

Chairman's Newsletter

"March" 2026



Monthly meeting

I am aware that it is now April but the timing of this edition has been delayed to fit in with the **April monthly meeting delayed until Monday 20 April due** to availability issues with Ballerup. The speaker for this meeting will be Gareth Mathias, a representative of the Glasgow Humane Society.

Please note that this will be your last chance to sign up for the summer outing on Monday 1 June. We will expect you to pay in full (£50 or £40 if you have already deposited £10) and to record your main course menu choice and any dietary requirements. We still have places available on the coach and invite you to bring a friend along (who needn't be a member.) Our meal will be a high tea 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

If you would like to go on the trip but can't make the April meeting, please email me.

Our following monthly meeting will be the AGM and it will take place on Monday 11 May.

The AGM paperwork will be distributed a few days after this Newsletter. As in recent years, some of it will come to you by email (or hard copy if required), some posted to the website (around 18 April) and some presented on screen at the AGM. If possible, we hope to have a couple of copies of the paperwork available at the April meeting for you to have a look.

Please note that the April Newsletter will also be delayed. We plan to send it out around May 4, a week before the AGM, and it will contain the proposal from the committee for the subscription rates for 2026/7.

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 are still a few places available and if you are interested please contact Elaine de Vries at u3aek.news@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can sign up at the April monthly meeting. If doing this please make sure that your name and contact details are printed in capitals to make sure we can read them.

Basic IT

This group is due to start on 13 April under the leadership of Ruth Harrison in the Healthy and Active premises at the Town Centre. We already have some members who will be attending. Further information will be available at the monthly meeting on 20 April.

Committee news

We are heading towards the AGM and this means decision time on our budget. Please note that we desperately need people to come forward and become members of the committee and that **it is becoming critical to find someone to take over from me as Chairman**. If not resolved it could result in the dissolution of u3a East Kilbride – our colleagues in Hamilton seem to have reached this point and are contemplating formal dissolution by the summer. On a happier note, it looks as if the issue of Treasurer has been resolved with Jan de Vries staying on for one more year to be shadowed by Deirdre Dempster as his successor.

Please put the April, May and June dates in your diary. I hope to see many of you at Ballerup on Monday 20 April.

Kind regards

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