

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY JULY 27TH 2022 AT ST PETERS RAVENSHEAD**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Rosie Allen Chair Arnold, Peter Edge Webmaster Keyworth, Sue Blackley Secretary Beeston, Jane Pavier News bites editor Carole Harrison PSG co-ordinator Mansfield Gillian Lee Officer Newark Margot Gale County Contact Beeston Anne Pinnock Beeston: John Lewis Bingham; Ken Jones Calverton:Paul Martinez Carlton & Gedling; Leslye Henstock Dukeries; Melvin Francis: Mark Jackson: Hucknall Yvonne Kennison Mansfield :Carolyn Luckhurst, Andrew Harper Mapperley; Bernard Phillips Newark and District; Elizabeth Gilder Park Nottingham; Sue Butler Ravenshead; Jenny Weaver Sherwood: Brian Platts Southwell; Yvonne Haynes; Paco Saucedo: Joe Colls West Bridgford; Sheila Massey, Roger Hancocks: Peter Fillingham Worksop. Bernard Phillips Newark
<b>ITEM 1</b>	<b>WELCOME BY CHAIR &amp; APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Rosie welcomed everyone. There were apologies from Jean Hogg Regional trustee: Allan Bridgewater Wollaton; Lynden Lowe Rainworth: Sue Bryant Edwalton; Andrew Harper Mapperley and District; Maria Gabrielczyk Ravenshead; Hazel Stenson Stapleford John Naylor Sutton in Ashfield: Brian Hillary Calverton and District Pippa Ramsay Retford Anna Moore Burton Joyce and District;
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<b>AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETINGS ON 26.1.22 and 27.4.22</b> The minutes of the meeting on January 26 <sup>th</sup> 2022 and notes from the April meeting were approved. Members will be contacted to gather opinions on face to face or zoom meetings. SB
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<b>REPORTS/INFORMATION</b> <b>Treasurer Terry Hardman Not present</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is some confusion about the accuracy of the bank statements and subs that have been paid by u3as. This will be investigated.</li> <li>• It is likely that the bank account will be moved to the Co-op to avoid business/charity charges on each transaction.</li> </ul> <b>Regional Trustee Jean Hogg</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jean's latest newsletter has been circulated.</li> </ul> <b>Website update Peter Edge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The list of interest groups across the network will be updated. There may be the chance to liaise with Barry Jackson from Ashfield u3a to make the task easier.</li> <li>• The current 2019 document will remain on the website for the time being.</li> <li>• It may be useful to mark which groups are open to members of other u3as on the updated document.</li> </ul> <b>Network development overview plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training workshops can be held for the network or region. Ideas would be welcome from members not just the officers.</li> <li>• A one day Network conference will hopefully take place in 2024.</li> <li>• Bingham is having a new community hub which may be a suitable venue for a conference or the YMCA Newark.</li> </ul> <b>u3a contact information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margot will be collecting updated information for Network contacts across u3as. ie Chairs, Treasurers, Business Secretaries and 2 contacts.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<b>NOTTS NETWORK 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event on September 24<sup>th</sup> will take place on the grassy area by the Lakeside theatre/café at Highfields. It will begin at 1pm.</li> <li>• u3as to liaise themselves over times to hand over the beacons and banners.</li> <li>• The flash mob dance is completed and will be circulated very soon. It will be videoed on Friday. It is four and a half minutes in total.</li> <li>• Some dance rehearsals will hopefully be organised by Leslye.</li> <li>• The nearest tram stop to the venue is Highfields.</li> <li>• u3as to encourage their members to come along and join in the event.</li> <li>• The Lord Mayor has accepted the invitation to attend.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking isn't a problem as attendees can park on the campus on a Saturday.</li> <li>• Two first aiders with some training in the last three years are needed. Brian Platts will investigate the Red Cross.</li> <li>• Someone with a van is needed to transport some block staging from Beeston to Highfields.</li> <li>• Liz Gilder kindly offered to lend her PA system.</li> <li>• Publicity article is to go to all NG magazines.</li> <li>• Paul Martinez will circulate the grant form for u3as to claim £150 towards 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM 5</b>	<p><b>National Training workshops</b>  Running your u3a – Information for trustees  Recruiting and valuing Volunteers  Keeping it legal  Growth Matters  Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members agreed that Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Awareness and Keeping it Legal would be particularly useful for the network to organise. Agreed that we request a "Keeping it Legal" workshop for the Network.</li> <li>• Details of these workshops has moved from the Events section of the national website to Support for u3as.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM 6</b>	<p><b>PEER SUPPORT GROUPS Carole Harrison</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most support groups are running well.</li> <li>• All u3as are to encouraged to send representatives.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM 7</b>	<p><b>SUBJECT NETWORKS Margot Gale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject networks are being setup and details of the ones already active can be found on the national website. This is not the same as subject advisors. Examples of ones already set up are cycling, chess, science and climate change.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM 8</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teams are needed for the Notts Network Quiz. Mike Scott's details are in Newsbites.</li> <li>• The Third Age Trust is considering putting up the subscription possibly on an annual basis. This will be discussed/proposed at the AGM. Responses are needed from u3as by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Jenny Weaver from Sherwood will circulate her response via Margot.</li> </ul>
	<b>COMFORT BREAK</b>
	<p><b>RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION a report from a pathfinder u3a.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Martinez drew members attention to the toolkit on Recruitment and Retention. A national mailing has gone out about it to Chairs, Treasurers and Business Secretaries.</li> <li>• There is a new blog detailing how several u3as tackled recruitment. The document will be sent out.</li> <li>• Ideas put forward by members included <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Important to target younger retired folk.</li> <li>2. Recruitment needs to be planned and committees need to be pro-active.</li> <li>3. Meeters and Greeters and Mentors are important for making new members feel welcome.</li> <li>4. A stall on a local market can be effective for recruitment.</li> <li>5. Set up a Recruitment and retention subcommittee.</li> <li>6. Adverts in local papers</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY October 26th 2022 St Peter's Centre RAVENSHEAD</b></p>

Chair..... Minutes.....Date  
Rosie Allen Sue Blackley