

AGM 2019 Annual Report.

I offer this report on behalf of the Trustees of Malvern U3A. 2019 has been very successful for us and our numbers have continued to increase; the two membership secretaries tell me that last year our membership was approaching 1700 which makes us almost the largest in the country

There seems to be an unlimited flow of new people joining each year. Happily this leads to an ever widening number of diverse groups from dowsing to wine tasting and our Groups Co-ordinator also welcomed the start-up of a new group for the visually impaired.

The monthly meeting has seen an increase in attendees and speakers are booked up until 2021. The Organiser has marshaled a very diverse body of excellent contributors but he assures me that suggestions for speakers are always welcome. The introduction of free tea and biscuits does seem an additional attraction.

Our financial situation seems to be holding steady and the Treasurer, David Oliver, who handles all our monetary affairs with consummate efficiency, will shortly present the details of our financial situation.

The members adopted a resolution at the AGM in 2018 to increase the number of trustees to fifteen and this has spread the responsibilities more equably. However three trustees have reached the end of their time on the committee:

Jenny Clayphan who stepped in to become the Groups Co-ordinator for one year is relinquishing her role and I would like to thank her for her quietly effective manner resulting in the very successful registration day.

Brian Chesney steps down as room booking co-ordinator a vital role avoiding venue clashes.,

Finally, importantly Jenny Jackson our tireless secretary, who last year guided us successfully through the legal labyrinth of the DPA also retires.

On behalf of all the members I would like to thank them for their work and emphasise we are very lucky to have benefitted from their efforts.

This naturally led on to a request for replacement Trustees. With such a large membership, in theory it should not be difficult to find willing volunteers and happily we now have a new Secretary (Val Fare) on the starting block, and new trustees to fill the role of Groups Co-ordinator, (Janet Oliver) and Room bookings co-ordinator. (David Street) and Bill Culshaw has agreed to become trustee without portfolio. Thank you and welcome to all of them.

The Trustees all deserve our thanks as Malvern U3A would not function at all without them.

One could but hope that UK parliament could be run in the same quietly efficient manner

I am confident that as 2020 unfolds it will prove successful for Malvern U3A, that membership will continue to grow and our multitudinous interests will continue to expand.

**Sue Lamberton
Chair.**