**UCKFIELD U3A**

**CHAIR’S ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022 -2023**

Dear Members

I have met many members both old and new throughout a year of near normal activities.

We have enjoyed many new groups and old ones have been resumed.

The open day in September was well attended and many new groups were formed,

Architecture, Astronomy, Antiques, Canasta, Cribbage, Country dancing, Garden know how 3, Jigsaw Swaps, People in History, Pub Lunches. To see a full list do look at the Website.

We now have 80 groups and must thank the group leaders for their support, without them we would not be able to run these.

The committee thanked them at a lunch held in September at the Civic Centre.

We now have almost 400 members of whom about 80 are new to our U3A and we welcome them. A coffee morning was held and taster activities for these new members to meet the committee, where they could ask questions and make suggestions. I have to thank Beryl for her sterling work on forming new groups and holding initial meetings at her house.

The monthly meetings held on the first Friday of every month in the Weald Hall have been well supported with a good variety of speakers organised by Beryl which included The Wild West, Walking with Polar Bears, My life in Comedy, A Travel Presentation, The South Downs National Park, Small shops through the ages, The great British Songbook and our usual Christmas Quiz.

Several coach trips have taken place to many different places organised by Anita and enjoyed by all. Thanks to her for her work.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the past year and will continue to support our U3A.

Finally I would like to thank all the committee for their dedication and commitment, giving time and effort, please remember they are all volunteers.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy year and look forward to meeting more members in the future.

Jenny Childs (Chair)