## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD

PRESENT	Rosie Allen Chairman (Arnold), Rita Foulkes Treasurer (Sherwood), Peter Edge Web Master (Keyworth), Lynne
	Jaremczenko, News Bites Editor, (Carlton & Gedling), Jane Pavier (Support Group).
	Neil Hunt (Arnold), Sue Boswell (Ashfield), John Lewis (Bingham), Anna Moore (Burton Joyce), Chris Niven
	(Eastwood), George Golledge (Edwalton & Gamston), Michael King (Forest Town), Barrie Saunders (Hucknall),
	Carole Harrison (Mansfield), Liz Gilder (Park Nottingham), Maria Gabrielczyk (Ravenshead), Peter Wakelin
	(Ruddington), Lynda Brotherhood (Sherwood), Paul Fileman (Soar Valley), Marjorie Bramhill (Southwell), Trevor
	Williams (Stapleford), Marilyn Jones, Terry Hardman (Sutton in Ashfield), Zena Inger (Warsop), Paco Saucedo
	(West Bridgford), Sheila Massey, (Worksop).
ITEM 1	WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN, HOUSKEEPING AND APOLOGIES
	Rosie welcomed everyone.
	Apologies were received from Sue Blackley Secretary (Beeston), Margot Gale, Notts. County Contact and Vice
	Chairman (Beeston), Paul Martinez (Carlton & Gedling), Jean Hogg, Regional Trustee (Keyworth).
	Mark Jackson (Hucknall), Richard Neale (Soar Valley).
ITEM 2	AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS & MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING DATED 31.10.18
	Minor corrections to the text were noted and the minutes approved. It was agreed that in future refreshments
	would be provided for both before the meetings and during the comfort break.
	Under matters arising Lynda Brotherhood (Sherwood) asked about launching a new U3A in their area. The
	outcome of the discussion is minuted under SUPPORT OFFICER – Future launch planning.
ITEM 3	REPORTS
	TREASURER – Rita Foulkes
	Rita had circulated reports prior to the meeting. Following this three more U3As had paid their subscriptions
	leaving one outstanding. Soar Valley asked for copies of the invoice to be sent to both Chairman and Treasurer in
	future.
	REGIONAL TRUSTEE – Jean Hogg
	Jean had circulated a report prior to the meeting. Jean had asked for volunteers to help with a proposed regional
	event and John Lewis (Bingham), Marilyn Jones (Sutton in Ashfield), and Terry Hardman (Sutton in Ashfield) put
	their names forward.
	SUPPORT OFFICER -Paul Martinez
	Paul had circulated a list of recent and planned activities. Rosie thanked Paul (in his absence) and the team for all
	the good work they were doing.
	Recent U3A launches
	Ruddington was launched in Spring 2018 and Chairman, Peter Wakelin, attending his first Network meeting,
	reported that they are well established with 160 members at their last monthly meeting. Wollaton's inaugural
	meeting this January was attended by around 250 people and Wollaton is now up and running.
	Future launch planning
	Paul will investigate Bulwell in the Spring and Jane has volunteered to investigate Calverton.
	The North Notts. Neighbourhood Group (NNNG) had discussed the need for another U3A in the Mansfield area at
	their last meeting and a proposal to ask the Network to investigate was narrowly defeated. However it was felt
	that the NNNG would not mind if the Support Group followed up a request from Sherwood for a new U3A in their
	area.
	Peer Support Groups
	Beacon, Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> February, Carlton & Gedling organising, 25 U3As are attending, others to contact Lynne ASAP.
	Science and Technology, Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> February, Ravenshead hosting.
	Music Appreciation, Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April, organised by Arnold in conjunction with Royal Concert Hall, highly
	recommended by Rosie.
	First Aid Training
	A number of U3As are taking advantage of, and reporting positively on, the free Red Cross training on offer.
	George Golledge (Edwalton) recommended a free online Life Saving Course from the Virtual College and Chris
	Niven (Eastwood) mentioned a Slips, Trips and Falls course. More information to go in News Bites.
	Ageing Well Event
	Scheduled for Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2019, in conjunction with the Psychology Department at Nottingham Trent
	University.

	FLASH MOB – Rosie Allen Rosie had asked U3As if they would like to be involved in the event, there were 19 replies, 14 definitely interested				
	and 5 not. The event is being organised by Sue Stokes, Regional Trustee for Yorkshire and Humberside. She has				
	been notified of our interest.				
	NETWORK WEBSITE – Peter Edge				
	The index of interest groups was not updated in 2018, the next update should be in October 2019. It relies on				
	U3As keeping the interest group information on their websites up to date. Peter will inform U3As before the				
ITT0 4 4	next update so that they can check that the information is current.  NEXT NETWORK MEETING APRIL 24 <sup>TH</sup> 2019				
ITEM 4					
	The format for the April meeting is informal with coffee and cake. Every U3A was asked to come along with a bright or quirky idea to share with the other U3As.				
	Individuals signed up to donate a cake.				
ITEM 5	AOB				
	Independent Auditing				
	If a U3A's overall income exceeds £25,000 per annum it will be required to submit an annual report and accounts				
	to the Charity Commission. Accounts must have an independent examination by a person with the requisite				
	knowledge and practical experience. With all U3A activities now within the charitable objectives some U3As are				
	exceeding the £25,000 limit. Neil Hunt (Arnold) asked whether such U3As would be interested in getting together				
	to employ a suitable person. Sue Boswell (Ashfield) suggested a buddy arrangement where two U3As audit each				
	other's accounts. It was noted that Jean Hogg is exploring the possibility of National Office organising a				
	Treasurers' workshop.				
	Community Radio John Lewis, publicity officer for Bingham has emailed U3As, via Margot and U3A-Grouptalk, with information				
	about his use of a Community Radio Station in Melton Mowbray. He is putting together a piece about community				
	radio for National Office and it would be really good would be if anyone else in Notts. with experience of				
	community radio stations would share it with him.				
	Advertising in Local Publications				
	There was a discussion on the advertising of U3A activities in local publications as there may be overlap with				
	other U3A's advertising in the area. It was concluded that this should not be a problem as in general publicity for				
	the U3A movement and the availability of U3As in the area is a good thing and different U3As cater for different				
	interests.				
	COMFORT BREAK				
	DISCUSSION ON RECRUITING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS				
	After the break there was a focussed discussion on recruiting new committee members led by Chris Niven (Eastwood). There are separate notes on this discussion.				
	DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS				
	Wednesday 27.04.2019 Informal meeting with coffee and cake where members will share 'Bright/Quirky' ideas. Wednesday 24.07.2019 Wednesday 23.10.2019				
	Rosie thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.				

Chairman	Minutes	Date <b>31<sup>st</sup> January.2019</b>
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