

**Southwell U3A**  
**Annual Report 2019**  
**Marjorie Bramhill, Chair**

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In the past year, we have welcomed New Members, and the Committee have worked hard to keep our U3A interesting and welcoming for all. I would like to thank everyone who has put the time and effort in for our U3A this year – the committee members, the helpers at the monthly meetings and all members who have made time to participate in any way – helping with their Group admin, making sure everyone is included and finding out that the third age is a time for trying out things we thought we never had time for.

I will mention a few items for the year.

**Newsline distribution.** We stopped printing members' names on Newsline and moved over to mainly email delivery, but with postal or personal delivery to those members who cannot attend the Monthly Meeting. This has enabled us to make the tables available at Monthly Meetings for **Group displays** and a **Social Table**.

**Website** A Members' Only section was introduced with a special password – in order to comply with Data Protection regulations. Paul Wilkinson has worked hard to make to keep our Website up to date. The 'hit' rate has improved greatly, and the site now includes a great deal of information about our Association. He has been extremely careful to make adjustments to make the site more accessible – so please continue to let the Webmaster know of any changes to your Group programme and any photos of events.

**Speakers** at the **Monthly Meeting** have been varied, and our attendance at these meetings remains at a steady one-third of our members. We hope to add more Group participation at the Monthly Meetings in the following year. The December meeting with members wearing their Christmas Hats was recorded by the Photographic Group and photos appeared on our **Website**.

**Groups** continue to thrive and the recent Group Leaders Meeting was an opportunity for the Convenor to find out whether there are any improvements which can be made. New Groups have been formed. I managed to find time to visit some Groups and take photos to put on the Website and Newsline.

**Workshops** have been useful aids in providing ideas for keeping our U3A lively and interesting for members.

**Visits** included trips to the Assay Office in Sheffield, Doddington Hall, Birmingham Jewellery Centre, and Wentworth Woodhouse. The Trips Committee needs some new organisers. Jane Parker is staying on the Trips Committee and looks forward to welcoming anyone willing to join.

**Notts Network and National Workshops.** **Notts Network** is a forum for finding out what our neighbouring U3As have found successful. The forthcoming Ageing Well. Network Workshop has been fully subscribed and I understand that quite a few of our members will be attending. Committee members have attended National Workshops on Finance, Recruiting and keeping Volunteers.

**The Hebridean Holiday** in May was an enjoyable experience for all those who went. It was a real success thanks to Anne Powers and John Elkington.

Looking forward to next year, I hope you will all enjoy your membership, continue contributing ideas, and I would like to thank you for the messages of support you have given me in the past year.