

## REGIONAL TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

Earlier this year, I gave a talk to Melton Mowbray U3A entitled, "No U3A is an Island" but little did I realize that this would be the main development of 2011/2012!!!

Individual U3As are still excelling themselves and are developing all the time –

- Grantham's Drama Group with a comic play in four different languages
- Northampton's "25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- Derby's rejuvenated committee
- Market Harborough's Health and Wellbeing Day
- Keyworth and West Bridgeford Ukulele Bands making the Saga Magazine

---- to name but a few!

However, the main development has been more Networking between U3As. At County level there have been far more collaborative projects: -

- Workshops for Committee members organized by Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire.
- The Notts. U3A holiday at Thoresby Hall had a record number of participants and U3As.
- Well over 500 enjoyed and participated in the North Notts. Neighbourhood Group Jamboree and 9 U3As were involved.
- Likewise 19 U3As enjoyed and participated in the East Lincs. Neighbourhood Group Fun Day at Tattershall Castle.
- The Derbyshire Picnic at Shipley Country Park also had more participants than in previous years.
- Chesterfield offered the challenge of a variety of games such as badminton and snooker to other groups for the U3A Games.
- Many established U3As have helped with the "Start Up" of new U3As.

On a Regional level, over 30 U3As have participated in each of the 3 workshops that have been held this year. Add to this the Regional Conference attendees and nearly 60 of the 80 U3As have been represented at a Regional event.

Each Network has its Development Team and, each month more are volunteering to join them. At the recent National Development Training Events we were the envy of other Regions for we had four times more participants than any of them and ten times more than some!

We are growing, developing and very much living up to our Logo --- "The East Midlands; At the Heart of it All"

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