

Message from the Chairman

Hello Everyone,

I think Spring has arrived and what a difference a bit of sunshine makes. It certainly does lift the mood as we throw open the doors and windows. We start to catch up on all the gardening and outside jobs we haven't got around to. I can smell barbecues and hear families outside having fun. Let's hope the sunshine stays with us on this Bank Holiday weekend.

Here's to Spring and to follow, hopefully a long hot summer. *Chris*



Philip Hartley 5.12.44 - 29.3.2019
Sadly, one of our founder committee members, Philip Hartley, died in March. He had made a considerable contribution to forming the U3A 5 years ago. We benefitted from his IT skills and knowledge,

he set up the web site, newsletter and Apple computing groups. As Vice Chairman he gave invaluable support to the Steering Committee. He worked quietly and without fuss for the benefit of the whole group. Many of us will remember him with enormous affection. Farewell Philip.

Ann McGillivray

Publicity & Newsletter Coordinator Role.

This is my penultimate edition of the newsletter and so far no one to take over the role. Please ask for more information if you are interested at all. Training can be given. *Caroline Winfield*

May Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: Barbara Wass, Wendy Ball, Sue Shepherd, Sue Hill

Meet & Greeters Rota: Geraldine Spray, Jill Barnaby, Maureen Riley.

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

Signing in: Val Tebbutt, Janet Kirk

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

Craft and Knit Aid: The Craft group are still busy learning new skills at The People's Initiative on the third Tuesday of the month. They recently learnt the art of smocking, which took many of them back to their school days. Some members are working on embroidery, whilst others are learning new knitting skills. The group recently visited the Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum. They had a fascinating tour where they learnt that the knitters went from working in their homes to working in small factory units like Ruddington. They would recommend a visit at a cost of only £5.

The Knit Aid group are still making items which go to Africa or Knit for Peace; this is a Government initiative charity which highlights where help is needed both in Britain and abroad, like Syria. The group manages to continue thanks to member, Marie Kirk, who makes and sells the cards at our monthly meeting and raises money to pay the postage to send off their items. They always welcome donations of wool.



Disco Dance



Music of 60's/ 70's/ 80's

Greasley Miners Welfare

Friday 14 June 2019 – 7:30 'til late

Tickets £4.00 available at May meeting

or by contacting

Andrea 07927660408 or

Janet 07961832864

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

Wed May 1st at 10 am

Peter Hammond – Caves and Wells.

Wed June 5th at 10 am

AGM. Entertainment from Mark Walsh, Ukulele Sensation.

Wed July 3rd at 10 am

Kath Powis, Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum.



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 7th May meet at 10.00 am top right-hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Swingate/Kimberley water tower. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro-Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet May 9th at The White Lion, Swingate. Then May 23rd at Routs, Kimberley. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Meet May 15th at Selston Parish Hall. Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299.

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs May 16th at Attenborough. 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 May 22nd at The Factory Kitchen, Ilkeston. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

National Trust: Next meet May 13th 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visits planned – Tatton Park on May 16th. Erddig on June 7th. Quarry Bank July 9th. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Hidden Gems: Next meet Thurs 23rd May a tour of the DH Lawrence building, further info contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

City Treasures: Monthly meeting cancelled for May. Meet Wed 29th May at 11.00 at Papplewick Pumping Station, cost £4.00. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Discovering Nottingham: No meeting in May. Contact Barbara Gani Tel: 01159468721

Strollers: Next walk meet Wed 29th May Jacksdale Community car park at 10.15 for canal walk. Contact Val on 01773 712269.

Vegetable gardening: Meet May 3rd, 2.00 pm at Barbara's, Main St, Newthorpe. Further info contact Ann McGillivray 01773 767686.

Social Outings.

We have a volunteer who is interested in organising some social visits but is there anyone else who would like to help?

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 May monthly meeting 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

Radio Waves.

Hi U3A Members. Just a reminder for you to look up a very interesting group called Radio Waves. We meet twice monthly upstairs in the Sun Inn, Eastwood where we have interesting talks on topical world events and also watch slide shows. Ray Dring runs the group, his talks on modern day electrical engineering are brilliant, the last one covered solar energy, wave energy, wind turbines and also hydro-electric power. Come and join us on a journey with Ray and look into the future. He is also open to debate and answers questions on the subjects. Come and give the group a try and improve your knowledge in the electrical world we now live, in a friendly atmosphere. *Len Marsh.*
Come and join on the trip below.

BLETCHLEY PARK TRIP

Radio Waves Group will be undertaking a trip to Bletchley Park on FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019.

The trip is also open to any Eastwood & District U3A members. We have obtained a concessionary rate of entrance to Bletchley Park of £15.50, plus coach fare of £12.00.

Any member interested in joining us please contact Janet O'Neill on 07961832864

Art Appreciation Group Visit

The Art Appreciation Group trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Monday 20th May leaves the bus lay-by near Morrisons at 9am. We will be leaving for home at 4pm.

Any queries please ring Barbara Wigley on 01773 762383

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 13th May 2019. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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