

Chairman's Report

To be Chairman of the U3A during this unprecedented worldwide pandemic is nothing if not interesting! Fortunately for me we have an excellent committee who went into immediate action. Again we are blessed with members who know enough about computers to be able to set up virtual meetings etc. And then of course our group leaders who did what could be done under the circumstances and kept in touch with their members, setting up virtual group sessions where possible. Fortunately, we have this modern technology to enable us to keep in some form of contact.

We are holding our monthly meetings 'virtually' which also works well. I contacted those not on the internet and fortunately they were happy to miss them! We also have mid monthly chat sessions online for those interested. We would like to thank Christine for moving Art Appreciation for the members to meet this way. At the last AGM Alex wished to retire from the committee and luckily Diane stepped forward to take on the role of Business Secretary and Welcomer. The two have been working closely together ever since. We all, I am sure, would like to thank Alex for all the sterling work she has done for our u3a during her many years as a member of the committee. We wish her well. I am sure we can find something for her to do!

We are very sorry to have lost members but also pleased to welcome new ones during the year. One new group started up during this pandemic 'the Zoom Inn' which has been popular with those who attend.

Well this year new words have entered the English language 'Zoom meeting' and 'Lockdown' to name just two. It appears that we are all managing to survive this but would like things to return to normal so we can all meet up again. We have had to miss our usual trips and outings which I know we have all enjoyed in the past. Hopefully in 2021 we can finally meet again.

A very big thank you to everyone.

Nick Morse