

Chair Report of AGM held on 15 June 2022

It was with feelings of great joy that we as a group were finally able to meet up again last July, and at long last a return to a normal way of life seemed to be a possibility.

Over the lockdown our numbers had remained steady, and it was clear that many of our groups were already operating or in the process of restarting. This was due to the determination and commitment of both the leaders and members to keep their groups operating. Our grateful thanks should be paid to each and every one of you.

Unfortunately, we did lose a few groups but, on the upside several new groups have been started and are being well supported and it is hoped that new interest groups may be formed in the future months.

As is customary at AGM'S we lose committee members whose term has ended and on behalf of all members I would wish to thank Louise Keeling, our group coordinator and former Chair, Joyce Winwood, our membership Secretary, Robbie Phillip, our Vice chair and Speaker Secretary and Jan Febury, our volunteer coordinator, all have made a tremendous effort on our behalf over the years. I look forward to welcoming the new committee members shortly.

I would also at this stage pay tribute to Jenny Bowden and her team for their efforts since the U3A was formed in providing our refreshments at all our meetings. Jenny would now like a rest, and I would now ask if any member or group of members would consider taking on this role.

Also, thanks to those behind the scenes: Will Craswell and Sue Grierson who run the website and the Update magazine.

Finally, thanks to all who volunteer at our meetings, and with your continued support I feel confident that the Churchdown U3A will continue to flourish and play its part in our local community.

Paul Grierson.
Chair.