

Chester U3A - Annual report 1998 - Dorothy Clift

Dorothy Clift recorded an increase in membership over the past year. This had now passed the 300 mark, with a comparative increase in the number of groups. Chester had hosted the 1998 Regional Conference and this successful event had attracted 250 members.

During the past year, Chester U3A had forged links with other Branches, meeting with visitors from Leighton Buzzard over lunch and completing a very successful and enjoyable visit to members of Colchester U3A. Mary Vives is now in the process of organising a return visit.

It was felt that we should form liaisons with local schools and colleges and the committee was following this up. The 1998 National Conference had been held at Warwick and Dorothy Clift and John Turley had attended as voting members. John was now standing down from the NEC, but would remain on the Education Sub-committee. The Chairman recorded our thanks to John for all his work. It was regretted that Roy Wilson, National Coordinator and NEC member, was unable to attend the National Conference owing to illness.

The Chairman referred to the number of successful groups now running. She recorded her thanks to Rita Coan who is now resigning from the committee and her office of Group Liaison Officer. This office was now being filled by Evadne Traske assisted by two members. The Chairman reminded members that the committee had ultimate responsibility for groups. Liaison was essential and to this end Evadne proposed to visit each group. She had already completed 18 visits.

The Chairman concluded by extending her thanks to all members of the committee for their hard work, support and dedication to Chester U3A, which helped make it a very vibrant organisation.