

***Watford & district U3A* ANNUAL REPORT 2000- 2001**

The year has proved to be a very eventful one. Because of our popularity, and due to lack of space, a proposal was passed at a Special General Meeting on 2nd October, to limit our membership to 400. At the same time, under the capable guidance of Margaret Thompson, the Rickmansworth & District U3A (also covering Croxley Green and Chorleywood) was set up and continues to do very well.

The big event as far as the Watford & District U3A was concerned was the holding of the Millennium Exhibition, which was staged in September in the Harlequin. This showed the public, and indeed our own members, the many interests and activities provided by the Watford & District U3A.

In February this year there was a special Study Group Leaders meeting which provided a good sounding board for exchanging views of the Study Group Leaders and members of the Committee. It is hoped to have more of such meetings during the year .

Our study groups grow from strength to strength, particularly the Exploring London Group. Those interested in a more local area will have been moved to join the Discovering Hertfordshire Group.

We are grateful to Watford & Hertsmere Borough Councils for the grants received during the year, which have provided additional much-needed resources for our study groups.

Two committee members are standing down this year, Tony Platts our Treasurer, and Shirley Ross our Study Group Organiser. To both of them go grateful thanks from all our members for all their hard work and commitment to the continued wellbeing of the Watford & District U3A.

New ways to improve our facilities that are provided for our members are being continually looking at, so members are asked not to hesitate to contact any member of the committee if any thoughts or suggestions come to mind. Looking ahead, one matter that is under consideration is the possibility of opening a Watford North U3A (covering Garston, Bricket Wood and Abbots Langley) probably in the autumn.

Together we can make the year 2001-2002 even more momentous!

Mike Dix Chairman