MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2018

<u>Membership</u> for 2018 as at 3 March is **458** (on 3 February was 378), of whom 359 are female and 99 are male. Membership at 31 December 2017 was 537.

I have continued to send all new members a letter welcoming them to our U3ASC, and have organized the printing and posting of the member badges. There is a print request for 10 member badges outstanding at this time.

There have been 10 requests for replacement badges for 2018, for which we have made no charge.

<u>Reminder to Renew Membership</u>: on 15 February I emailed 148 members whom the records showed as not having renewed for 2018. This resulted in:

24 have since renewed and **4** advised they intended to renew. Renewals are still being received. **25** advised they would not be renewing, the main reasons given as not interested or moving from the area. I acknowledged all those who responded.

The majority did not respond.

I consider that this was a productive task because as well as encouraging members to renew, it enables member records to be updated, especially to remove those who advise they no longer wish to be contacted by us.

<u>Updating Records</u>: Chris has handed to me all the paper Membership Forms he has received with members joining or renewing. From these I have updated all member records, and followed up any discrepancies.

<u>Volunteers</u>: Since the last report, I met with another volunteer who is keen to be involved with the PSC, but is not available not until term 3. Another has indicated interest in helping with the program, and I have forwarded his name to the PSC.

The updated list of volunteers has been forwarded to the Fleur and PSC.

New Members Welcome event for 2018: this successful event was held on Thursday 22 February. Invitations to the afternoon tea had been sent to 91 new members, and a reminder to RSVP sent on 10 February, which resulted in more responses. A reminder of the event was sent on 20 February to those who accepted, and resulted in everyone attending on the day. The final responses were 26 acceptances, 22 declines and 43 did not reply. On the day, 26 attended, supported by 6 MC and 2 PSC members.

Jenny Johnston Membership Secretary 3 March 2018