

## Message from the Chairman

On the news a few days ago, there was a report that a famous sports personality was retiring. When interviewed he said he felt he had achieved everything he wanted to achieve. That got me thinking, how do we know when we have succeeded in something? When can you look back and say 'Yes, that was good'. How do we measure success?

In our professional lives it might be easy, we got a promotion, pay rise, sealed a deal, gained a qualification. In our private lives it is considerably more difficult. The complexities of our relationships with family and friends does not lend itself to measurement. Success or failure is often an indefinable feeling rather than a concrete fact and is rarely a constant. I like to think that success and happiness are firmly linked and that contributing to the happiness of my family and friends can be measured as a success. Remembering birthdays or significant anniversaries, supporting someone through a crisis, being the bank of mum and dad, babysitting. There are numerous ways that we can promote the happiness and wellbeing of others and whilst we may retire from our work that is something we should never retire from. All the best *Chris*

**Social Dance:** Tickets may be available on the door at £5. Contacts - Janet on 07961832864, or Andrea on 07927660408.

Greasley Miners Welfare – Sat Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> -7-30

## February Monthly meeting: -

**Refreshments Rota:** Sue Parkin, Barbara Ingall, Stella Travis, Ann McGillivray

**Meet & Greeters Rota:** Muriel Barsby, Lilian Wilson, Sheila Tivey.

**Set up/Clear away Rota:** Geoff Gration, Peter Hayden, Robert Leam.

**Signing in:** George Walsh, Ishbel Walsh

**P.A. Team:** Ray Dring, Roger Bacon, Colin McGillivray, Kevin Rockley, Frank Queripel, Terry Marriott.

**Bridge Group** Derrick Hart (Groups' Co-ordinator) called in to the Bridge Group's weekly meeting at The Horse and Groom to present them with a set of duplicate boards and bidding boxes. The group provide their own playing cards but have been using equipment which belongs to the Nottingham Bridge Club. The group asked Derrick to pass on their thanks to the committee.

We would be happy to welcome some new members. If you haven't played bridge before, don't worry as friendly tuition is on hand. We meet every Monday at the Horse and Groom between 2.00pm and 4.00pm so why not come along and have a go.

*Audrey Measures*



## Singin' for Fun group

Photo shows Peter Hayden receiving another award, this time for his mastery of the karaoke machine. Join us in 2019 on the following dates -15 Feb, 15 Mar, 12 Apr, 17 May. Greasley Miners Welfare, 7.30 pm.

*Karen Rea*

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

Wed Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

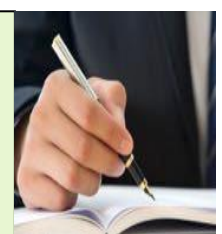
Barbara Daykin MBE. 'Oh what have you done mother'

Wed March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

'The Canary Girls' the story of the bomb making girls from Chilwell

Wed April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am

Ann Featherstone 'Dracula'



### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:groups.coordinator@eastwoodU3A.org)  
Group News

**5-mile Walkers:** next walk Tues 5th Feb meet 10.00 am top right-hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Linby Main St near Horse & Groom. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

**Micro-Brewery Pub Pals:** Next meet Feb 14th – Inn the Middle, Langley Mill. Feb 28th – Miners' Return, Kimberley. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

**Coffee Mates:** is now full. Next meet Feb 20th at The Bridge Inn, Bridge Street, Cotmanhay DE7 8RD. Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299.

**Bird Watching:** Meet Thurs 21st Feb – Wollaton Park Lake. 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 Feb 11th 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visits planned - Baddesley Clinton 15<sup>th</sup> March, Dudmaston Hall 10<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

**Hidden Gems:** Spaces for new members. Next meet Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - a tour around St Mary's Church, the Lace Market and a meal. Contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email [lindarothwell@hotmail.com](mailto:lindarothwell@hotmail.com)

**City Treasures:** Meet Thurs Feb 21st Slide Show by Bill Saxton meet Sun Inn, Eastwood at 11.00 am. Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March, visit Nottingham Archives, meet NCH Arcade at 10.30 am. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

**Discovering Nottingham** - 29th Jan – 11 am upstairs at The Horse & Groom, Moorgreen – meeting to plan for the year.

### Social Outings.

*Could anyone volunteer to take over this group for approx. three months ?*

*Unfortunately Steve is waiting to have treatment and unable to do anything at the present time. Please let the committee know.*

### Membership Subscription - due by 1st April

We will be collecting membership subscriptions at the February and March monthly meetings and renewal forms will be available at the meetings. Renewal forms are also available on the website [www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms](http://www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms).

If you have signed a gift aid form for yourself and others in your household a joint renewal form will be available for you on the sign in desk and the person who completed the gift aid form must pay the full joint amount and sign the renewal form.

All members must complete **both sides** of the renewal form, whichever method of payment is used. If there are no changes to your details, fill in your name, membership number and date and sign the front of the form. **You must then complete the back of the form where the information is collected to comply with the new Data Protection Act.**

\*You can pay your subscription by Bank transfer - a one off bank payment.

Name of payee: Eastwood & District U3A

Sort code: 60-07-28

Account no: 456 35 714

Reference: Your name & membership no (this is essential for the treasurer to pick out who has paid) Amount: £20

\*You can hand a cheque payment in at the sign in desk: To do this, put your Renewal Form (**both sides completed**) and cheque (for £20 payable to Eastwood & District U3A) in an envelope addressed to the Treasurer with your name and membership number on the outside.

\*You can use the renewal form and pay at the membership desk at the meeting. Please have your renewal form completed (**both sides**) before you join the queue. *Treasurer.*

### Newsletter & Publicity or other Committee Roles

We are looking for someone to take on this role 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!

Anyone who may be interested in joining the committee this year is always welcome to attend a meeting, the Monday after our monthly meeting, 10.00 am at the Sun Inn.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Contact Caroline Winfield: [newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org)

Contact Membership Secretary, email [membership@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:membership@eastwoodu3a.org) Executive Committee members: [EastwoodU3A@gmail.com](mailto:EastwoodU3A@gmail.com); Website: [www.EastwoodU3A.org](http://www.EastwoodU3A.org)