

West Wolds U3A
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Chairman's Report

As many of you might know my role as chairman comes to an end but I will remain on the committee for at least one more year. My time as chairman has been, at times, quite challenging. I'm sure I have upset some people and I've certainly made mistakes but I hope the positives outweigh the negatives - the committee and you, the members, will have to decide if that's true.

The committee has always been very supportive and we have worked as a team to continue to deliver the organisation that you want. I owe them all a debt of gratitude

Over the past three years numbers have grown and we're heading towards 400.

What we offer you, our membership, is broad and deep. Our group convenors are committed to their groups and the longevity of the groups proves their worth.

Sadly the visits organised so professionally by Brian Ward will cease as Brian stands down and the one-off special events delivered by Sharon Rupp will be scaled back as Sharon focusses on her role as speaker finder and secretary to the Neighbourhood Group.

As will be explained by Shelley our finances are sufficient for the coming year however to maintain our viability we need to continue to manage our budget carefully. We have a budget for the next financial year which will help us manage our finances for the future.

With our growing membership the committee has decided to implement a new computer system called Beacon to handle membership, groups and finances. It is provided by the National U3A however it will cost us £1 per member. We have calculated that we can absorb the cost in the coming year however we may need to review this in 2020/21.

And now a thank you to all those who have supported the organisation over the past 12 months.

Shelley for undertaking the roles of treasurer and membership secretary to the point where our finances are in excellent shape. More from Shelley shortly.

Pam Crooks for keeping the committee up to date with national issues and ensuring our governance is appropriate. Pam has not been well of late and her role has been undertaken by Shirley Fuller; so thank you Shirley for stepping into the breach.

Linda for her role as Vice Chairman, managing our Greeters initially then handing that onto Caroline Dale and being responsible for the 20th anniversary events.

Our Greeters for making newcomers feel so welcome.

Margaret for organising the catering so efficiently and all those who make our teas and coffee then wash up afterwards.

Sharon for arranging our speakers, for filling the programme for 2019 and all those unique events she has organised.

Brian Ward for giving us so many special trips, theatre visits memories and for just being a good friend.

Terry Frances for his many roles: editing and producing our magnificent quarterly newsletter, looking after the equipment and printing the flyers and posters.

And finally - a thank you to the membership for being here; for turning up at the groups and monthly meetings and for continuing to support this wonderful organisation of ours.

Many thanks...