

Chairperson's Report

The past year has once again not been the best year for Armagh U3A, a number of our members have died, and there are few of us who have not been affected by illness and bereavements in their own family and friendship circles. I hope that the membership of the U3A can continue to provide solace, support, and companionship to you all. **Minutes Silence**

Covid-19 continues to restrict our activities. In September we began a several coffee mornings in the Hotel, initially outdoor on the patio but also in the hotel itself in more recent times. Our committee meetings have been held on Zoom and more recently in person in the Armagh County Museum. As yet none of our Interest Groups have been meeting indoors with the exception of our Pilates group but the outdoor groups have been meeting more frequently, and the Bridge Group are continuing to play online using Bridgebase. We held a Treasure Hunt in October this year. It was held in Moy and while there were some complaints about the difficulty in deciphering some of the clues, I think everyone enjoyed the morning.

During the year three people were co-opted on to the committee, Tim Hanna, Wilma Campbell, and Margaret Meehan, who returned to the committee and took on the role as Business Secretary.

Three people are stepping down from the committee this year, and on behalf of Dennis, the rest of the committee and the membership I would like to thank each of them, for the work they have done on the committee. Mary McVeigh our President and Interest Group Co-ordinator was a founding member of our U3A, Barbara Snodgrass our Minutes Secretary and finally I am stepping down as well. John Wells, our membership secretary has indicated he would like to stand down but will continue until a replacement is found.

Our membership remains at the last committee meeting was as follows:

Total members actually signed up and membership fees paid: 112 members

Total members on the database: 228

Total members still to renew (some of whom are in credit) 116.

Finally thank you to the members for your interest and support for this organisation