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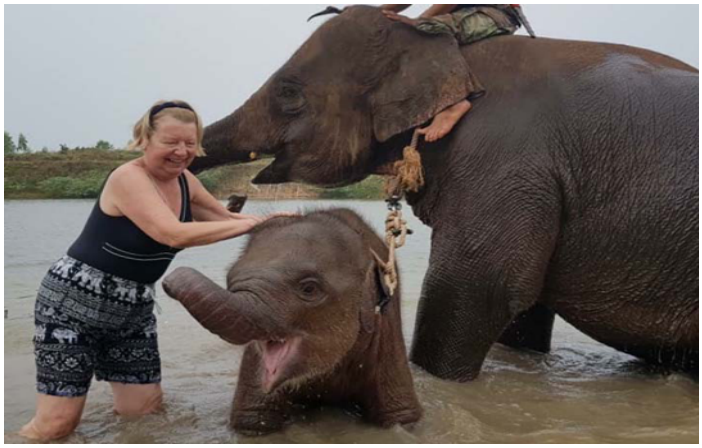
Message from the Chairman



This is the reason I wasn't able to attend the last meeting. I had an elephant to wash and feed. Northern Thailand elephant village which aims to keep the elephants from performing and giving rides and keep them in their natural environment. An amazing experience.

Happy New Year to everyone. Chris

Ukulele Group: A number of members of the Ukulele Group went to the Concert Hall, Nottingham to hear The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. It was a brilliant evening of entertainment with excellent musical talent and a sense of humour. There was a varied range of music played and also included the opportunity for the audience, who had brought their instruments, to join in 3 Christmas songs. These we had managed to practice beforehand with music downloaded from their webpage. These are great musicians and the sound they produce is quite different from that of the well-known George Formby from years ago.

First aid I have arranged dates and times for the above training;
Tuesday 29th Jan 2019 – 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Tuesday 29th Jan 2019 - 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Thursday 31st Jan 2019 -1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
Further dates and times will be available in February.
I have a provisional list of names of those members who wish to attend (65 plus the members of Nottingham City Treasures) Please make sure you have put your name down for one of these sessions. Barry Seeley

Social Dance: Tickets will be on sale at the December and January monthly meeting, or alternatively telephone Janet on 07961832864, or Andrea on 07927660408. Limited availability.

Disco Dance

Music of the 60s/70s/80s
Greasley Miners Welfare
Sat 2nd February 2019 7:30 till late
Tickets £5.00

January Monthly meeting: -
Refreshments Rota: Val Kennerell, Marta Stimpson, Sue Hill, Nina Moore.
Meet & Greeters Rota: Chrys Millington, Colin Fletcher, Shirley Reynolds.
Set up/Clear away Rota: - Geoff Gration, Peter Hayden, Robert Leam, Barry Seeley.
Signing in: - Margaret Naylor, Barbara Bailey.
P.A. Team: - Ray Dring, Roger Bacon, Colin McGillivray, Kevin Rockley, Frank Queripel, Terry Marriott.

Dates for the Diary: Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the Month at St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Eastwood.

Wed Jan 2nd	at 10 am	Pat Hall - funny anecdotes and experiences.
Wed Feb 6th	at 10 am	Barbara Daykin OBE from Morley

Featured New Interest Groups

The newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities. Latest up-to-date information at: **www.eastwoodu3a.org**

New Directory A new directory has been published. If you have access to the Internet it can be found on the Eastwood U3A website but if anyone would also like a Directory printed out for them please email newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org or leave a comment on the website. *Margaret Naylor*

If you have ideas for new groups, or need further info contact Derrick Hart 01773 717398 or 07840543487. *groups.coordinator@eastwoodU3A.org*

Group News

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 8th Jan meet 10.00 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Straws Bridge West Hallam Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet 10th Jan New Inn, Newthorpe Common. 24th Jan Roots, Kimberley. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet at The Factory Kitchen, Ilkeston. Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 17th Jan at Shipley Park. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Coffee & Co: is now full. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

National Trust: Next meet 14th Jan at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visit on 23rd Jan to Anglesey Abbey, Cambs. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Hidden Gems: Spaces for new members. Next meet – Thurs 24th Jan for a slide show of Old Nottingham from 1850. Contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

City Treasures: Meet Wed Jan 9th tour to be arranged. Fri Jan 25th meeting 11-00am Sun Inn Eastwood, followed by a New Year Meal at 12-00 am. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Church History Group: From 5th Feb 2019 this group will meet on the 1st Tues of each month 2pm - 4pm at the Eastwood Town Football Club, Off Chewton Street.

Skittles Group: will play at the Foresters Arms, Newthorpe. We meet on the 1st Wed of the month from 6pm - 8pm.

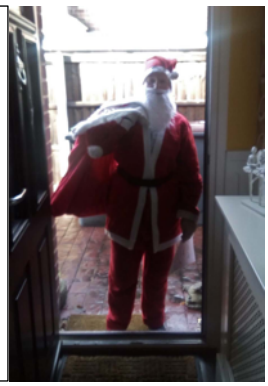
Social Outings.

We have a few ideas for the year, a trip to York, Whitby, Ladies Day at Southwell races, a trip to Stratford and possibly Lincoln Xmas Market. Places and dates to be confirmed in the New Year. *Steve and Pauline*

Members enjoying Christmas lunch at the Double Tree, Hilton Hotel.

The Geology group visited Treak Cliff Cavern at Castleton to see the 'Blue John'. It is a very rare variety of the mineral Calcium Fluoride; the only place in the world where this banded variety is found. The Romans discovered Blue John about 2000 years ago.The Calcium Fluorspar was used as a flux during the last war. Today the Treak Cavern only mines Blue John to produce stunning jewellery. The cavern also contains natural caves, eg. Aladdin Cave, with the Seven Dwarf stalagmites. It is well worth a visit. *Jim Stirland.*

Coffee Mates held a Christmas fuddle at Andrea's. Everyone bought food or something relating to Christmas. They also held a raffle with the sales going to Marie Curie. A good time was had by all of the members who thoroughly enjoyed the party and they even got a surprise visit from Santa, aka Pauline Dawkins. *Andrea Sadler*



Membership Subscription Your membership subscription is due before the 1st April and you can renew at the Monthly Meetings in February and March. The current subscription is £20 for the year.

Newsletter & Publicity 2019

We are looking for someone to take on this role for 2019 when my term on the committee ends. If you might be interested, please email or talk to me at the monthly meeting. There is plenty of time for training to be given in readiness to take over! *Caroline Winfield*

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 14th January, 2019. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org