



U3A in Ludlow August 2020 News

Shropshire U3A Network

Representatives of twelve Shropshire U3As met at the end of June for a belated AGM, held for the first time on Zoom. The resigning Network Chair, Alan Cartwright (Wrekin U3A) is being replaced by Peter Traves (Portisbury U3A) with unanimous support.

It was agreed that the annual fee would remain at £10 for each U3A which was a member. Attempts to create a working relationship between the University of Wolverhampton and the Network had not borne fruit, but initial discussions with the University Centre Shrewsbury had been more promising and would be pursued.

Planning for the proposed Network Study Day in March 2121 had been brought to a halt by the virus. It has currently been postponed for six months; the alternative of an on-line version would be difficult to finance. Further afield, the West Midlands Regional Conference scheduled for this March had been postponed and alternative dates were still being discussed. Another casualty was the end-of-August 2020 U3A National Conference and Third Age Trust AGM; it was hoped that this might go ahead in September. The new Chair closed the meeting by saying that the overriding priority for the Network during the remainder of this year and for 2021 would have to be helping, wherever it could, to get Shropshire U3As back on their feet after the virus. All members agreed.

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