

Message from the Chairman

Well, this is my last newsletter before the AGM next month. We still have some places available on the committee if anyone is interested in standing. If elected this will be my last year as chair and I want it to be a great year.

There are lots of things happening already; the U3A National Conference is being held in August at the East Midlands Conference Centre, this runs for three days and members of the committee will be attending. The theme this year is Sharing Inspiring Learning and there are a wide variety of workshops to attend, these range from digital learning, creative thinking, dementia friendly U3A, cyber-crime and U3A finances. The committee always come back from these events with lots of ideas to take our U3A forward.

In October the Nottinghamshire Network of U3As are running a day conference also at Nottingham University titled Ageing Well. Tickets and more information for this event, which is open to all members, will be available in June.

Finally, in April 2020 the Regional U3As, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Northampton are holding a conference at Eastwood Hall. This is in the planning stages but already there looks to be some interesting speakers booked. So, already lots of things happening in the next year and all held locally which is great for us all. The new committee will of course be putting a new development plan together after the AGM to highlight our focus for 2019-2020 this will be available for all members to access. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM, after the serious business there will be an extended break and entertainment. Best wishes Chris.

June Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: Nina Moore, Marta Stimpson, Pat Towner, Sue Hill

Meet & Greeters Rota: Karen Bostock, Tony Bostock, Susan Plamping

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

Signing in: Gillian Swift, Janet Kirk

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

Sadly, we have to report that Joan Morley died on May 18th. Joan had not been in good health for some time and deteriorated rapidly over the last few weeks.



Many members will have fond and happy memories of the many trips and events that Joan, together with Jill and Sandra, organised for the group. The funeral will be held in June at Kimberley Church.



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 June meeting

or by contacting

Andrea 07927660408 or Janet 07961832864



The Church History group had an interesting visit to Derby. They went to St Mary's Bridge Chapel where people used to pray for safety going in and out of the city. Then had a guided tour of Derby Cathedral. This was of interest to some because of the tomb of Bess of Hardwick. *Photo by Sheila Bowerman of Jim in the Bishop's chair.*

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

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

Directory If you would like a copy and have access to the Internet it can be found on the Eastwood U3A website but if anyone would 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 the :-

groups.coordinator@eastwoodU3A.org

Group News

The Psychology Group The new contact is now Peter Hayden tel. 0115 9384033.

5-mile Walkers: next walk Tues 4th June meet at 10.00 am top right-hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Hucknall Leisure Centre. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro-Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet 13th June at Cricketer's Rest, Kimberley. Then 27th June at the Angry Bee, Heanor. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Meet 19th June at Madhatters in Kimberley. Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299.

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 20th June at Carsington Reservoir. 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 26th June at Pauline's Pantry. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

National Trust: Next meet June 10th 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visits planned – Erddig on June 7th. Quarry Bank July 9th. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Hidden Gems: Next meet Thurs 27th June for further info contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email

lindarothwell@hotmail.com

City Treasures: Monthly meeting cancelled for June. Chesterfield Spire tour 28th June. Meet Morrisons, Eastwood for 09.50 am bus. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Discovering Nottingham: Guided tour of Jubilee Campus on 4th & 18th June at 11.15 am. Contact Barbara Gani Tel: 01159468721

Strollers: Next walk meet Wed 26th June along the Trent Embankment from Clifton to Trent Bridge and back. Meet at the Clifton South tram stop at 11am. Contact Val on 01773 712269.

Vegetable gardening: Meet 7th June, 2.00 pm at Sue R's, Raglan St. 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?

The Art Appreciation Group and members of the wider U3A had a very successful visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on a lovely sunny day. We saw work by Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth, Ai Weiwei, and Damien Hirst out in the parkland, Kimsooja's To Breathe exhibition in the Chapel where we walked on a floor of mirrors - a very strange experience. The new Weston Gallery exhibition showed the work of Thukral and Tagra from Delhi about the connection of Indian farmers with the ancient form of wrestling known as kushti and incorporated a "Twister" type interactive mat on the floor to make you think about the trials faced by the farmers. The Longside Gallery exhibition *Criminal Ornamentation* featured work by various artists and was equally thought provoking.



The Group would welcome new members. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month 10.30 am - 12 noon, upstairs room at The Sun Inn. Next meeting 17th June to look at The Arts and Craft Movement.

Photo of The Virgin Mother by Damien Hirst. *Barbara Wigley*

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, Eastwood.

Thanks I would like to say thank you to Margaret and Diana who have helped to edit articles and proof read the Newsletter for me. Also, thanks to the group members who have regularly kept me informed of their activities and submitted photographs and articles for the Newsletter. *Caroline Winfield*

Hidden Gems will meet for the last time on Thursday 27th June unless somebody comes forward to take over being the contact for this group. Please contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

Radio Waves trip

Bletchley Park trip Friday 21 June 2019. For all who are booked on the trip, please be at the bus stop outside Morrisons, Eastwood for 8.30 am. Journey time approx 2 hr

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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