Spelthorne U3A K2

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Chairman's Annual Report 2026

I'd like to thank all the Committee members for the valuable contributions which they make to the running of this society. I am particularly indebted to Valerie Matthews who looks after Membership, Irene Butcher who controls our Finances and Helen Beecham the Groups Co-ordinator. All the groups are run by volunteers, so if there is an interest group that you would like to see represented, let Helen know and we'll see if there is any demand. Don't forget that the running of groups can be shared by more than one person and reasonable setup costs can be met. Who knew that learning to play the ukelele would prove so popular. I'd also like to thank my predecessor, Frank Leaver not only for having served 2 terms as Chairman, but for his continued guidance and support.

I'd also like to thank Lesley O'Malley, not only for all the outings that she has arranged in the past, but also for agreeing to continue to organise them in the future. I would like to remind participants that the U3A does not condone rudeness and that any instances of bad behaviour will result in members being banned from future participation.

I'd also like to thank Sylvia Lunn for not only organising the Quiz, but also arranging the cakes to celebrate Spelthorne U3A K2's 25th anniversary.

We are of course very grateful to the Salvation Army for allowing us to rent their Citadel on a regular basis and for the support that we receive from Karen Rowland and her team. I'd also like to thank the volunteers who help out at the monthly meetings.

We'd also like to thank Christ Church in Staines for the regular use of their hall, the Staines Methodist Church for allowing the Local History Group to meet there and Staines Library for allowing the History Group to meet on its premises. Unfortunately when David Nicholson moved away we lost the Military History Group, as he has proved irreplaceable.

I'd also like to thank Diana Adolphus for continuing to edit the quarterly editions of U3A News and to add that we're always on the look out for new articles particularly if they include photos. I'd also like to thank Jill Gane for doing the photocopying. Last but not least I'd like to thank Joan Apergis for booking our monthly speakers. Average attendance at the talks has fallen to 159, which is no reflection upon the excellence choice of speakers, but simply due to members being too busy with other activities.

David Macdonald

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