

Message from the Chairman

It's half term and I've been busy looking after grandchildren and trying to get in the garden now the weather is getting better. Doesn't it make a difference when the sun shines? Everyone seems happier, more positive and sociable. The long winter nights are receding, leaving us ready for Spring, Easter and lighter nights.

I lived overseas for twelve years and the seasons were not as defined as they are here. I love living in a country that has proper seasons, I think Spring is my favourite.

It won't be long until we change the clocks and we emerge properly from the winter gloom. Hurrah!

British Red Cross First Aid sessions

There will be further opportunities to attend one of these courses if you let Barry Seeley have your name. Members who have already attended found them very helpful. If you would like to find out more you can look at their website:

redcross.org.uk/firstaid

The Vegetable Gardening Group meets 2pm, the 1st Friday of the month from April to September. We meet at members' homes to see what they are growing, get gardening advice, and enjoy conversation over tea/coffee & cake. Contact Ann McGillivray 01773 767686. First meeting this year is 5th April at Andrea's, Trough Lane. *Ann McGillivray*

March Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: Chrys Millington, Marta Stimpson, Sue Wheatley and Pat Painter

Meet & Greeters Rota: Tricia Dilly, Linda Lambert and Gill Marriott

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

Signing in: Barbara Bailey, Doris Fellows.

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

The Petanque Group have now started to meet on the 2nd Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.00 pm at the Foresters Arms, Newthorpe. Members should bring their own boules if they have them, there are some to borrow. Sets can often be found in charity shops. Any queries the contact is Colin Fletcher 07813785528.



Family History group

It is said that genealogy is like looking into a magic mirror; look into it and pretty soon interesting faces appear. Members of the family history group can certainly identify with this having discovered extraordinary people in their past, both heroes and villains! Group meetings include a discussion topic to inspire our own research and during the last year we have explored themes such as the use of DNA, military service, organising our records, unusual occupations and dating old photographs. We are happy to support beginners so if you want to delve into your past why not join us? For more information see the website. eastwoodu3a.org *Diana Pigeon*

Showcase 2019.

Please let Derrick & Christine Hart, Interest Group Coordinators know if your group would be interested in another display day or if you think it might be an idea to have a break this year. Tel: 01773 717398 or 07840543487.

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

Wed March 6th at 10 am

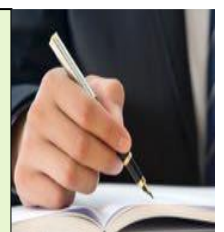
'The Canary Girls' the story of the bomb making girls from Chilwell

Wed April 3rd at 10 am

Ann Featherstone 'Dracula'

Wed May 1st at 10 am

Peter Hammond – Caves and Wells.



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

Directory 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 5th March meet 10.00 am top right-hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Gallows Inn Recreation Field car park, Nottingham Rd, Ilkeston. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro-Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet March 14th – The Sun Inn. March 28th – The Game Keeper, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet March 20th at Double Tree. Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299.

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 21st March – Aldercar Flashes. The contacts for the group are Chris & Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet 27th March at Jacksdale Garden Centre. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

National Trust: Next meet March 11th 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visits planned - Baddesley Clinton 15th March, Dudmaston Hall 10th April. Contact Yvonne Carey.

Hidden Gems: Next meet 28th March – a History of Nottingham through its building stones tour, meet at left lion at 11 am. Contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962

City Treasures: Meet Wed 13th March, visit Nottingham Archives, meet NCH Arcade at 10.30 am. Contact Len Marsh 01159321230.

Discovering Nottingham: Visit to District Heating Scheme, 13th March, only 4 places left. Visit 29th March to Beauvale Priory at 10.30 am. Contact Barbara Gani on 0115 2194687.

Jewellery group: Will now meet at PDA shop, Cromford Rd, Langley Mill, 4th Thurs, at 2.00 pm. Will also do mixed crafts.

Strollers: No walk in March. Any queries contact Val on 01773 712269

Social Outings. We have a volunteer who will shortly be organising some social visits.

Anyone interested in Committee Roles from June?

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.



Over 100 of our members renewed their annual subscriptions at the February monthly meeting. Check the info below.

Membership Subscription - due by 1st April

We will be collecting membership subscriptions at the March monthly meetings and renewal forms will be available at the meetings. Renewal forms are also available on the website 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.*

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 18th March 2019. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

Contact Membership Secretary, email membership@eastwoodu3a.org Executive Committee members: EastwoodU3A@gmail.com Website: www.EastwoodU3A.org