

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as 22nd April 2026 AT 10am

AT ST PETERS RAVENSHEAD

<u>PRESENT:</u>	John Butler Chair Ravenshead, Maria Gabrielczyk Vice Chair and Newsbites Ravenshead, Rosie Allen, Network Support Officer Arnold, Sue Blackley Secretary Beeston, Margot Gale Network Contact Beeston, Terry Moore Website Ravenshead, John Perry, E Mids PR Adviser Bingham. Veronica Perry Officer Bingham. Also, there were representatives from Arnold, Ashfield, Bingham, Calverton, Collingham, Cotgrave, Edwalton&Gamston, Forest Town, Hucknall, Mapperley, Mansfield, Rainworth, Retford, Sherwood, Sutton in Ashfield, Stapleford, Worksop u3as
<u>ITEM 1</u>	<u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Paco Saucedo, Jean Hogg, Chris Niven, Terry Moore, Wendy Walker, Sue Robinson, Christopher Kennedy, Valerie Wilkinson, Denise Edwards, Mike Freemantle, Ann Marshall, Janet O’Neill, Linda Rothwell,
<u>ITEM 2</u>	<u>WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL REPS</u> The new Council Representatives, John Butler and Rosie Allen, were welcomed and congratulated. They spoke briefly and both emphasised the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is very important as a way of communicating key issues to the Trust so that common solutions can be found. • John and Rosie want to hear from members both as groups and individuals. • Members can influence the national strategy through the council. Members were thanked for voting and John Lewis was thanked for all the work he did as Council Rep.
<u>ITEM 3 AND 4</u>	<u>AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING DATED 28.01.26 AND MATTERS ARISING.</u> The minutes were agreed with no matters arising. Proposed by Sandra Hart Stapleford Seconded by Carole Harrison Mansfield
<u>ITEM 5</u>	<u>OFFICERS’ REPORTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts had been circulated previously. There is an additional cost of £59.50 for the new name labels. • Members were thanked by Margot Gale for providing updated details. • Maria Gabrielczyk was thanked for her work on Newsbites. • Members were reminded of the 100-150 word rule.
<u>ITEM 6</u>	<u>NOTTS NETWORK EVENT JUNE 1ST AT Newstead Community Centre. 10AM TO 12.45PM</u> A poster has been sent out to all u3as but the details need to be cascaded particularly to group leaders and group co-ordinators or any members who are interested. Participants will have the opportunity to raise issues and look for solutions. There will be charge of £5 per person to cover refreshments. Another reminder will be sent out next month (MG) Workshops are as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports • Website management. • General issues • Interest co-ordinators • Trips/Visits
<u>ITEM 7</u>	<u>PRESENTATION BY KATE COWAN HEAD OF INFORMATION AND ADVICE AT THE THIRD AGE TRUST: COPYRIGHT AND LICENCES</u> This was a very informative session raising very important issues regarding copyright and licences. THE TALK AND SLIDES WILL BE CIRCULATED.
<u>ITEM 8</u>	<u>AOB</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Notts Neighbourhood event is a festival event to be held in Sherwood Forest on June 17th. 10.30 to 3pm. Everyone welcome. 2. Heather Roberts from Arnold u3a explained the links that the u3a is developing with the Nottinghamshire Hospice. This will be funded by donations from members, raffles etc. In return the hospice will advertise u3a 3. Christine Stothard from Collingham asked members what they do if the speaker doesn’t arrive. If free John Perry (Bingham) has a talk ready about being A Magistrate and Sandra Hart (Stapleford) is happy at short notice to speak on Science. TED talks were also recommended. Use your members and their skills! Have a quiz prepared as a fall back.

	<p>4. Veronica Perry (Bingham) asked for ideas on circulating Newsbites. Probably the best idea is to send out to members through Beacon.</p> <p>5. Ravenshead u3a are organising a holiday to Cromer staying at the Hotel de Paris £459 September 12th.</p>
ITEM 9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 22.07.2026

Chair..... Secretary..... Dated 22.04.26

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