

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 28th Annual General Meeting of Thameside (Wallingford) u3a - (Founded 1998) will be held Wednesday 20th May 2026, at 2:00 pm, St. Mary-le-More Church, Wallingford, OX10 0EG

A G E N D A

1. Attendance
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. The Chairman's Annual Review – Ian Shipton (Chairman)
5. Receipt and Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Tony Fenner (Treasurer)
6. Appointment of the Examiner of Accounts (Chairman)
7. Interest Groups – Co-ordinator's Report (Circulated and taken as read).
8. Outings – Co-ordinator's Report (Circulated and taken as read)
9. Election of Treasurer and Secretary – (Secretary)
Tony Fenner (Treasurer), Hilly Bailey (Secretary)
10. Election of Committee Members – (Secretary)

Current Committee members wishing to stand for re-election:

Charmaine Anderson
Malcolm Brooks
Robert Ferguson
Yvonne Griffiths

Ken Johnstone
Sarah Robinson
Jane Milne
Ian Shipton

11. AOB

Suggestions for the AOB on the AGM Agenda may be accepted but no resolution will be voted on unless 7 clear days written notice (by 13th May 2026) has been given by post or email to the Secretary.

12. MEETING CLOSED

Secretary, Thameside (Wallingford) u3a
13 Droverside
Cholsey
OX10 9PU

Email: Secretary@wallingfordu3a.org

28th Annual General Meeting of Thameside (Wallingford) u3a

5.0	<p>CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REVIEW – The Chairman's Annual review was previously circulated prior to the meeting and read out to the members by IS.</p> <p>Proposed: Richard Woolbridge Seconded: Catherine Sommerville</p> <p>Passed: Nem con</p>
6.0	<p>RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>The Treasurer's Report was previously circulated prior to the meeting and it was taken as read.</p> <p>TF reported a balance of £14,430.98 as of the 31st March 2025. There was an increase of £734 to the previous year due to an overlap at year end for monies received for an outing with no invoice.</p> <p>There was an increase of £16,000 in income and expenditure due to the Walking Group organising a walking holiday whereby all monies were paid into and from the u3a bank account, the account broke even.</p> <p>£4,000 was moved from the Treasurer's account to the Savings account to gain a higher interest rate.</p> <p>There has been a steady increase in costs over the year but this has been offset by an increased membership.</p> <p>A plea was made to members who pay income tax to register for Gift Aid as we gain 25% from HMRC. From the £12.50 subscription we pay £4 to the National Office as Capitation, £4 for five magazines per year leaving only £4.50 to run our u3a. Gift Aid gives us an additional £3.12. Registering for Gift Aid incurs no cost to individual members.</p> <p>TF thanked Doreen Pinnell for taking over the role as Examiner of Accounts. Doreen has already examined the accounts twice since taking over the role.</p> <p>Proposed: Anna Harvey Seconded: Brenda Taylor</p> <p>Passed: Nem con</p>
7.0	<p>APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS – Doreen Pinnell agreed to continue as the Examiner of Accounts.</p> <p>Proposed: Marian Shipton Seconded: Brenda Taylor</p> <p>Passed: Nem con</p>
8.0	<p>INTEREST GROUPS</p> <p>The report has been previously circulated on the website.</p>

9.0	<p>OUTINGS</p> <p>The Outings Committee report has been previously circulated on the website.</p>																																				
10.0	<p>ELECTION OF COMMITTEE –</p> <p>The Chairman announced that Anna Gordon is stepping down as Members' Secretary and Charmaine Anderson has agreed to take over her role, Anna will remain as a co-opted member of the committee. Bob Ferguson will become a member of the committee having previously served as a co-opted member.</p> <p>All names had been correctly proposed and seconded. Anyone wishing to review the nomination forms were welcome to examine them.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="399 672 1197 1064"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Name</u></th> <th><u>Proposed</u></th> <th><u>Seconded</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Malcolm Brooks</td> <td>Darrell Perrins</td> <td>John Bailey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neil Kelly</td> <td>Ruth Pidgeon</td> <td>Sheila Findlay</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Milne</td> <td>Richard Smith</td> <td>David Over</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Robinson</td> <td>Anna Harvey</td> <td>John Viner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Shipton</td> <td>Anna Harvey</td> <td>Marion Millard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hilly Bailey</td> <td>Diane Howarth</td> <td>Jill Cooney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charmaine Anderson</td> <td>Jennifer Potter</td> <td>Brenda Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yvonne Griffiths</td> <td>Margaret Biggs</td> <td>Marion Millard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tony Fenner</td> <td>Maggie Blake</td> <td>Ken Beake</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ken Johnstone</td> <td>Jane Poulter</td> <td>Trevor Cotton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bob Ferguson</td> <td>Julia West</td> <td>Celia Frohnsdorff</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Passed: Nem Con</p>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	Malcolm Brooks	Darrell Perrins	John Bailey	Neil Kelly	Ruth Pidgeon	Sheila Findlay	Jane Milne	Richard Smith	David Over	Sarah Robinson	Anna Harvey	John Viner	Ian Shipton	Anna Harvey	Marion Millard	Hilly Bailey	Diane Howarth	Jill Cooney	Charmaine Anderson	Jennifer Potter	Brenda Taylor	Yvonne Griffiths	Margaret Biggs	Marion Millard	Tony Fenner	Maggie Blake	Ken Beake	Ken Johnstone	Jane Poulter	Trevor Cotton	Bob Ferguson	Julia West	Celia Frohnsdorff
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11.0	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS –</p> <p>Millie Eaton commented there is no minimum age to join the u3a but you must be retired or semi-retired.</p>
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Signed: Dated:
 (Chairman)

AGENDA ITEM 4

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025-2026

The newsletter which is delivered by email at the beginning of the month has undergone some changes this year. It is our main way of communicating news and events to the membership and no major changes are planned next year. The website which is the public front for our U3a is maintained by one of the committee members is currently under review.

Neil Kelly is leaving this year for a well earned rest. He has been a member of the committee responsible for maintaining our links to the regional and national U3a for well over 9 years. Thank you for all your hard work. There are 2 other long serving members –Yvonne Griffiths and Hillary Bailey, both have been on the committee for more than 9 years and are willing to remain on the committee for next year.

It is my duty to report that our policies on inclusivity/equality, environment and safeguarding have been reviewed by the committee and confirmed as satisfactory. The two first aid kits we use have been checked and all contents are in date.

I could not have done any of this work myself and I have relied heavily on my excellent committee, who have worked tremendously hard this year. A big thank you, also, to all the Conveners, Tea makers, Volunteers, and to both the Speaker and Outings sub-committees. Please remember, we are all volunteers, and we always need fresh blood to invigorate us. So, please, if you feel you could contribute to your u3a, then contact any member of the committee.

We are open to any suggestions you have about what other things we can do; contact by email on our committee emails (found on) <http://www.thamesidewallingfordu3a.org/contact-page>.

On behalf of myself and your committee, may we offer a huge thank you to you all for your continued support.

Ian Shipton

Chair Wallingford Thameside U3a

May 2026

AGENDA ITEM 5

Treasurer's Report to the 2026 AGM

Financial Year 1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026

This report should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Statement of Accounts that accompany this report.

The financial results for the 25–26 financial year as presented are materially different from all previous years due to two changes in the membership renewal process. Firstly, new members joining after January 1st now pay subscription for a full year and all members are now on an anniversary date for membership renewal. Secondly, the renewal date window for all members for the current year opened in early March and not on April 1st which was customary prior to this current year. The net effect of this resulted in £4,329.50 of 26–27 subscription income being received in the 25–26 year.

The year opened with total cash assets of £14,430.98 and closed with a balance of £16,020.90, an increase of £1,589.92 for the year. This increase is entirely accounted for by the fact that a portion of the income from membership renewals for 26–27 were received in March as explained above. A more direct comparison can be made by subtracting the March subscription income total from the income for the year which results in an income amount of £42,409.82. Using this comparative basis results in expenses exceeding income by an amount of £810.00. The principal reasons for this are explained in the following relevant notes on comparison with prior year by category

Events – Celebration lunch income and expenditure was less due to lower number of attendees

Gift Aid – Income was higher due to greater membership numbers and the response to appeals for qualifying members to sign-up for this program

Groups – Income and offsetting expenses were significantly lower than prior year due to fewer walking holiday events by the walking group

Outings – Income and corresponding expenses were higher due to a general increase in the cost of each event and the cost mix of outings in the year

Subscription Income – Was significantly higher due to the changes in procedures outlined above

Transfer to main – This is simply a transfer of funds from the savings account into the operating account in order to maintain a positive working balance

Capitation 3rd Age Trust and Third Age Magazine expenses were both higher due to increased membership numbers being reported to the national organization

Speakers – Expenditure recorded in this cost centre was less due to a change in the reporting of the cost of the venue hire. For 25/26 the venue hire has been included in the “Hire” cost centre to better manage facility hire costs. As a result, there has been a corresponding increase in reported Hire costs.

Respectfully submitted

Tony Fenner

Honorary Treasurer

THAMESIDE (WALLINGFORD) U3A
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS
PERIOD: 1ST APRIL 2025 TO 31st March 2026

£	Account Name	£	£	£
YEAR	Account Number	Main	Savings	YEAR
ENDED		819147	1066533	ENDED
31/03/2025				31/03/26
<u>13,696.20</u>	Opening Balance	<u>2,933.69</u>	<u>11,497.29</u>	<u>14,430.98</u>
	Income			
2,336.00	Events - Celebration Lunch	1,745.50		1,745.50
426.34	Events - Coffee Mornings	541.99		541.99
1,010.67	Gift Aid	1,318.83		1,318.83
17,106.00	Groups	9,079.00		9,079.00
892.00	Hospitality	1,030.00		1,030.00
14,238.50	Outings	19,799.00		19,799.00
0.00	Outings venue refund	0.00		0.00
0.00	Rent refund	0.00		0.00
4,114.60	Interest	0.00	69.80	69.80
6,471.00	Subscriptions	11,225.00		11,225.00
0.00	Transfer to main	2,000.00		2,000.00
1,232.82	Payment errors	0.00		0.00
0.00	Suspense	0.00		0.00
<u>47,827.93</u>	Total Income	<u>46,739.32</u>	<u>69.80</u>	<u>46,809.12</u>
	Expenses			
2,008.00	Capitation 3rd Age Trust	2,108.00		2,108.00
286.98	Computer hardware	758.79		758.79
252.00	Computer software and licences	245.75		245.75
1,498.24	Third Age Magazine	1,624.00		1,624.00
2,496.93	Events - Celebration lunch	1,389.62		1,389.62
572.50	Events - Coffee mornings	909.59		909.59
0.00	Furniture & Fittings	5.69		5.69
17,193.86	Groups	9,175.61		9,175.61
1,409.08	Hospitality	1,521.57		1,521.57
656.35	Office expenses	373.66		373.66
11,629.10	Outings	21,771.47		21,771.47
0.00	Bank charges	3.77		3.77
0.00	Sundry	335.33		335.33
260.30	Hire	709.10		709.10
1,214.82	Payment errors	0.00		0.00
3,149.39	Speakers	2,177.75		2,177.75
25.00	Subscriptions	109.50		109.50
0.00	Suspense	0.00		0.00
0.00	Transfer to main		2,000.00	2,000.00
4,000.00	Transfer to savings account	0.00		0.00
440.60	Website	0.00		0.00
<u>47,093.15</u>	Total out	<u>43,219.20</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>45,219.20</u>
734.78	Net in or out in the year	3,520.12	-1,930.20	1,589.92
<u>14,430.98</u>	Closing Balance	<u>6,453.81</u>	<u>9,567.09</u>	<u>16,020.90</u>

I, Doreen Pinnell, the Appointed Inspector of Accounts, have examined the above accounts and found them to be correct.

Signed:

Doreen A. Pinnell

Dated: 20/4/2026

Signed:

Tony Fenner
(Hon. Treasurer)

Dated: 20/04/2026

Thameside (Wallingford) u3a –Asset Register as of 20th May 2026

Asset Number	Acquisition Date	Purchase Value	Description	Make/Model No	Location	Additional Description
5	09/10/2018	£30.00	Wireless Remote pointer	Targus AMP13EU	Malcolm Brooks	
8	04/11/2019	£22.00	Black Sportsline Projector Bag	Hama	Malcolm Brooks	
9	04/11/2019	£30.00	Heavy Duty Projector Stand	Pulse PLS00453	Methodist Church	
10	14/08/2019	£11.00	Two large cake knives	Sainsbury	Yvonne Griffiths	
11	29/11/2018	£20.00	3.4 litre teapot	None	Yvonne Griffiths	
12	01/11/2019	£38.00	48 Polycarbonate wine glasses	None	Yvonne Griffiths	
17		£0.00	Various cups and saucers		Ken's garage	
18	05/08/2016	£179.00	50 new cups and saucers		Ros and Richard Steptoe	
19	03/02/2016	£40.00	Tea urn		Ros and Richard Steptoe	
20		£36.00	Notice board (2 x 900mm x 600mm)		Sarah Robinson	
22	07/07/2020	£0.00	11 tablecloths (small green check)		Wallingford Methodist Church	
23		£0.00	Flipchart/whiteboard		Anna Harvey	
24		£0.00	Coffee machine		Wallingford Methodist Church	
25	14/12/2022	£17.99	First Aid Kit		Malcolm Brooks	
26	14/12/2022	£17.99	First Aid Kit		Ian Shipton	
27		£0.00	15 tablecloths (red check)		Jane Milne	
28		£0.00	Kettle		Ken's garage	
29	16/08/2021	£300.00	Projector screen		St Mary's Church	
30	08/10/2022	£449.00	Lenovo Laptop Grey	IdeaPad 15.6"	Malcolm Brooks	MP28DHXT
31	06/01/2024	£389.00	ASUS - Vivobook	15 X1500EA	Tony Fenner	
32	14/05/2024	£279.99	Acer Aspire 3 Laptop	JTKLLCME	Malcolm Brooks	AMD Ryzen 3 Silver
33	01/10/2025	£579.99	Epson projector	HB54B	Ken Johnstone	XDTY5300072
34	21/04/2026		Yellow Tablecloths		Pam Johnstone	
34	21/04/2026		Quantity of metal cutlery		Yvonne Griffiths	

Interest Group Coordinator's report –May 2025/26

As always, I would like to say a very big thank you to all the Group Convenors for the excellent work they continue to do throughout each year. Without your continued support in keeping our groups running, our U3A couldn't work as well as it does.

Many of the Group Convenors have been running their groups for many years and I continue to be very grateful of their continued support as it helps to make my job a lot easier.

During the last year we have added yet another 7 new groups:
Board Games, Knit & Natter, iPad, Sleuth Books, German Conversation, Italian Conversation and a replacement Birdwatching Group.

With number of groups now standing at 66 spread over a wide range of 30+ different subjects. Over half of the groups have spaces for members to join. This is particularly important for new members when they first join as it can be quite frustrating to have to wait to join a group of their choice. I keep a Waiting list for groups which are full and as soon as I have about 4 on the list I try and set up a new group to keep any Waiting time to a minimum.

Walking groups have always been popular –but no more so than over more recent years. We now have 10, offering various distances to hopefully suit most abilities.

We are always open to new group ideas which are published in our monthly Newsletters and I am always willing to help in any way I can whether it be a group having a problem or needing some guidance along the way. I am always at the end of an email.

Please keep up the good work.
Many thanks once again.
Yvonne (Griffiths)
Interest Group Coordinator

AGENDA ITEM 8

Outings Report for 2025/2026AGM

We have had another successful year with our planned outings, with a number of excellent trips, as listed below.

Unfortunately, there was no annual holiday this year due to the unavailability of Outings Committee members who could lead the trip, and the rising costs. For the foreseeable future, there are no holidays planned.

May	Hever Castle
June	Osborne House which unfortunately had to be cancelled
July	Tower of London
Aug	Wareham River Cruise
Sept	Bletchley Park
Oct	Lord Leycester Hospital Warwick and Kenilworth Castle
Nov	No outing
Dec	Royal Albert Hall, the Royal Choral Society Christmas Concert
Jan	No outing (Celebration Lunch)
Feb	No outing
Mar	South Kensington and the Museums.
Apr	Dorney Court

There are a number of trips planned for the coming year including RHS Wisley, The Globe Theatre London, the National Memorial Arboretum Litchfield and the Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum London.

Once again, we have seen that costs, both transport and venues, steadily climbing, though we do our utmost to keep the costs to a minimum.

We had one new addition to our committee and Jeremy Burnett Rae is finding his feet with us.

The one real downside to the past year was the sudden death of Peter Wood in February this year. Peter had organised a number of trips splendidly. He was very

meticulous in what he did to ensure everything ran smoothly. He also compiled an excellent survey which the committee uses to try to provide the best outings

possible. Peter is sorely missed.

With the ongoing efforts of Sue Wright, Jane Milne, Pam Johnstone and Jeremy Burnett Rae, we will endeavour to keep bringing you a good variety of outings at reasonable cost.

We are still endeavouring to attract u3a members to join the current Outings Committee.

Ken Johnstone
20 May 2026