Chairman’s Report

This will be my last report as I am standing down at this year’s AGM.

Several members of the Committee are also retiring and I would like to thank them for their service to our U3A and the excellent work they have done. I hope that we will be able to thank them in person in the not too distant future.

I would also like to thank the Committee members who are continuing and the new members who have joined us. They are all volunteers and work extremely hard to keep our U3A running smoothly.

The Covid crisis has brought with it both challenges and opportunities. I am sure that a year ago many Group Leaders had never heard of Zoom, let alone imagined that some of them would be organising and taking part in virtual meetings!

Grateful thanks are due to all those Group leaders who have been doing their best to keep in contact and organise activities so that members could continue to enjoy their membership during an unprecedented period of lockdown and social distancing.

In addition to trying to maintain our current groups however, we still need new ones if we are going to continue to provide a full and interesting programme for our members.

The first National U3A Day which was to have taken place on June 3rd this year would have been an ideal opportunity to raise the profile of our Club and the U3A movement as a whole. The decision has now been made by our National Office to postpone it to June 2nd 2021. It will then be an annual event which will take place on the first Wednesday in June during Volunteers Week.

In these strange and uncertain times I wish your new Chairman every success for his term of office.

Margaret Hayes