



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK

## NEWS BITES! MAY 2018.

*Sharing ideas across 29 U3As in Nottinghamshire*

### PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

If your U3A would like to host a Peer Group event please contact Paul Martinez [pkmartinez14@gmail.com](mailto:pkmartinez14@gmail.com)

### NETWORK NEWS

The April Network Meeting saw the retirement of our Chair Jeremy Lloyd as his term of office comes to an end. Here Rosie Allen, the new Chair, hands over Jeremy's favourite biscuits as well as everyone's very grateful thanks for the leadership, stability and improvements he has brought to the Network.



Other changes to the officers of the Network include Margot Gale taking on the Vice Chairman role, and, with effect from July, Margaret will finally be able to take her well-earned retirement as she hands over to Sue Blackley as Secretary.

### Communications—Publicising the U3A

Sadly, Liz Drury from TAT was unable to attend our April meeting due to ill health. However, she did send her presentation and in true U3A style our officers stepped into the breach at the last minute.

We learnt that Liz' role at TAT includes (but not exclusively) keeping the news up to date on the National website, Social media, building an archive of photos and films for use on media and website, writing to high-profile people to promote the U3A, giving various presentations on communications and editing "Sources" (which will be going online after the next 3 editions).

An official Network report will be circulated in due course, but the main message I took away from the meeting was—never stop publicizing your own and the National U3A—if numbers are growing uncomfortably large then ask the Network to open a new one nearby (what do they say in Field of Dreams ? Build it and they will come).

### THIRD AGE TRUST

#### Resource Centre

Susan Radford – Resource Centre Manager said "The Resource Centre is a DVD library service with educational resources to help group leaders and group study. We are located in the National Office and have a wide range of DVDs covering subjects like Art, Architecture, Gardening, History, Languages, Literature, Opera, Ballet, Science and more. We have recently added some new opera DVDs and have bought some fascinating new programmes from the BBC, which will be added to stock during April.

You can browse our stock via our online catalogue at [library.u3a.org.uk](http://library.u3a.org.uk) and we have a user guide available by email if you have any trouble using the catalogue. Please feel free to contact us at [resource.centre@u3a.org.uk](mailto:resource.centre@u3a.org.uk) or on 020 8466 6139 (Monday to Thursday 9.30 to 15.30). we can also supply subject lists by email or post."