

Northern Area 18 Plus e-chat April 2005

The main aim of e-chat is as a way for me to let you know of Group, Area and National happenings as quickly as possible. It is not a replacement for the Bulk Posting.

Hopefully it can work both ways. Please let me know of anything you want to find out or pass on to other Groups.

Northern Area 18 Plus on-line Forum

Also to encourage two way communication Robert Jones has set up a Message Board that he has kindly made available as a Northern Area Forum, this is for 18 Plus members only to discuss matters 18 Plus. We'd very much like to know members' views.

Included in this e-chat you will find the headings are topics on the Forum, hopefully this will encourage some feedback on what we are trying to achieve.

Please pass on this information to any members who have access to the internet, we'd like as many members as possible to join and participate.

Forum: <http://bradfordplus.proboards23.com/index.cgi>

Area Advertising

Thanks to Midland Area Publicity Officer *Lisa Ward*, Leeds Group were contacted by Vue cinema magazine and offered a good deal on advertising. Northern Area has agreed to part fund the advert which will benefit Leeds, Bradford and Rothwell groups to the tune of £100, each Group will then pay £25 each.

Northern Area will of course also consider equal funding for Publicity designed to cover Northwich 18 Plus and Lincs Quest.

http://www.anvil.uk.net/NORTHERN/PDF/VUE_AD_05.pdf

<http://bradfordplus.proboards23.com/index.cgi?board=Publicity&action=display&num=1114471087>

May Area Conference

On the subject of two way communication; the May Area Conference is to be held on Sunday May 22nd venue to be decided, starting at 1:00 p.m.

This is the Conference where the main business is the election of the Area Committee for the year. As the restructuring process has started the term of office will be up for re-election in January 2006 when the Area will be run to the new structure.

Volunteers have come forward for various posts, thanks to those members, don't forget to get a proposer and seconder.

The posts are; Chairman, Administrator, Treasurer, Activities Office, Publicity Officer, Development Officer, Training Officer and a new post, Memberships Officer.

We're always looking for new ideas and additional hands to help, especially with Area scale events, last year we had a full program of Area and Area scale events which I'm sure contributed to our increase in membership last year. This year I hope we can continue being an active Area though I'm particularly keen to improve Publicity and increase membership even further. So if anyone would like to organise a particular Area scale event, help with Publicity or get involved in the Area in a small way then I'd be glad to hear from you.

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The Annual National Conference took place last week.

Northern Area received a mention from Vice-President Gerry Edwards due to our efforts to improve activities and as we'd increased in members by six, well done to everyone.

Area Option chosen – volunteers needed

In the vote on the various options for restructuring the Federation, the Area option was chosen, therefore more volunteers are needed at Area level to make 18 Plus work.

The Future

Now that the future is set as far as the organizational structure is concerned I'd like everyone to think about what sort of future 18 Plus in the Northern Area should have. Do we want to have more and better inter-Group events? Do we want to recruit more members? Do we want to give some of our free time to improving 18 Plus? If you or your members have a positive answer to any of these questions, then please attend the Area Conference on May 22nd.

Group events

ANNUAL BEACH PARTY, Cleethorpes

On 13 August 2005 an ANNUAL BEACH PARTY is held at Lower Kingsway Beach, which comes alive to the calypso sounds of the Caribbean. This free event plays host to reggae bands, fire-eaters, limbo dancers, strolling entertainers, stalls and a fun fair. A grand fireworks finale means it's not to be missed. Cleethorpes, Lincs Quest have invited all Northern Area Groups to join them.

Lis Buller says; "Lincs Quest will be going down to the party and it would be great to meet up with any other members of the Northern Area. Last year we had a meal first before going down to the beach at around 7.30 - 8 p.m. Some people take food/drink to eat on the beach. The fireworks are at about 10 p.m."

National 18 Plus events

Go-Karting & BBB

Janet Rintoul is organising the National 18 Plus Go-Karting Competition and Bradford Bargain Break weekend on behalf of Northern Area, lets all support her and make it a truly Northern event. The BBB has something for everyone.

http://18plus.org.uk/national-activities/bradford_bargain_break/

SADY (Summer at Dalesbridge, Yorkshire)

Thanks to Corinna Teale for putting this event together at a cost of only £35 per member, it takes place on the weekend of Fri 17 - Mon 20 June 2005. The venue is Dalesbridge near Clapham in the Yorkshire Dales.

A National event held in the North, "SADY" promises to be reminiscent of JAC for those with long memories.

<http://18plus.org.uk/national-activities/sady/>

<http://bradfordplus.proboards23.com/index.cgi?board=National&action=display&num=1114471342>

Northern Area events

Leeds 18 Plus MANCHESTER NIGHT OUT 2005

Where: Wetherspoons, Picadilly Gardens
When: Saturday 4th June 2005 7:30 p.m. start
Cost: Meal - £10 approx

Leeds 18 Plus so enjoyed las year's Manchester Night Out that they decided to organise another this year. Manchester is relatively easy to get to and from by public transport and is a "happening" place entertainment wise. The format will be similar to last year.

Hope to see you all there. A letter, poster and map will be included in the next Bulk Posting.

<http://www.anvil.uk.net/NORTHERN/manchesternightout2004july.htm>

<http://bradfordplus.proboards23.com/index.cgi?board=Groupevents&action=display&num=1114471549>

Bradford Annual Treasure Hunt (BATH)

Bradford 18 Plus is again organizing their annual Treasure Hunt. Well done Bradford, another fun event. Date and venue to be advised.

Canal Cruise

Rothwell 18 Plus Group are organising a canal cruise again this year. It starts at Uppermill near Staleybridge on July 4th. A very generous BBQ is included. Details will be sent out shortly.

<http://bradfordplus.proboards23.com/index.cgi?board=Groupevents&action=display&num=1095291446>

Ten Pin Bowling & Disco

The Northern Area 18 Plus Ten Pin Bowling Competition will be organized by Rothwell Group again in October this year, a Disco is to follow, date & venue to be finalized.

<http://bradfordplus.proboards23.com/index.cgi?board=Groupevents&action=display&num=1095291446>

And Finally.....

Here's my usual contact details, post, telephone, e-mail and even a fax number for those who might want to send me a note by phone (you never know!).

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