

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I am writing this while watching a bowls tournament for visually impaired players. These players, with assistance, are able to reach the highest standards of achievement and enjoyment. The key phrase is 'with assistance'.

Most of our members are able to enjoy most of the activities that interest them, and attend monthly meetings if they wish. However, some of you may experience difficulties that prevent you from enjoying the full benefits of membership. If this is the case a relative or carer - who does not necessarily need to be a member - to assist your mobility and your ability to participate, can accompany you. If you are experiencing such difficulties you should make contact with one of the committee members for advice.



The Wine group attended a wine tasting at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. There were some 38 wines and 2 gins to be tried. It was an excellent presentation by Sunday Times wines and for 2 hours they all had a party! *John Slater*



The Social trip to Cadburys World in Birmingham turned out to be a most enjoyable and interesting outing. Photo shows Joan and Jill enjoying a ride during the visit. As well as the tour of the exhibition centre with lots of displays, some members also went round the Bourneville village and gardens. They would recommend the visit. A full report can be seen on the website. *Len Marsh*



The General Gardening group held their March meeting at Reuben Shaw & Sons' garden centre. Elle demonstrated how to fill a range of garden containers suitable for spring into summer. She made three different sized containers showing the types, size and colours of a variety of plants that could be used. She gave good advice on what compost and feed to use, and how to create a display in the container. Elle then gave members a guided tour around the garden centre.

April Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: - Kay Langton, Sheila Roper, Pauline Marshall.
Meet & Greeters Rota: -. Yvonne Carey, Ivan Brown, Mary Brown.
Set up/Clear away Rota: - Robert Leam, Geoff Gration, Peter Hayden, Barry Day.
Signing in:- Barbara Wigley, John Beech.

Eastwood & District U3A - Notification is given of the 3rd AGM of the Eastwood & District U3A. It will be held at 10 am on 7th 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 2 monthly meetings.

If you are acting as a proposer/seconded please ensure that the individual is willing to stand in that role. All nominations must be received before 12 noon on the 3rd May 2017.

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

Wed April 5th at 10 am -

Ann Featherstone - Victorian Fairs, Freaks and Fisticuffs

Wed May 3rd at 10 am -

Philip Francomb - ex-patriot from Madeira

Wed June 7th at 10 am -

A. G. M. and entertainment.



Featured New Interest Groups

Now that the directory has been published 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 Groups for 2017:

French Conversation: meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at the Sun Inn, Eastwood at 10.00 to 11.30 am. Contact Peter Hayden 0115 9384033.

Coffee mates 2: list for names. Contact will be Barbara Gani.

Nottingham Hidden Gems: First walk 6th April, through the Arboretum led by Barbara Wigley 01773 762383.

If you have ideas for other groups or need further info contact Lorna or Jim Stirland tel. 07977 415 072.

Group News:

5 mile Walkers: next walk April 4th meet 10 am top right of Morrisons car park, then on to Shipley Country Park. Contact Roger Reynolds.

National Trust – meet 2nd Monday of month at Dunnlite. A visit to Hanbury Hall 11th April is planned; some seats available, £13. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530 On Tues May 16th a visit to Charlecote Park is planned.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet April 13th at the Dog & Parrot, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey.

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Coffee Mates is now full: next meet April 19th at 11am at Madhatters, Kimberley. Contact Andrea Sadler.

General gardening – next meet Thursday 20th April, 2 pm at Felley Priory for the daffodils. Contact Hazel Eyre on 01773 715 956.

Bird Watching: Next meet April 20th – Aldercar flashes. Contacts Chris & Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Strollers - April walk on Wednesday 26th at Highfields Park, Nottingham University. Meet at the D H Lawrence Pavilion Café near the south entrance car park at 10:15. Any queries contact Val Kennerell on 01773 712269.

Vegetable gardening – First meeting 2017 – 7th April, 2 pm at Main Street, Newthorpe. Contact Barbara Moore.

Social Outings.

- **April 22nd 2017 (Sat)** - Coach trip to Harrogate Flower Show, Sat April 22nd, the bus will leave Morrisons bus stop 9 am. £26 per person, includes flower show tickets are £16.50.
- **May 19th (Friday)** –visit to Whitby, £15 per head.
- **June** - visit to Stamford and Burley House approx. £22 per head includes admission to the house.

More info at Main Meeting or from Joan Morley on 0115 938 3042 or Jill Parnaby on 01773 765 735

Nottingham Hidden Gems: First walk 6th April will be through the Arboretum. Meet at 10.30 Phoenix Park & Ride or 11.00 at the High school tram stop. This walk will be led by Barbara Wigley 01773 762383. In the future the group contact will be Bob Ford on 07812455380.

Singing for pleasure is held on the 2nd Friday at 7.30 pm at Greasley Miners Welfare, Dovecote Road. We have covered a variety of eras/genres including the 60's, 70's, Musicals and Abba. Anyone who enjoys singing at whatever level is welcome.

Group Membership

Under the conditions of the U3A insurance you must be a member of the Eastwood & District U3A to attend any of the interest groups. Group contacts will need to see your 2017/18 membership cards after the 1st April 2017.

Theatre group: Marvellous, mesmerising and magical describes "The Red Shoes", a contemporary ballet choreographed and directed by Matthew Bourne and danced at the Nottingham Theatre Royal. The 6 members of the Eastwood U3A who attended this production were not disappointed.

Membership Subscription- due by 1st April

Anyone who has not yet renewed their subscription, we will still be collecting membership subscriptions at the April monthly meeting. 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.

Renewal forms will be available at the meeting and are also available on the website www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms. If there are no changes to your details, all we need on the form is your full name, membership number and signature. 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*

Amount: £20

You can hand a cheque payment in at the sign in desk. Put your renewal form and cheque (for £20 payable to Eastwood & District U3A) in an envelope addressed to the Treasurer with your name and member number on the outside.

You can use the renewal form and pay at the membership desk at the April meeting.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 17th April, 2017.

Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org