

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as 22nd JULY 2026 AT 10am

AT ST PETERS RAVENSHEAD

<u>PRESENT:</u>	John Butler Chair Ravenshead, Maria Gabrielczyk Vice Chair and Newsbites Ravenshead, Paco Saucedo Treasurer West Bridgford, Rosie Allen, Network Support Officer Arnold, Chris Niven PSG support Eastwood, 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, Hucknall, Mansfield, Radcliffe, Rainworth, Sherwood, West Bridgford, Worksop u3as
<u>ITEM 1 and 2</u>	<u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</u> Apologies were received from Hazel Ward, Dee May, Janet O'Neill, Linda Rothwell, Mary Hind, Wendy Walker, Sue Robinson, Christopher Kennedy, Valerie Wilkinson, Denise Edwards, Frances Leyshon, Halinka Rajchel, Sandra Hart, Marion Edwards, Mike Freemantle, Ann Marshall, Janet O'Neill, Linda Rothwell,
<u>ITEM 3 AND 4</u>	<u>AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING DATED 22.04.26 AND MATTERS ARISING.</u> The minutes were agreed with no matters arising. Proposed Martin Holden Seconded Tina Palingedge
<u>ITEM 5</u>	<u>OFFICERS' REPORTS</u> Thanks from MG (Network contact) to u3as for sending updated details. CN (PSG co-ordinator) gave an update on PSGs • Currently 7 groups. • A replacement is needed to lead the secretaries PSG. • Communication with u3as needs to be improved. • New PSG groups need to be developed. • The Chairs PSG will be led by CN meeting next on zoom September 28th 4.30pm • Treasurers meet face to face or on zoom no date yet. • Membership group uses Whatsapp. • Publicity group meets every 2 to 3 months. MGab (Newsbites editor) thanked members for their contribution to Newsbites. She reminded members that the photos need to be good quality. Please circulate Newsbites to all members. Try to send articles which detail a special event /new group/trip etc which may encourage other u3as to do something similar rather than a log of what groups are doing. The deadline for the next issue is August 7 th . PS (Treasurer) reported that currently there is £771.59 in funds. The accounts will be discussed at the AGM in October. RA (support officer) alerted members to a regional East Midlands workshop which will take place in Ropsley near Grantham on October 13 th . The theme will be 'Promoting your u3a' There will be free admission. A poster advertising the event will be sent out in due course. TM (website manager) said there has been steady activity on the website. Visitors can't always find what they are looking for. TM would like to know what members want to see. 34% of u3as have a public Facebook page which is a very effective way to track members and activities.

ITEM 6	AOB Carole Harrison (Mansfield u3a) was thanked for her much valued contribution to the network as she retires from Mansfield u3a committee and will not be attending network meetings in the future. A brief discussion took place on the resolution submitted to the Trust AGM proposing that the Third Age Trust conducts a formal consultation with u3as on Trust involvement in advocacy, campaigning and public policy outside the promotion of lifelong learning, education and support for member u3as. Agreed to continue this discussion at the Chairs' PSG after any amendments are received.
ITEM 7	REIMAGINING OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS Members split into groups and discussed how their monthly meetings could be made more appealing. The following are some of the ideas • Provide something more active e.g. quiz, singalong, musicians • Cakes for refreshments. • Send out a questionnaire asking members for suggestions. Do the same members come every month? Are new members made to feel welcome? Is it the older members who attend the open meetings?
ITEM 9	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 07.10.26 AGM

Chair..... Secretary..... Dated 22.07.26