

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023

At the end of last year report I looked forward to the period leading up to this year on an optimistic note. Well, I feel this has been the situation.

All our groups continue to enjoy regular and fruitful meetings, be that at usual venues or in some case interesting outings.

General outings and visits continue to be arranged by Joy Dabson (not forgetting husband, Tony).

There was a return to the "*Theresa Joanne*" moored at Royal Albert Dock by London City Airport to see an Elton John tribute act. Those of you who visited this venue previously to see an Abba tribute will attribute to the venue and enjoyment. Other trips were to Cambridge, Thaxted and many more interesting venues. Once again a visit was arranged to the Brick Lane adult panto. Very funny, very bawdy and very popular.

It was the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year and our June meeting was devoted to that theme.

Everyone who attended hopefully enjoyed the efforts put in by all concerned in the organisation of this event.

We continue to enjoy a full membership of around 400 with monthly meetings averaging 150. So my thanks for your continued support.

We experienced a few anxious months looking to fill the role of Treasurer. Peter Waite, who has performed this role admirably, announced his retirement from the post after the AGM. The rules of u3a state that we are not able to continue without a Treasurer. Happily, we have a replacement in John Smith who you will be able to vote for at the AGM.

Also retiring from the committee Garry Snoad (Membership Secretary), Pam Whitfield (Webmaster), and Ann Traynor (Groups Coordinator). My sincere and grateful thanks to the above for their exemplary efforts, and support to the committee, and ultimately to Chiswell Green u3a.

My thanks also to remainder of the committee who quietly get on with keeping us running.

I am looking forward to the new committee members continuing in the same vein.

Adrian Wilson