attend it.

Proposed by: Name	Membership number
Wendy Gruffydd	740

Seconded by: Name	Membership number
David Briggs	473

Committee Members 2024-2025

The following people have indicated their willingness to form the Sully u3a committee for the year 2024-2025.

OFFICERS

Name	Position
Wendy Gruffydd	Chair
John Williams	Treasurer
Denise Miles	Secretary
Claire Stansfield	Vice chair Website and Newsletter

COMMITTEE

Maggie Grayson	Membership
Gill Mathias	Groups co-ordinator
David Briggs	Social events organiser
Lynne Thoms	Speakers
Joyce Stent	Gift Aid
Alan Roberts	Rents
Maurice Hoskins	South Wales Network Representative
Suzanne Hawkins	Committee member