

Dear U3A Member,

It has been a while since I've sent you an update but now the AGM is behind us I can bring you up to date with what's happening. First of all, there have been a couple of changes to the committee and we welcome Penny Lucas who has joined as Treasurer following Sally Firth's move to pursue other projects including becoming Treasurer for the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional U3A. Sally goes with our very best wishes and thanks for the improvements she brought to U3A Leeds such as 'Payment by Bank Transfer' and the 'GiftAid Scheme' to name but two. I am also delighted to welcome back Elaine Hazell as Secretary which releases Margaret Jones to be 'girl-Friday' to the Committee helping out wherever she may be needed. I have to say 'thank-you' to everyone who supported us over the past year and re-elected us to serve for a further twelve months. Your committee members are as follows:-

Janet Keogh	Chair	Robert Collins	Vice Chair
Elaine Hazell	Secretary	Penny Lucas	Treasurer
Shena Flower	Membership Secretary	Pat Horton	Group Coordinator
Margaret Maiden	Publicity/Enquiries	Nasim Rabbani	Publicity
Jan Rippin	New Members Coordinator	Margaret Jones	Girl Friday
Margret Quinton	Travel Coordinator	You???	<i>Committee Member</i>

There's plenty to look forward to in the Summer; the Annual Educational Visit on the **12th July** will, in fact, be going to the **Bowes Museum** which is situated in a French style chateau in the picturesque town of **Barnard Castle**. The museum houses some outstanding historic collections and, this year, will be staging an exhibition entitled '**Pleasure and Pain, a History of Shoes**'. A very fitting title as some of the fashions in shoes in recent history (remember stilettos?) have brought agony to many ... including men ... remember 'winkle pickers' and Cuban heels?

This year the Regional U3A will hold a **Summer Showcase** featuring U3As throughout Yorkshire and Humberside coming together at **Askham Bryan, near York on the 3rd August** to celebrate. Plans are well underway and they include a marquee, food stalls to suit all tastes, including designer burgers and a Hog Roast - yum! There will be guided tours of the gardens to see what the Agriculture students have been doing together with exhibitions, demonstrations, competitions and a chance to get together with others and have fun. All U3As have been asked to invite their groups to participate so think about it and let Pat, group coordinator, know if you think you could get involved. U3A Leeds will have a stand at the event and if enough members are interested we may be able to organise a coach to get there. Let me know what you think. I'll let you have more details as I get them but it promises to be a glorious day out celebrating all things U3A.

We have exceeded expectations this year with several new groups recently being added to our programme. Thanks to members stepping up to the mark we now have an even greater number of subjects to choose from. Look out for more coming on line soon and, remember, you can check out what's going on by accessing the excellent **U3A Leeds website on www.u3aleeds.org.uk**.

Janet Keogh
Chair