

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24.10.14.**  
**AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL, BOUNDARY ROAD, WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NG2 7DB**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:-**

Chairman Jane Pavier, Vice Chairman Jeremy Lloyd, Secretary & Notts. County Contact Margaret Taylor, Treasurer Rita Foulkes, Educational Development Officer Karen Taylor, Regional Trustee Michaela Moody, Rita Turner Chairman North Notts. Neighbourhood Group, Arnold U3A Representative Rosie Allen, Beeston U3A Representative Helen Stewart, Burton Joyce U3A Representative Paul Geeson, Carlton & Gedling U3A Representatives Eric Rennie & Ian Robey, Collingham U3A Representative Clive Bainbridge, Eastwood & District U3A Representatives Ann McGillivray & Lorna Stirland, Hucknall U3A Representatives John Tedstone & Alan Snape, Keyworth U3A Representative Peter Edge, Mansfield Representative Mike Allen, Nottingham Representative Jan Bridgeman & Pat Smith, Radcliffe on Trent Representatives Ann Keen & Dave Barton, Southwell U3A Representative Peter James, and West Bridgford U3A Representatives Denis Kitt & Carol Williams.

**WELCOME & APOLOGIES RECEIVED**

Jane Pavier opened the meeting and apologised for the confusion in the start time of this meeting. She thanked everyone for attending especially the newest U3A members of the Network Collingham U3A and Eastwood & District U3A and accepted apologies from:-

Trish Tootall of Ashfield U3A, Dee Aston & Anita Maunsell of Collingham U3A, Ann Mounsey of Dukeries U3A, David Ling of Mansfield U3A, Lesley Sumner of Retford U3A, Carolyn James of Southwell U3A, Mary Mitchell & Lorraine Wood of Worksop & District U3A.

Thanks were given to West Bridgford for organising the venue and providing refreshments.

The Annual General Meeting then took place. See separate Minutes.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the Chair then returned to the Agenda:-

**ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** dated 16.07.14. were received and accepted by the Network Members.

**ITEM 3** There were no **MATTERS ARISING**.

**ITEM 4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer had given a full report in the AGM. However several queries had been raised and the Chair agreed to get together with the Treasurer after the meeting to clarify and report back if necessary. **JP/RF TO ACTION**

**ITEM 5 EAST MIDLANDS REGION UPDATE**

Michaela Moody, Regional Trustee said that the recent National Conference & AGM had been very successful with over 400 members attending. She showed 2 booklets "Going Forward" and "More Time to Learn" which had been circulated to all U3A Chairs. She mentioned that the national web site had been greatly improved and there was a vast amount of publicity material to be found there.

The "Sleep" workshop had been held in October and was found to be very enjoyable with a lot of feedback. There would possibly be a second workshop along the same lines "Sleep, Memory and Aging" working together with the University of Lincoln. A Regional Workshop is to be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October re the new model Constitution and Committees.

A Certificate of Membership was presented to the Eastwood & District U3A.

Jane Pavier then explained about the role of the Regional Representative Council (RRC) with two representatives attending from the Notts. Network who would stay on for 3 years. A workshop for Treasurers will be organised by the RRC next year.

**ITEM 6 NOTTS DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT**

Karen Taylor, Network Education & Development Officer reported: –

- a) Due to way the new U3As have to be set up, the Development Team can only open 3 new ones per year. Next year it is proposed that these will be in Stapleford, Newstead and Pleasley.
- b) Following the very successful workshop run in 2013, there is to be another Speaker/Seekers Workshop at the Hutt in Ravenshead.
- c) Peter Edge has been asked to resurrect the Web Masters Group.
- d) The Development Team would be looking at upgrading the Network Website, possibly helping new U3As with technology and publicity information.
- e) Karen would like information on the post code breakdown of U3As and numbers of members who live within the area. All information to be emailed to her. **ACTION ALL U3As**

Karen completed her report by asking what members would like the Development Team to look at for the future e.g. more workshops, networking with other U3As etc. Please email Karen with any suggestion as soon as possible. **ACTION ALL U3As**  
Karen's email is [khighfieldtaylot@gmail.com](mailto:khighfieldtaylot@gmail.com)

Some communication issues were raised:-

- a) some representatives did not receive information
- b) some representatives had so much mail that they didn't know what to get rid of or send forward to their Committees and members.

It was suggested that Communication be discussed at the next meeting. **NEW SECRETARY TO PUT ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

**ITEM 7 NORTH NOTTS. NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP REPORT**

Rita Turner, Chair reported that there are 10 members in the Neighbourhood Group. Based on friendship a couple of informal meetings are held each year with an annual social event being organised.

Part of publicising the U3A movement, Rita informed the Network that 2 local U3As, Sherwood & Retford had taken part in creating a poppy wall hanging which is now hanging at the Rufford Centre. Rita proposed thanks to the U3As and members who became involved.

**ITEM 8** No in-depth learning projects had been suggested. **NEW SECRETARY TO PUT ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

**ITEM 9 WEBSITE REPORT**

Peter Edge urgently requires any information and pictures of individual U3A activities to go onto the web site. He asked that U3As refrain from sending him their newsletters or referring him to their web-sites as he does not have the time to go through them. He advised that between 100/150 visits are made to the site per day.

**ITEM 10 NETWORK PUBLICITY**

Information on where the U3A movement can be publicised is still required. Can all U3As please look at local events, markets, Over 50s forums etc. and let the Development Team know. **ACTION ALL U3As**

Southwell announced that it will be advertising to attract the younger Third Agers.

Nottingham is to obtain help from Nottingham Trent University to attract members to the U3A movement.

**ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1. A question of Public Liabilities insurance at Church premises was raised. Michaela Moody said she would look into this "grey" area as this question was often raised and report back. **MM TO ACTION**
- 2. Rosie Allen thanked the members who had contacted her re the Sign Language Group.
- 3. A vote took place on the start time of meetings. The majority of members wanted to keep the start time of the meetings at 10am with a 12noon finish, allowing time for members to get away for other appointments. This was agreed.

**ITEM 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 10 a.m.** Venue to be advised by Radcliffe U3A who will be hosting.

The following meeting will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 10am.** Venue to be advised by Arnold U3A who will be hosting.

The following meetings will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015** at 10am and **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015** at 10am which will include the AGM.

Chair.....Jane Pavier Secretary.....