

## Chair's report 2020/2021 Jay Hammond

This report is a list of activities of UKTUG, in approximate date order for 2020/2021. I've counted more than 2000 emails in my UKTUG folders in about the last year.

Our long standing Treasurer John Peters, became too ill to continue during 2020. That was documented in last year's report. He was unable to return the records he held. Jon Webley kindly offered limited input to act as treasurer. Committee changed the signatories at the bank to reflect new officer.

The 2019/2020 AGM.

UKTUG AGM took place at 11:00 on the 9th of December 2020 at the School of Chemistry of the University of East Anglia. It was held under Covid conditions. The constitution requires the AGM to be held in person, unlike an SGM. I did devise a way to hold an English Law compliant and UKTUG-constitutional AGM. Accordingly, There was one member present at the meeting. That part of the meeting was inquorate. The procedure according to the constitution was to adjourn the meeting for a week and resume (meeting certain complex conditions) with the quorum set to the number of members present at the resumed meeting. That is, one. That process did not happen, I regret. The outcome would have been the same if the meeting had resumed; The member present alone justifiably felt that they were not entitled to put or vote on motions without input from members. No business was done. That was the formal AGM.

However, the committee took steps to inform the members as they would have been had they been at the AGM, by circulating the officers reports, etc and arranging for committee positions to be filled. No voting on committee membership was necessary as the committee was not oversubscribed. The only item of business that was not resolved by a direct appeal to members on uktug announce was the membership fees. There was a motion to the AGM to leave membership fees unchanged. The AGM did not change the membership fees. The committee felt this to be a tolerable outcome in the circumstances.

That UKTUG committee convened on-line after the conclusion of UKTUG 2019/2020 AGM.

I continued as chair. Officers: Joseph Wright Secretary, Jon Webley treasurer. Other committee members: Chris Rowley, Arthur Reutenauer, Jonathan Fine.

24th December, 2020 Simon Dales co-opted to the committee.

Committee received an application to fund the web site development of LearnLaTeX

Now that it is up and running, see <https://www.learnlatex.org/>. It says "This website aims to help you take the first steps with LaTeX, Our aim here is to help you get started without trying to show you everything in one go."

A motion funding LearnLatex web site development, passed on 28/05/2020. LearnLaTeX Development team was not able to source effective web site development from volunteers. Joseph Wright is/was part of the LearnLaTeX Development team. The motion funded up to £6000, actually £4840 was paid to the contractor in March 2021. Thanks to LearnLaTeX Development team for their hard work and successful first phase. Development continues.

Paulo Cereda, an active developer on Island of TeX, made an application for a grant towards hardware to help IOT to be more multiplatform and accessible. See for instance Arara <https://gitlab.com/islandoftex/arara/-/blob/development/README.md>

This began to be discussed early in 2020, was then deferred while committee considered other matters, then resumed in Q3. Mid-August the committee were informed that the grant application had been withdrawn, so Chair withdrew the corresponding funding motion and apologised to the applicant for the delay.

05/07/2021 Joseph had ordered and posted out TeXLive DVD's. Dante was paid for them about a month later. There were postage costs of course. Thank you Joseph.

Starting Tue, 10 Aug 2021 PayPal account closure agreed because it was too difficult to operate with changed people. Agreed to open a fresh PayPal account if necessary. Funds transferred to current account. Actual closure is more difficult.

20/09/2021 Committee considered an application by Simon Dales for £200 grant towards RPi hardware to support building TeX on 64bit Arm chip.

Motivation: The Raspberry Pi is the most popular Arm device used for TeX. Simon Dales has been supporting this (via TeXLive) for years. Technical changes to the Pi and the wider computing environment mean that he needs new (64bit) hardware to continue to productively contribute.

Motion to fund grant of £200 for hardware put on 20/07/2021. Jay Hammond was not present at the discussion and did not vote. Motion passed on 27/09/2021. I understand RPi 4 is in short supply. No grant has been paid.

September 2021, discussion of SGM, possible dissolution motions, funds, and preserving benefits for members. Plans made to preserve benefits to members if UKTUG should dissolve. Further consideration of the general outline of dissolution, legal obligations and how to fulfil them.

27/09/2021 Following a committee motion, there was an announcement to members of an SGM on dissolution to be held 29/10/2021 for 7 days.

There were motions to dissolve. Motions on where to donate UKTUG funds if UKTUG should dissolve. Because the SGM notice is about a month and AGM notice is about a month, it is a tight timetable to get both meetings fitted in before mid December. There was no preliminary agreement amongst the membership about what motions to put. I tried and failed to get proposers to talk together to structure the SGM, and ensure that motions were voteable and clear. Since no agreement to could be reached on adapting motions they were put as sent to the secretary. The duplications, and contradictions were not avoided. The Chair was permitted to withdraw a duplicate motion he had proposed before it was a duplicate.

October 19th [TUG-Committee-Motions] Decide and announce AGM date and time 2pm, Saturday 11th December. By Jonathan Fine

This motion did not specify a venue. Agreed an AGM must be held in 2021 before December 31st according to constitution. The motion was not passed but the clarification was helpful. The date seems suitable, subject to venue.

Jay Hammond 29/10/2021