

Message from the Chairman

Hello Everyone,

This month I am appealing for your help.

The current screen that we use to project information at our meetings is not going to be available to us in the near future.

We have to decide what we are going to do in terms of replacing our current system and we need someone with the knowledge and skills to advise us on the best way forward. We don't want to make any expensive mistakes.

If you can help or know someone who can please let us know

Many thanks Chris



The Bird watching group had a sunny day again for their visit to Wollaton park. They walked to the far lake where there was a selection of ducks and Black headed gulls. Walking further they saw the Heronry on the island, with the Herons nesting in the trees. Further on they also observed Mute swans, Great crested grebe and Tufted ducks. In the woods there were Blue tit, Carrion crows, Blackbirds, Jackdaw and Jays as well grey squirrels sun bathing. Also, a lone Ring-necked parakeet was seen. On the way back to the old stable block for lunch Egyptian geese and Mandarin ducks were seen. *Chrys & Paul Millington.*

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: 01773717398 or 07840543487.

Membership Subscription - due by 1st April

A reminder that membership subscriptions should have been renewed by 1st April. Renewal forms are also available on the website www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms.

April Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: Irene Schofield, Barbara Ingall, Pat Towner, Paul Bettridge

Meet & Greeters Rota: Frank Dorkes, Celia Dorkes, Ann McGillivray

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

Signing in: Pauline Daws, Barbara Moir.

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

National Trust Group enjoyed a great day at Baddesley Clinton near Warwick.

The pretty moated Manor House was quite small but quirky and very interesting. The staff were approachable and extremely knowledgeable too. The grounds were lovely and also the walk up to the little church which was lined with daffodils, primroses and violets. The weather was dry and mainly sunny so lucky all round! *Claire Booth*



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

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

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 2nd April meet & leave 10.00 am top right-hand corner Morrisons' car park. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro-Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet April 11th at Great Northern, Langley Mill. April 25th at The Tip Inn, Loscoe. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. No meeting in April. Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299.

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 18th April – Langford Lowfields. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet 24th April at Millie's, Armstrong's Mill. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

National Trust: Next meet April 8th 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visits planned - Dudmaston Hall 10th April. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Hidden Gems: Next meet 25th April, further info contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

City Treasures: April 10th meeting cancelled. Info at meeting on 29th March. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Discovering Nottingham: Next a visit to Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum on 17th & 25th April. Contact Barbara Gani Tel: 01159468721

Strollers: Next walk Wed 24th April at Highfields, Nottm University. Meet 10.30 at Lawrence pavilion café near South Entrance car park. Contact Val on 01773 712269.

Vegetable gardening: First meeting 5th April, 2.0 pm at Andrea's, Trough Lane. Further info contact Ann McGillivray 01773 767686.

Social Outings.

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Notification of Eastwood & District U3A 5th AGM

Notification is given of the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Eastwood & District U3A. It will be held at 10.00 am on the 5th June at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Eastwood.

The nomination form for all committee members will be on the notice board at the next two monthly meetings for members to fill in.

If you are acting as a proposer/second, please ensure that the individual is willing to stand in that role. All nominations must be received before 12 noon on the 1st May 2019.

Please note:

There are currently urgent vacancies for the following roles: Vice Chairman and Publicity Co-ordinator/Newsletter Editor. For further details please contact a member of the committee

Committee Roles.

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.

City Treasures members were out in force for a visit to the City Archives Centre on Castle Meadow Road. They were given an interesting talk about the purpose and workload of the archives and then in the workshop saw the conservation work on scripts and photos. They were taken into the safe storage room which is temperature controlled and fireproof. Next, they moved onto the modern, technical areas where the main research takes place and were able to view selection of documents. The group found the tour very interesting. The centre hold heritage talks and events throughout the year which are well worth a visit. *Len Marsh.*

Art Appreciation Group Visit

There are five seats still available on the coach trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park trip on Monday 20th May at a cost of £12. This is open to any of our Eastwood U3A members. As well as art galleries and outdoor sculptures there is an extensive parkland to walk around. Enquiries to Barbara Wigley 01773 762383.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 15th April 2019. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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