



**Our AGM on Tuesday 27 June, in Ryarsh Village Hall,
at 2pm followed by our speaker**

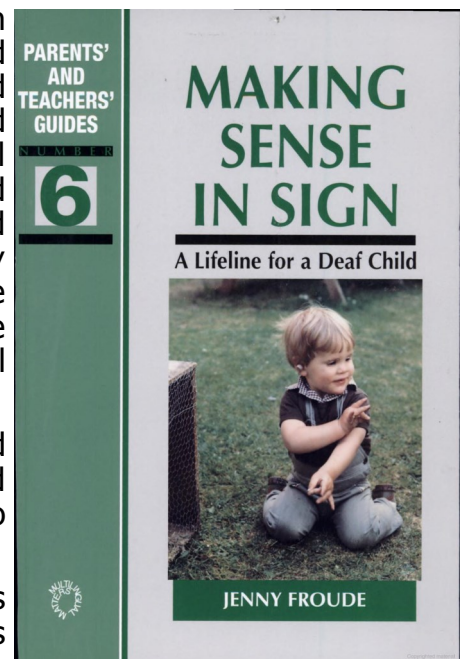
**Jenny Froude ~ 'Words Are Not Enough'
How signing makes sense of a silent world**

Our speaker this month is Jenny Froude, a journalist on Woman's Weekly for 12 years before a long-awaited family arrived. New communication skills were needed when deafness was the price five-month-old Tom paid for overcoming meningitis. Rejoicing in his survival and undaunted by the disability his family discovered that to savour the life that had been spared he would need signs to make sense of a silent world. Jenny says it was a steep but 'lovely' learning curve as she started to sign with him. Later she contributed to the LBB's Marathon Sign Dictionaries and spent several years as an SSA in a Senior Hearing Impairment Unit.

Her Book *Making Sense in Sign* in the Parents' and Teachers' Guide Series was published 20 years ago and continues to be of immense benefit to all those who have to cope with this disability.

"This book", writes the Rt Hon Lord Ashley of Stoke, "is a letter of love and faith from a woman whose son's deafness at first overwhelmed then inspired her".

We're in for a fascinating afternoon!



Derek Carpenter, Speaker Secretary

The Short View

This is my last contribution as chair as my term of office is now completed. It has been an interesting three years, starting while we were struggling with the Covid pandemic and ending as we step back towards normality. Malling u3a has continued to thrive during these years and will continue to do so with your continuing support and involvement.



Chrys Short

Malling u3a Study Day ~ 16 June

**Journey into Space ~ Exploring Worlds
Beyond Our Own**

Our study Day was well attended and went well. More about it in July.



From our Treasurer

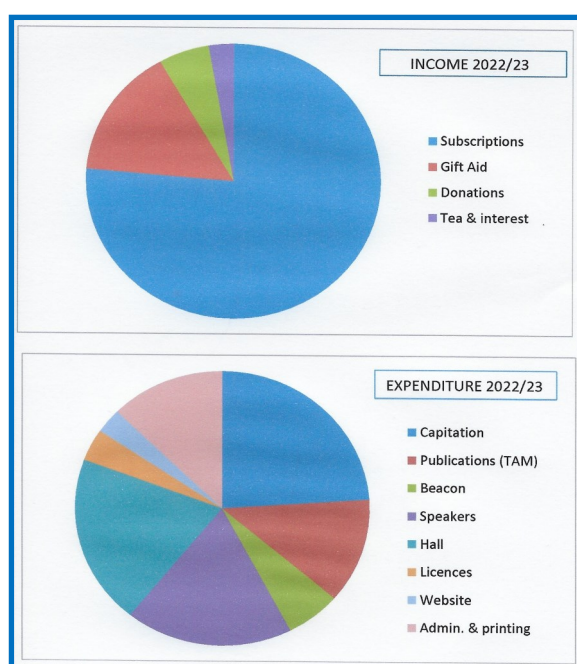
Our finances for financial year 2022/23 are in a good state – with a loss in the year of only £197 which can easily be covered by our reserves.

The two pie-charts illustrate the main elements of our Income and Expenditure. On the Income side you can see that subscriptions (at only £12 per annum) make up the vast majority of our income. Gift Aid then adds a useful contribution (from those members who have agreed to Gift Aid their membership fees where 25% is added by the taxman) – currently only 80% of members do this – could you do this too? – it doesn't cost you anything. Other income is derived from tea/coffee donations and from Riviera Travel who donate a percentage of your Riviera holiday to our u3a funds.

On the Expenditure side you will notice that almost a half of our income is spent on the unavoidable charges such as the Capitation fee to the u3a Trust, the cost of Third Age Matters magazine, Beacon - the u3a national database which is necessary for all of our administration and licences. Once those items are paid for we use the remainder for our monthly speakers, hire of Ryarsh Village Hall, our website and administration.

We do hold more than the recommended level of reserves, and it is for this reason that we have been able to maintain our membership fee at £12 for some years knowing that any shortfall can be paid for from those reserves. However, there will come a time where this will no longer be possible and our membership fee will then have to increase. That point has not been reached yet so let's be thankful and enjoy the many benefits our £12 gives us annually!

	To date		To date
INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Subscriptions	4584	Capitation	1480
Gift Aid	920	Publications (TAM)	767
Donations	334	Beacon	376
Tea & interest	165	Speakers	1142
		Hall	1234
		Licences	233
		Website	180
		Admin. & printing	787
TOTALS	6003		6200
		Surplus/(Deficit)	-197



Tea Rota

June

Christine Garrett & Jim Bowen

July

Pat Lander & Ruth Brind

Beth Minall

Bring your own.

Help the environment
by bringing your own
reusable mug.



Advanced Computing Group



The group continues to meet using Zoom. There are now sufficient of us to only require one presentation from each member each year, but new members are very welcome.

We have covered a wide range of topics this year, as usual covering the technology behind computers, such as the fabrication of computer chips, video and audio compression as well as applications of computing technology such as digital filtering and digital mobile radio.

John Stow

Discussion Group 1

Our Discussion Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm, usually at the Convenor's house close to Seven Mile Lane.

At present there are 8 regular members, 5 women and 3 men, but we are always happy to see new potential members who can come along, for any of the meetings, to see if they might like to join the group.



There is no topic that we cannot discuss. Discussions can be lively, but always good humoured. We do not have arguments, only discussions, and these can be non-pc at times.

Each member usually brings along a couple of topics that they would like to discuss so we always have a variety of subjects ranging from current affairs to local issues and politics to religion. We also have lighter, fun subjects.

We have a break at about 3 pm for tea and coffee and doughnuts, and the meetings conclude at 4 pm.

Jean Green

Singing Group

On Saturday 3 June our singing group took part in a concert at Holy Trinity Church in Larkfield. Joe our leader runs 3 singing and music groups.

We were all there singing songs such as 'The Streets of London' ~ 'Roll in My Sweet Baby's Arms' ~ 'Puttin' on the Style' ~ 'Delilah' and 'The Rose'. It was a most enjoyable evening, finished off by cakes and a selection of drinks.



There were 8 of our group there, Mary & Margaret pictured, plus Lesley, Ruth, Sally, Sheila, Judy and me.

Anne Sargent

Current Affairs

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2pm for a couple of hours for a friendly chat and a cup of tea.

Those who have the space and easy parking take turns to host it in their homes. Before the meeting members send suggestions for topics, so that people can be prepared for a good discussion.

The politics of the day is large on the agenda but there is no limit to what members can suggest. We don't always stick to the list of suggestions; whatever feels right on the day.

There is always a wide range of political opinions which often makes for a lively discussion, but we always respect each other's views.

We are a very friendly group and make sure the chat is enjoyable as well as informative. We have room for one or two new members.

If you want to join us get in touch with me on 01622 764969. You will receive a warm welcome!

Steve Fisher

