



Harlow u3a AGM 2025

Chair's Report

2024 has been a busy year as usual. We are happy to welcome an amazing 100 new members this past year. I would like to thank all our members for all that they do in and out of u3a to help our community. We all need support from our community, depending on our lives and our circumstances at any particular time. I hope we in the u3a are open to sharing our time and skills with others to make our community richer.

I would like to thank all our facilitators who make our u3a the success that it currently is. We all need to share our skills, and this is a great place to do it. We go from strength to strength because of what we all do for each other.

The committee all give our thanks to Geoff Longster and Anne Richards who are stepping down after two full, valuable terms. Geoff had worked tirelessly as our secretary and Anne as a Group Facilitator, we shall definitely miss them. They have worked hard, even when away and out of the country.

We also lose Terry Sothcott, who has resigned as Speaker Coordinator after many years on the committee. We will miss her too and the work she has done providing interesting speakers.

Imelda Gunn has offered to continue as Newsletter Editor and to become a trustee. We have also received a number of nominations, which is great news, but we still need someone who is prepared to take the role of secretary, obviously an important role, which must be filled for the u3a to function legally.

We had a really enjoyable year with some fascinating speakers, thanks to Terry, and many trips and a super holiday, thanks to our tireless Visits and Outings team. More to come this year!

We now look forward to 2025. Please consider how you can help your u3a grow and thrive. We always need new ideas and new people to move forward into new places and different interests.

Can **you** suggest or do something new this year?

Jane Winterbotham, Chair