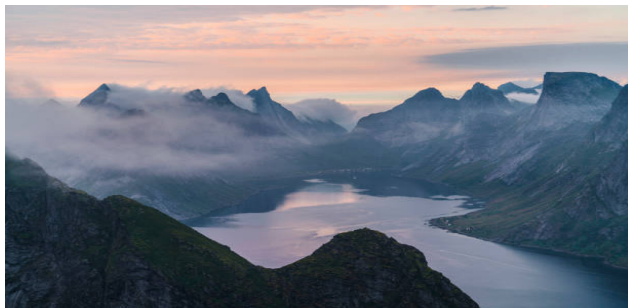


Our AGM and then...’the wonder of Norway’

Our AGM was held in June before the scheduled speaker. No changes to the Committee this year. But next year there will be quite a few. So, if you have some spare time and would like to help run our u3a, you can experience committee life with no commitment - just email me on: chair@stanstedu3a.org.uk you might actually find it fun too.

I’m sure you will be pleased to know that our finances remain very healthy, and that we have 33 active groups for you to enjoy, with more to come.

Thank you, our members, for making our u3a work.



Once the work of the AGM was over, we heard a fascinating talk on ‘the wonder of Norway’ from Joanne Larner. Apart from Joanne’s excellent understanding of Norwegian culture and history and her brilliant photos, she also speaks Norwegian fluently – all because she fell in love with Norway on her first visit as a young woman. The photograph shows you why.

Our Group activities are the core component of our u3a. The group leaders are to be admired for their commitment to keeping their activity going throughout the year, in fact for many of them, for many years. I see the group leaders as a key part of the leadership of our u3a. The committee uses the opportunity twice a year to meet with our group leaders, and we are working closely together to build on our strengths. Group leaders know our members better than anyone, they know what works and what doesn’t. Last week we met in the Free Church Hall and had some very productive discussions about, for instance, how to deal with the waiting lists for some of our most popular activities; and how to build new groups together using the skills and experience of our members. Many thanks to all those who came.

.....and our July’s speaker is:

Fran Sandham who is going to tell us about his solo walk across Africa. This should be quite a tale as Fran did this with no backup and no support team. Quite an achievement.

We look forward to seeing you at St. Theresa’s on the 17th July. The doors open for refreshments at 1.30 for a 2pm start.