

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF U3As - MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY ON ZOOM**

PRESENT	Rosie Allen Chair (Arnold), Sue Blackley Secretary (Beeston) Terry Hardman Treasurer (Sutton in Ashfield), Peter Edge Web Master (Keyworth), Chris Niven Vice Chair (Eastwood and District), Margot Gale Network Contact (Beeston) Paul Martinez Support Officer (Carlton and Gedling), Denise Swain, Gwen Isherwood (Arnold) John Lewis (Bingham) Anna Moore, Mike Chapman, Alwyn Foster (Burton Joyce) Nicholas Clark (Carlton and Gedling) Pam Hardwick(Dukeries) Isabel Martindale (Edwalton and Gamston), Barry Doran (Eastwood) Linda Shutt, Alan Barham, Kelvin Foster Kathryn Cope (Forest Town), Mark Jackson (Hucknall), Carole Harrison (Mansfield), Carolyn Luckhurst (Mapperley) Gillian Lee (Newark and District) Anne Orton (Nottingham and District) Liz Gilder (The Park) John Addiscott (Radcliffe on Trent) Lynden Lowe (Rainworth), Maria Gabrielczyk, John Butler, Terry Moore (Ravenshead), Sue Ross,(Retford) Peter & Chris Davison (Ruddington) Claire Wilkie (Sherwood), Brian Platts (Southwell) Hazel Stenson (Stapleford), Zena Inger(Warsop) Paco Saucedo, Chris Trigg, David Alexander (West Bridgford) Mike Johnson (Wollaton) Sheila Massey, (Worksop) Chris Hartny- Mills (Public Relations Advisor)
ITEM 1	WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RA welcomed everyone and accepted apologies from Paul Fileman
ITEM 1A	CENSUS Leia Morales Officer working on behalf of the Officer for National Statistics presented the changes to the forthcoming Census (March 21 st , 2021) The slides have been sent to all u3as. This time the census will be digital and paper copies will need to be requested by phone, Some people who are less confident in using IT. may be anxious about filling in forms online. There will be a contact centre for help and support centres in libraries. u3as can put details in bulletins/newsletters.
ITEM 2	AGREE MINUTES, ACTION POINTS AND OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING 21.10.20 The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.
ITEM 3	REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's report Terry Hardman Nothing to report as no transactions have been made. • Regional Trustee/ Public Relations Advisor Jean Hogg/Chris Hartny-Mills Jean introduced our new regional PR Advisor. Chris wants to help u3as to develop a more proactive approach to PR. He is producing an information sheet which will go out to all u3as in the region • Website update Peter Edge. 8 u3as have submitted photos the web pages have been updated and a photo album has been produced. • 1 year Network Covid Plan. The plan had been previously circulated and despite the current difficulties it was stressed just how much has been achieved. • A peer support group for treasurers will begin on February 1st and will be hosted by Beeston. • Interest in a Beacon Support Group will be explored as Beacon 2 will not be rolled out until the end of the year.SM
ITEM 4	Future Network Plan April 28th, 2021. This will not be a business meeting but will be a fun quiz. MG SB There will also be the opportunity to share ideas/issues.
ITEM 5	AOB BRIAN PLATTS SOUTHWELL u3a SUPPORT FOR NICHE GROUPS a detailed document had been circulated in advance. This is a proposal to share niche interest groups across u3as in Nottinghamshire. U3as will discuss this with their committees. We will then discuss further at our April meeting.
	COMFORT BREAK
ITEM 6	FOCUSSED DISCUSSION INTEREST GROUPS ONLINE MIKE CHAPMAN BURTON JOYCE SPANISH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes devices are not set up for the latest zoom and wi-fi can be variable. • Zoom has generally been very effective for most people. • The TAT zoom courses are recommended. DAVID ALEXANDER WEST BRIDGFORD -UKULELE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opportunity for general chat has been very important for members who are isolated. • Increased to weekly sessions • Helped members with login and using different devices including using the space bar to mute. • Ability to login again just before the end of a meeting so you are not limited to 40 minutes. • I person sings and plays the ukulele taking the lead and the others sing and play along on mute. • Songs and versions are emailed out

	<p>NICK CLARK CARLTON AND GEDLING 19 GROUPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on Zoom and Whatsapp • Conversation/discussion groups most successful • Opera Study Group/ Film group and Wine Bar all running well <p>TERRY MOORE RAVENSHEAD PHOTOGRAPHY FOR FUN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom meetings with a theme • Shot of the month • Technical Challenge • Photo editing. <p>The presentation on photography for Fun has been circulated to all u3as.</p> <p>SHEILA MASSEY WORKSOP SEVERAL GROUPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed facebook page which is used every day by members. • Messenger also used to keep in touch • Cosy café is popular amongst a small group also Cryptic crosswords and Poems for pleasure using breakout rooms. <p>CHRIS TRIGG WEST BRIDGFORD BADMINTON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins with general chat for support. • Then stretch and relax • Plans to show badminton training videos in future.
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 28.04.21 10AM ZOOM</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 28.07.21 10AM</p> <p>WEDNESDAY 20.10.21 10AM</p>

Chair.....**Rosie Allen**..... Secretary.....**Sue Blackley**.....Date