

Chair's Report

The third AGM of Melbourne Area Derby (MAD) U3A celebrates over two and a half years of activities.

During the last year we have built on the success of the first 18 months with the following activities:

- Lynn Hackett and I attended the National U3A conference in August 2019
- We continued to work with Melbourne Festival to raise the profile of MAD U3A by selling programmes at the festival
- We have put in place Beacon, which is a management system designed for U3As (thanks to Geoff Dowell for all his hard work)
- We have held a number of interesting monthly members' meetings

A visit to Melbourne Hall gardens

A talk by Celia Sanger, a volunteer from Calke Abbey

A Market Place event to showcase groups and activities

A talk by Paul Stafford about his trip to North Korea

A Christmas games afternoon

A talk by Jane Tomkinson from Derbyshire County Council, 'Live Life Better'

A talk by Sharon Browne about Melbourne Festival

Unfortunately due to the growing Coronavirus crisis we have cancelled all future meetings as of the 17th March until the 1st June. This includes a talk by Tony Butler Executive Director of Derby Museum Trust and the fundraising meal planned for April 7th at Harpurs. Both events will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Our membership has grown this year to 142 with new members and renewals and we continue to add new activities to our list such as Current Affairs. We have recently also received a grant of £500 to set up a Carpet Bowls group.

We have welcomed new members on to our committee this year:

Alison Keay

Robert Anderson

Geoff Dowell

However we continue to look for members to sit on the committee especially as a number of the committee members will come to the end of their term of office next year.

I would like to thank all of the committee and group leaders for their continued hard work and all our members who make our MAD U3A a success.

Marjorie (Chair) 2019