

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE - 2024

Following our AGM in December, the following appointments and changes were made to our Committee. However, some roles are still unfilled and others have been taken on by existing members in addition to their other roles. This situation cannot last and so we ask you to look at the list and see if you could either take on or share one of the title roles listed.



Sally Muldowney – Chair

Sally joined Wellingborough u3a in 2015 and has enjoyed many of the group activities, particularly the Singing for Fun Group, the Sunday Lunch Club and crafting groups. Having completed six years on the committee, she thought to step down but due to the crisis of no-one coming forward to take on the role of Chair has agreed to remain in post until a replacement can be found.



Helen Hinsley – Treasurer

Helen has enjoyed a very varied career that has included nursing in the army, working in an accounts department, IT, foster caring and dog grooming. She has previous experience as Treasurer whilst a member of the Lions and now is taking on that role with Wellingborough U3A. Helen recently joined one of the Table Tennis groups which has proved to be a lot of fun. She likes to research her ancestry, spend time with the grandchildren, do a bit of gardening, play board games and solve jigsaw puzzles.



Secretary – Could this be you?

As with many roles on the committee, the Secretary's role comprises a number of administrative related tasks. One of which, in liaison with others, is to organise the monthly members meeting. The former Secretary, Helen Grant, is more than willing to talk about her own experiences to anyone taking on this role and will offer advice and support to the new Secretary, if requested.

Minute Secretary – Margaret Addie



Marian Green – Membership Secretary

Marian has a background in science and followed a variety of careers in her working life. Since retiring in June 2021, she wonders how she had the time to work! Her time is taken up with needlecraft in various forms, gardening, Tai Chi, playing the ukulele; acting in murder mystery evenings, and wild water swimming to name just a few. Some of these hobbies were taken up thanks to Wellingborough U3a, where she has shared friendship, enjoyment and lots of laughter. Marian is currently the group leader of the Needlecraft group meeting fortnightly on zoom, which she says works really well as members are scattered around the area. 'We all enjoy a chat as we stitch, knit or crochet. Often a member will demonstrate something they have been doing and we all get inspired to have a go at something new'



Social Secretary / Speaker Seeker – Could this be you?

The social Secretary role is primarily concerned with organising the members monthly meetings, researching and providing speakers, meeting said speakers and ensuring they have all they need to present their talks. Then, In liaison with the Webmaster and Newsletter editor to provide information about forthcoming meetings. Pat Heed, who has been Social Secretary for the past couple of years will now concentrate on producing the newsletter and will assist whoever comes

forward to take on this aspect of the role.



Website Coordinator – Webmaster

With a thirty-six year background in I.T. and data/tele/satellite communications, including writing and delivering training on a worldwide basis, John has been our Web Site coordinator for the past year. Hobbies include an intense interest in classical music (particularly of the baroque period), and music theory, as well as being an active electronic music maker

The Webmaster is primarily concerned with updating the u3a Wellingborough website on a regular basis with the latest news and group details. This role also involves the use of the Beacon and LCN communications systems. John

has agreed to stay on and assist whoever comes forward.



Assistant Website Coordinator – Could this be You?

Currently all u3a websites are being transferred to a new site developer, so a training programme is in operation to assist existing Webmasters with this transition, and also to introduce the new system and support to new Webmasters. It is hoped an assistant could take on this transition in liaison with John.



Patricia Heed – Newsletter Editor

With a corporate background in HR, marketing and communications, Pat previously held the Social Secretary role organising our monthly meetings, and throughout Covid lockdown, introduced Zoom and Facebook to our members. Believing that communications is essential to the running of u3a, she will continue to produces the newsletter each month. Hobbies include Keep Fit (she has been a registered advanced dance fitness instructor for 40 years) Gardening,

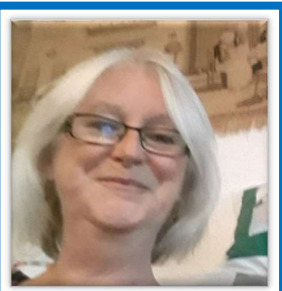
dressmaking (shortlisted for the second Sewing Bee) and Social History.



Groups Co-ordinator – Could this be You?

In the absence of a new Chair, Sally Muldowney has agreed to continue in this role until a new Chairperson can be appointed. Following which, she will take on the duties of Groups Co-ordinator.

The role of Groups Co-ordinator is often fulfilled by two members, so if you would like to partner Sally, please let us know.



Sandra Kemp – Groups Co-ordinator Support

Having retired from teaching Sandra first joined the u3a in order to develop her skills playing the ukulele. During a lockdown ukulele zoom session she agreed to be a group leader for a card crafting group and has since joined the committee. As well as getting into various craft activities over the last two years, her hobbies are fairly diverse and include reading, Morris dancing and board games. Her role on the committee is to support the Groups Coordinator.



David Ballard – Committee Member

David has recently joined the committee with an open brief. He was originally a TV engineer and progressed to owning his own business and then a retail shop in Tunbridge Wells. After his son moved to Wellingborough, David and his wife followed to be close to him and the grandchildren. His interests include being a radio ham, and repairing Talking Books for the Blind. As with many volunteers, David enjoys the challenge each project brings and has never claimed for expenses or parts. He joined Wellingborough u3a shortly after moving here with the aim of painting and meeting people. He also is a member of the Singing for Fun and Playreading groups.



Social Media Adviser

With the increase in the use of Social Media, particularly as a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic, it has been decided that an additional post holder is required on our committee. That of a Social Media Adviser.

Could this be you??

Purpose: To improve Communications with members and National u3a via Social Media,



Business Contact – Could this be you??

The objective of this role is to raise the profile of Wellingborough u3a by building and maintaining relationships between Wellingborough & District U3A and local businesses with the aim of encouraging newly retired/redundant business personnel to consider joining the u3a.