



The photograph shows members of Coffee Mates enjoying a celebratory lunch at The Coffee Lounge, Kimberley.

Message from the Chairman

Holidays – do you love them or can't see the point of leaving your own comfortable home to spend a week in a crowded resort with people you don't know, and eating food you don't like?

Me? I enjoy holidays. Not so much for the people, crowded places or unfamiliar food, but for the memories that remain long after the holiday is over.

When I was a child our family stayed in a rented caravan at Caister-on-Sea for two weeks most summers. It was probably a cramped caravan on a caravan park with a toilet as the only 'facility' and water fetched from the only tap on the site, but I remember the smell of the gas mantle and the 'pop' when it was lit. I remember the walk to the pub with my parents and brothers after a day on the beach, catching crabs and building forts in the sand. I remember my brother teaching me to whistle through my fingers on the train one year, and practicing for hours in the caravan – much to everyone's annoyance!

With a young family of my own I remember the thrill of our first holiday abroad; our weeks in the Yorkshire Dales; and the holiday camps – seagulls as big as cows (or so it seemed) landing on the chalet roof at 4 am.

I will not lose those memories, even if I don't remember what I was doing yesterday. It would be interesting to hear other people's memories of holidays and, perhaps record them as an Eastwood & District U3A project. What do you think?

The **Discovering Nottingham** Group enjoyed tours organised by Len Marsh on the 13th and 29th July 2016.

First an interesting walk from the Lace Market down Hockley to Sneinton Market. Then up Sneinton Road to Windmill Lane and on to Green's Windmill.

We had a tour inside the mill and a talk on the workings of the mill by the Miller. Outside we viewed the Community garden, which is still a work in

progress but displays excellent garden produce.

Then a visit to William Booth's house and birthplace museum which is close by. This is a hidden gem, the museum and artefacts are displayed in wonderful original settings and both curators gave interesting talks.

Both of these venues were visited on the same day as they are sited very close to one another but could be seen separately.



I can personally recommend other members visit both the venues. A brochure of information is now available for other members to read.

September Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: -

Mary Brown, Yvonne Carey, Teresa Tandy.
Shirley Reynolds, Pauline Beech, Mary Edwards.
Kay Langton, Barbara Ingall, Claire Booth.
Marion Chambers, Gillian Tiley.

Timed rota to be arranged for the morning.

Meet & Greeters Rota:- Frank Dorkes, Pauline Marshall, Celia Dorkes.

If you are unable to attend ring the new contact Carol Leam on 01773 762823.

Let us know if you would like to see anything different in your monthly Newsletter or on the web site.

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

Wed Sept 7th at 10 a.m.

Wed Oct 5th at 10 a.m.

Wed Nov 2nd at 10 a.m.

Open Day – Interest groups' displays.

David Amos

Bob Gow - Court in session.



Featured New Interest Groups

Now that the directory has been issued 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 proposed for 2016:

Radio Waves: Contact Ray Dring 01773 770 138

Creative writing will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in Eastwood Library at 2.00 pm. Contact: Chris Niven 07891 032 300.

Discovering Nottingham: Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762 383

Theatre Group: Contact Val Simons 01773 710 518. Meet 1st Thursday at Dunn Lite at 2 p.m.

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

Group News:

Vegetable Gardening: next meeting. 2nd September will be held at 48, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, at 2pm. The meeting on October 7th has been cancelled.

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 6th September. Meet 10.00 am top right of Morrisons car park then on to Ambergate. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788 169.

Bowls: meet at Brinsley Outdoor Bowls Club, Brinsley at 1.45 pm. Contact John Stanger on 01773 787 183

Pub Pals: NB next meeting is a week earlier on Mon 12th September at the Poet & Castle, Codnor. For further details call group contact Yvonne Carey.

General gardening: meet September 15th, 2.0 pm. A NGS garden visit to 228, Belper Road, Stanley Common, Ilkeston. Contact Hazel for more info.

Coffee Mates: next meet on Wed September 21st at 31 Mill Road, Newthorpe – Charity coffee morning. Please contact Andrea for more info.

Strollers: next walk Wed 28th September. Meet 10.15 at Colliers Wood car park to walk around Moorgreen Reservoir, more info contact Val.

Social Outings

- **September 9th** - The visit to Calke Abbey has had to be cancelled due to lack of interest; money will be repaid at the main meeting.
- **October 11th** – A visit to Castle Howard in Yorkshire, an 18th century house and gardens set in 1,000 acres of breathtaking views. Cost £28 per head, £16 for the house & gardens and £12 for the bus.
- **November 27th** - An evening with a Michael Bubl  tribute act on Sun Nov 27th, at the Junction, Sutton, £7 in advance. We have a meal first which we pay for as we go. Bring £7 to main monthly meeting in September to pay for tickets in advance. We will car share, more details nearer the date.
- **December 7th to Thursford Christmas Extravaganza & free time in Norwich.** A 3 day/2 night visit, staying at Yarmouth Prom Hotel £199. A £50 deposit ASAP to Joan.

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

“Quiet Reflection”

Visit to the Holocaust Centre, Laxton.

In 1933 prior to the war the U.K. government agreed to take 10,000 unaccompanied children from Germany and Austria on what is now known as the Kinder Transport. Following a very informative visit to the Holocaust exhibition, 29 members of our U3A had the privilege of spending time listening and talking to Howard Kendall, himself an Austrian Jew who left on one of the trains. One million other children never survived.



The white rose bushes planted in the memorial gardens represent people who perished in the holocaust. The plaque at one rose bush indicated the loss of 81 members of one family. The white rose symbolizes the struggle started in 1942 by Hans and his sister Sophia with their friend Christophe Probst against the atrocities being carried out by the Gestapo under the instructions of Adolph Hitler.



The 5 mile Walkers enjoying the sunshine near Attenborough Nature Reserve.

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Past & Present.

20 members of the Past and Present Group recently had a visit to Strelley Hall. They were given a very extensive and most interesting history of the hall by its present owner and then a tour of both inside and outside, really fascinating. A most delicious afternoon tea in The Mulberry Tea Rooms followed this.

Both the tour and tea were thoroughly enjoyed by the entire group.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 19th September, 2016.

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