

# Chairman's Newsletter

## April 2026



### Monthly meeting

#### AGM

**Our next monthly meeting, on Monday 11 May, will be our AGM.** You should have received the calling papers by email and these, along with the annual report and the financial reports, have been posted to the website: <https://eastkilbride.u3asite.uk> on the AGM page. Hard copies of papers can be made available on request.

The committee is proposing the following subscription levels for 2026/27:

<i>Full membership</i>	<i>£20</i>
<i>Joint membership (2 members at the same address)</i>	<i>£18</i>
<i>Associate membership (member of another u3a)</i>	<i>£12</i>
<i>From November (new members only):</i>	
<i>Half-year full membership</i>	<i>£14</i>
<i>Half-year joint membership</i>	<i>£10</i>
<i>Half-year associate membership</i>	<i>£6</i>

These are the same as last year and if approved at the AGM we will start to take membership renewals once the meeting has formally closed. **PLEASE DO NOT PAY ANYTHING UNTIL THEN.**

### Summer Outing on Monday 1 June

If you are tempted by the Summer Outing to Glenarn Gardens and Helensburgh you will still be able to book your place while at the AGM. **You will need to pay in full (£50) and to record your main course menu choice and any dietary requirements.**

The meal will be a high tea at the Winnoch Hotel in Drymen with bread and butter, warm scones with jam, tea or coffee, and your choice of main course from:

- 1 Steak and ale pie served with vegetables and chips or potatoes
- 2 Deep fried haddock served with chips and peas
- 3 Cold meat salad with chips
- 4 A vegetarian option.

Please note that the **Strathmore coach will leave from EK bus station at 9.30am promptly** and that, in keeping with recent practice, we will not be holding a raffle. If you are unable to go for some reason please let Joe McKague know on 07971 203345 or me on 07306 278206. If you would like to go, but are unable to attend the AGM please let me know as we will still be able to take bookings until Friday 22 May.

## Group News

### Spanish for your holidays

This group will run for 6 weeks starting on Thursday 21 May. It will take place in the Central Library from 4 until 5pm. There is still room for **one** more and if you are interested please contact Elaine de Vries at [u3aek.news@gmail.com](mailto:u3aek.news@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can sign up with her in person at the AGM.

### Basic IT

This group has started under the leadership of Ruth Harrison. It meets in Healthy and Active's premises at the Town Centre. Please contact me if you would like more information.

### Strollers

Alan Chappell is going to share group leadership with me and we are happy to welcome new members. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 10.30 at the Village Centre for a stroll around the village and coffee.

**Please make every effort to attend the AGM. A u3a is run FOR its members BY its members – and I look forward to seeing you at Ballerup Hall on Monday 11 May.**

Kind regards

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