

## From the Chair - Spring 2019

Well the time has come for me to step aside for new talent to chair your U3A. I will be handing over to Ray Burns and Bob Le Beau who I am sure will do an excellent job running our U3A.

It has been a pleasure doing this job for the past few years. I am pleased to say that the Crouch Valley U3A is noted for its friendly meeting, and vibrant group activity. So much so that our membership has grown to a new high, and we are keeping more existing members.

I can only put this success down to the fantastic committee who work hard to ensure the U3A is run efficiently. And fairly. I would like to thank them all for making my job so easy. And for all their hard work and support.

Your National team have been busy this year introducing data protection to keep you safe, and we have implemented lots of their suggestions. You will see that the membership form requires your consent to store your data. You have to give this or we can't sign you up as a member.

We hope to soon introduce internet banking so you can pay your subscription direct into our bank, but we still need to do some work on this before it can be introduced. So watch this space.

We continue to try and do different activities throughout the year for all to enjoy. Along with the old favourites, such as the BBQ and Quiz. A 40s night is planned later in the year. And we hope to do the summer tea party that proved to be very successful last year.

I would like to thank all the coordinators for giving their time. Running the groups for all to enjoy and get involved in. As I have said many times you get out of the U3A what you put in. This may be helping others or simply participating in the groups of your choice.

May I wish the Crouch Valley U3A all the best for the future, I am sure it will continue to grow, and give many people in our town the opportunity to enjoy life to the full.

All the very best  
David Shea. Outgoing Chairman.