

Report on Alnwick u3a AGM and monthly meeting held on 21st October 2021

The AGM, which was held at St Michael's Church Hall on Thursday, 21st October went very well. After welcoming the 37 attendees, Kathy Platt (chair) gave her report detailing all that had occurred in the past year; the use of 'zoom', the quizzes and speakers and the launching of our newsletter. A commemorative souvenir booklet celebrating the first 21 years of Alnwick u3a was distributed to mark this milestone.

In connection with this, our Honorary President, Maureen Stephenson, spoke to the meeting explaining how she had written to the Gazette 21 years ago to suggest forming a u3a and how it had flourished since then. She thanked the committee, the group leaders and especially the members for their support.

The Treasurer gave his report, explaining our financial situation and why our subs have had to be increased to £24 and warning that unless there is an increase in our membership that currently stands at 161 members, it may have to be raised again.

There followed the appointment of the committee. Kathy Platt has another year to serve as Chair and most other committee members have agreed to continue except Meryl McConnell who is standing down after 7 years. Luckily 2 new volunteers have come forward - Maureen Sayers and Hazel Verhamme.