

AGENDA ITEM 5

a) REPORT FROM KAREN TAYLOR, EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The new U3A at Mapperley is under-way with David Edwards asking members willing to help to attend the next Development Team Meeting. The Publicity is to be organised by the Education & Development Officer. The date of the PLT No. 1 is Thursday 28th January 2016 at Tree Tops. The PLT No. 2 meeting is on Thursday 25th February 2016 with the launch taking place on Thursday 24th March 2016. The paid trainer, Jeff Renshaw, has been contacted and has confirmed that he will be involved in helping with this U3A. An invitation has been extended to Jeff for him to come to the January Network meeting if he is available.

The Development Team would like approval from the Notts. Network to continue with the launching of this new U3A at Mapperley and will keep the Network informed of progress.

The Network is also asked to approve the Development Team looking at the viability of a further U3A being set up at Ruddington. Chris Shaw will be reporting back to the Network once other U3As in the area have been contacted for their views.

b) REPORT FROM RITA TURNER, NORTH NOTTS NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP REPORT

Nine neighbouring U3As attended the October 2015 meeting which was our informal AGM when the three officers agreed to stay in post.

The chairman spoke about the newly formed Forest Town & District U3A and it was agreed that she should write and congratulate the steering chairman and committee and offer our support.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to hold our eighth summer event with a format similar to the 2012 Jubilee Jamboree. Suggestions for a venue were to be forwarded to the Secretary resulting in two proposals being received based on Tuesday 7th June 2016. Sherwood U3A provided details for the John Fretwell Centre at Sookholme and Worksop & District U3A provided details for the North Notts Arena at Worksop. These were forwarded to the other U3As who subsequently voted in favour of the John Fretwell Centre.

Our next meeting on 29 January will discuss each U3A's proposal for their contribution to the event.

Rita Turner
Chairman NNNG

c) WINE TASTING GROUP LEADERS REPORT

A number of 'flash sale' wine offers have been distributed through the network which have proved useful to members looking for good value wines. The next meeting of group leaders will be at 11am on Thursday 10th March at the Richard Herrod Centre, Nottingham. Further details and an agenda will be sent out nearer the time. This meeting replaces a meeting planned for 11th February at the same venue.

Paul Martinez