

## **Dawlish and District U3A – Trustees’ Report**

On behalf of the Trustees (Executive Committee) I would like to table this report of our activities since the last AGM in May 2019. While it is apparent that we have had a very challenging period due to Covid-19, we have still maintained and developed our U3A.

In August last year our then Chair Barrie Hammill resigned and at the Executive Committee meeting in September John Vick was appointed Vice Chair and myself Chair. Also in September an EGM saw the members voting unanimously to change our name to Dawlish and District U3A.

Two sub groups were formed during the year; Publicity and Development. The Publicity group chaired by John Vick was tasked with looking at our image and the need to rebrand. The group, ably advised by David Pickton, met several times. This led to a re-launch in February, with a new logo which appears on banners and posters, as well as a redesigned website and newsletter. Regular articles about our monthly meetings appeared in the Dawlish Gazette and also one published in the Town Crier. The Development Group, chaired by Patricia Angove, has met on zoom and tabled ideas for the future.

Some of our interest groups such as Spanish and Chess folded but other groups were established; Beer and Skittles, Natural History, Rummikub, Swimming, Zoom Quiz. Our thanks go to all the convenors; past and present. Until recently Richard Warburton was our Groups Co-ordinator but in a ‘recent Cabinet reshuffle’ Richard became our Welfare Officer. His place was taken by Anne Whitehead.

We had a hard-working and dedicated team of trustees who regularly met throughout the year. Their support, advice and input were so appreciated especially that of Steve Angove our Secretary. Anne Whitehead and Graham Petridge were co-opted onto the Executive Committee. At this AGM we will be sadly losing the services of our Membership Secretary Barbara Roberts and Treasurer Phil Roberts. I would like to express my gratitude for all they have achieved for our U3A and wish them well for the future.

I mentioned earlier our redesigned website. It would be remiss of me not to thank our former webmaster George Lipscomb and the new webmasters Dave and Miggie Pickton for their commitment.

Due to the lock down our monthly meetings and interest groups ceased in February. However we continued to keep in touch with each other via our weekly newsletter, admirably edited by Patricia Angove. As I write this report, I am aware that some groups have reconvened and informal gatherings held on the Lawn. This shows that we are still very much alive as a U3A and we look forward to the year ahead, full of possibilities to enhance and develop what we do.

In commending this report, I would also like to place on record my sincere appreciation to our members; each one has played an important and valued part.

One U3A year ends, another one opens and may it be one of continued learning, living and laughing together.

Graham Carey  
Chairman  
17<sup>th</sup> August 2020