

## **Northern Area 18 Plus e-chat July 2004**

Hello everyone, here's the latest e-chat, sorry about the delay, I did write most of it in July. There will be an August e-chat following the Area Committee meeting next week.

### **July NEC meeting**

The last NEC meeting took place in July, one of the main topics was the changes needed to ensure the future of 18 Plus.

A great deal of discussion took place and the following topics are being investigated;

1. Web Site / electronic office.
2. Communication.
3. Charitable Status.

We looked at the National tier, and came to the conclusion that the National tier is required for the running of 18 Plus as a national organization.

Publicity — The National Publicity Officer, Corinna Teale is working hard on a Publicity campaign by contacting a huge list of publications and organizing specific advertising.

The following new National Officers were appointed;

Adam Redshaw - National Development Officer  
Dave Filer - National Activities Officer  
Lara Collins & Chris Page - Brean 2005 Co-ordinators

We are still looking for an ANC Chairman and Committee for 2005.

Adrian Barnard completed his term as NEO with a vote of thanks.

### **National 18 Plus events**

#### **Inspire**

This year's national 18 Plus learning event is "Inspire", this will be of particular benefit as it's held in the North and this year's main subject is Publicity.

All Committee members and those considering joining their Group Committee are encouraged to attend. The event is tailored to suit your needs.

Those Groups who have difficulty supporting their members to attend Inspire may apply to the Area Committee for a subsidy.

Don't forget that Inspire also includes a Ceilidh dance in the evening, this is open as an event in itself and accommodation can be provided at a very reasonable rate. The links below give more details.

Please note, the deadline for bookings has passed, if you wish to attend Inspire, or the Ceilidh, or wish to make use of the B&B then you must telephone Adrian Barnard to check availability.

<http://www.anvil.uk.net/18PLUS/PDF/InspireCeilidh2004.PDF>  
<http://www.anvil.uk.net/18PLUS/PDF/InspireCeilidhLetter2004.pdf>

### **18 Plus Camping Weekend 2005 (name to be decided)**

Thanks to Corinna Teale for putting this together at a cost of £35 per member, the venue is Dalesbridge near Clapham in the Yorkshire Dales.

### **Northern Area events**

#### **Bradford Annual Treasure Hunt (BATH)**

Bradford 18 Plus organized their second annual Treasure Hunt, this year at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on July 31<sup>st</sup> afterwards there was a visit to The Black Bull for a pub meal. Well done Bradford, another fun event, and congratulations to the winners - Leeds.

#### **Rothwell 18 Plus Canal Cruise**

Rothwell 18 Plus Group is organizing a canal cruise starting at Uppermill, Staleybridge on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup>. A BBQ is included and the cost is just £15. The deadline is Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> — contact Kevin Benfield (01274 651462), for details, he may give you extra time to decide.

#### **Murder Night**

Sadly the Murder Night at the Hobbit hotel planned for August 21<sup>st</sup> has had to be postponed as it is fully booked, but it is an event we hope to organize in the future, possibly in the New Year.

As an alternative however everyone is invited to an evening BBQ at Irene's (with Irish singer). Bring your own meat and drink and have a weekend in Cleethorpes! Contact Lis & Geoff Buller, Lincs Quest for details.

#### **Christmas Dinner Dance 2004**

Midland Area have also decided to organize a Dinner Dance for Christmas (December 4<sup>th</sup>), and have invited Northern Area, therefore the Northern Area Christmas event (December 11<sup>th</sup>), will be a traditional Christmas Disco, which Midland Area are invited to.

#### **War of the Roses**

Just to confirm that the date for this event is September 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **A message from Lincs Quest**

Lincs Quest is two years old in September and we will be having a buffet on our Club Night on September 1<sup>st</sup>. If anyone wishes to come and join us, we would love to see you. Just let us know.

#### **Area Committee meeting**

The next meeting of the Area Committee is on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Robert Jones' place starting at 7:30 p.m. If anyone not on the Area Committee would like to attend then please get in touch with Robert as he needs to know how many biscuits to put out.

**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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