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NEWS BITES! MARCH 2013.

U3A (INDIVIDUAL)

Grantham U3A on Air

Last May, Grantham U3A performed a play called "Finding Words". A radio version of that play entitled 'Priorities' has been recorded and will be broadcast by Gravity FM in the near future. Gravity FM is a Community radio station transmitting on 97.2FM and also online. They have not only provided Grantham U3A with studio and editing help but are going to give them a deal of publicity over the next few weeks, including interviews and U3A jingle, written by David Anderson, for John Down's singers to record. David will be talking about this experience and playing excerpts from the recorded CD at the Regional Conference, 2nd July (see below).

NEIGHBOURHOOD (CLUSTERS OF USAS IN LOCAL AREAS)

Well done Eric!

Congratulations to Eric Hall, whose photograph of walkers in the snow at Thoresby took first place in the holiday photographic competition, run there by Mansfield's Digital World Photographic group. It's available on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/bt6e8sr>.

The judges considered over 300 entries showing 'People relaxing at Thoresby and were particularly impressed by his humorous interpretation of 'relaxing', the composition and the way he overcome the problems created by a snow scene in bright sunlight.

NETWORK (ONE IN EACH OF THE 5 COUNTIES AND INCLUDES ALL THE COUNTY'S USAS)

Plans are Actioned!

Derbyshire – A new U3A in Alfreton: Public Launch Meeting is 6th June, 2pm at Christ the King Hall.

Leicestershire – the Development Team are waiting for their plan to be approved by the Network at the Meeting on 22nd March.

Lincolnshire – Bourne U3A will host a Study Day and Workshop on the 22nd April. The programme is a morning session "Presentation and Questions on Applications for Funding" by Dick Newman and an afternoon session on the "Memory Course" led by Lynne Cox, the Regional Coordinator.

On 18th May, at the new Navenby "Venue", they are arranging an all day programme, "This is U3A" (More details in the East Midlands' Newsletter)

Northamptonshire- Network Website being designed with the assistance of Alan Bailey. Public Launch Meeting of a new U3A for Great Oakley and District is 22nd April, 2pm at the Village Hall.

Plans for a day out at Boughton House and Gardens, with afternoon tea and tour of house are being planned. All Northamptonshire U3As will be invited.

REGION (THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF 2 REPRESENTATIVE'S FROM EACH NETWORK, OFFICERS AND THE REGIONAL TRUSTEE WHO REPRESENTS US ON THE N.E.C. OF THE THIRD AGE TRUST)

Dates for your Diaries this year are as follows:

"Let's Be Vibrant" – 24th April. Closing Date for applications is 8th April!!!

Development Team Workshop (R.V. Forum) – 14th May, Richard Herrod, Notts.

Regional Conference – 2nd July, Holiday Inn, off Junction 18 of the M1.

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