

Chairman's Report

Soon after last year's AGM, most groups stopped for a summer break. Upon returning in September, we returned fully refreshed to continue that part of our lives enjoyed at the U3A. Everything was great up to the New Year then Wham! It hit us. The dreaded virus, which meant that in March all our face-to-face activities had to stop.

Being quite a determined generation, many of our Groups have used technology to keep in touch with their members, and indeed, some have continued with virtual meetings.

The Management Committee and Trustees have been monitoring the lockdown situation and are making plans for the gradual reopening of our activities as and when we are given permission, and more importantly, when it is deemed safe for our members to once again enjoy meetings.

It has been marvellous to be able to see our families and friends again over recent weeks, and I am sure that our lady members have been pleased to visit their hairdressers and the gentlemen to visit the barbers.

The virus is likely to be with us for some considerable time but we must be positive and look to the future with optimism. We will have to adapt. We will have to be more aware of hygiene and any rules imposed upon us to keep healthy. Our U3A will continue to offer friendship and camaraderie to our present and future members, and if I may quote the late great Vera Lynn

"We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when
But I know we'll meet again some sunny day"

Alan Starkie

Chairman