



Chester U3A

Annual General Meeting

1st November 2016

Chairman's Report



This has been a successful year for Chester U3A with our membership rising to over 1,000. Currently it stands at 1049. With a large membership there is strength in the groups within the organisation and we can offer members 90 groups to join.

However a large membership also has its challenges, there is no venue that can house us all. At the Extraordinary General Meeting in July you voted to have two tiers of membership, full and associate. By introducing associate membership from this September new members will be able to join at the time of application rather than have to wait up to six months. The only bar being the inability to attend Tuesday monthly meetings. Full members were also given the option of becoming associate members if they did not want to attend Tuesday meetings. Associate membership rates were set £2 lower than full membership. Full membership is at 940 and associate is at 109.

Of the 90 groups on offer, unsurprisingly, the most popular is the Social Group. Its leaders have arranged visits to theatres, buildings of interest, they arrange residential visits - this year members have been to Northumberland and Spain. Congratulations.

Overseeing all of this is your hard working Committee. It has had its setbacks this year, but everyone has rallied round to help. We have one retiring member this year, Liz Kevan has been our Treasurer for four years and is stepping down for personal reasons. Thank you Liz and best wishes for the future.

The U3A was set up to be run by its members. The strength of Chester U3A is in its membership. Don't be afraid to join in and lend a hand.

Bob Davies

November, 2016