



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK

NEWS BITES! JAN. 2017.

U3A (INDIVIDUAL)

Sherwood U3A in T.A.M. at last!

After many attempts Sherwood U3A eventually managed to get an article into Third Age Matters -- - thanks to the Queen! On 22nd April 2016! They celebrated Her Majesty's 90th birthday by having a party in her honour. It was "opened" by their own "Queen" Sadie who had recently turned 90. Numerous Interest Groups had worked on the "Royal" theme and showcased their displays around the Turner Hall. Though, only 10.30 in the morning, "Afternoon Tea" was served before "Last Nigh at the Proms" started! The patriotic songs were sung with great gusto and brought tears to many an eye! "God Save the Queen"!

Mapperley U3A

Mapperley U3A was launched in March and is doing well. It has already gained Full U3A Membership to the Third Age Trust.

The Park U3A

The Park U3A was launched in October and has 53 members.

Hucknall U3A

Hucknall U3A has won First Prize in the Hucknall Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. The Competition had competitors representing 60 other organisations in the Hucknall area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD (CLUSTERS OF USAS IN LOCAL AREAS)

Royal Revelry.

In July, at the John Fretwell Centre, the members of the U3As in the North Notts., Neighbourhood Group celebrated Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's Record Reign. There were displays from various Interest Groups, entertainment in the Hall provided by performers from the U3As and the day finished with an Afternoon Tea. The sun shone and so did all the participants!

Mansfield Museum Health and Wellbeing Festival.

Mike King of Forest Town U3A drew the Neighbourhood Group's attention to this Festival, which will take place during March and April 2017. It was agreed that U3As around the Mansfield Area (of which there are several) would meet at the end of November and plan a U3A contribution. Individual U3As would not promote themselves but the U3A concept and how it enhances the Wellbeing of their members. (Report of the Event in June's Issue)

NETWORK (ONE IN EACH OF THE 5 COUNTIES OF THE EAST MIDLANDS AND INCLUDES MOST COUNTY USAS)

Planning for the Future

The Nottinghamshire Network has a 3 Year Plan (2016 – 2018) which covers four main areas:-

- **Development** which covers the Consultation and Initiation of requested or suggested new U3As in Nottinghamshire.
- **Education** which covers Shared Learning Projects (more in the March Issue re The Holocaust Centre), Workshops and the development of Peer Groups.
- **Communication** includes advertising, the Web Site, News Bites (4 Editions throughout the Year), possible Nottinghamshire Newsletter and more involvement of members, other than Committee and Group Leaders.
- **Governance** involving reviews of various processes, statements, policies and the Constitution.



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2017 Workshops

Wednesday, 29th March - Group Convenors – Holidays (Abroad and in UK), Day Trips/Visits, Short Breaks – Summit Centre, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (See Flyer for Programme and application)

Thursday 6th July - Committee Members - Growth Matters – Summit Centre (Flyer with March Issue)

FUTURE ISSUES

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