

Message from the Chairman

June 6th, the date of our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. This is the time when a new committee is elected and members get the opportunity to vote for the nominees they think would do a good job in leading and guiding our U3A for the coming year.

Many of the committee have been serving since Eastwood and District U3A was founded and have done a wonderful job. Serving on the committee is time limited and some are standing down to have a well-earned rest.

I would like to thank those of you who have come along to observe our committee meetings and as a result have offered to stand. We operate on a volunteer basis and rely on members to keep the wheels rolling.

We have posts to fill, these are; Membership Secretary, Groups Co-Ordinator, Treasurer and Vice Chairperson.

If you want any information on the way the committee works, time commitment etc contact me, committee members or come along to our next meeting. Here's to a successful and positive AGM and onwards and upwards for Eastwood and District. *Chris Niven*



Wine group On the 10th March 17 members and 8 guests were at a wine tasting in Nottingham. A good selection of 31 wines and 3 gins from around the world put everyone in excellent humour. We now have the maximum we can cater for. *John Slater*

National Trust. Our first visit of the year was to The Wimpole Estate near Cambridge. Captain and Elsie Bambridge bought the house in 1938 - Elsie was the daughter of Rudyard Kipling. Elsie lived in the house until her death in 1976 when she left the estate to the National Trust. Wimpole Hall is very impressive with many interesting features. We explored the house freely including the kitchens and laundry, which were just as they used to be. We also visited the working farm that provides the produce for the estate and has three magnificent shire horses (my favourites) to do the hard work on the land. There were various rare breeds of pigs, also cattle, chickens and other farm animals. Several of us were in the piggery when suddenly the pigs started to jump up in their stys, making the most deafening noise as it was feeding time. *Claire Booth*



Social Visit On Monday 19th February a group went to the Junction, bar/restaurant, in Sutton in Ashfield. The food was good and the show a laugh a minute. We saw a tribute to Peter Kay by Lee Lord. In our opinion he was funnier than Peter Kay himself. We all said it did us all good to laugh so much. It was a brilliant night. *Joan*

April Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: - Yvonne Marsh, Nina Moore, Clarice Ross, Barbara Rollinson

Meet & Greeters Rota: - Marion Chambers, Moira Lees, Ann George

Set up/Clear away Rota: - Barry Day, Geoff Gratton, Peter Hayden, Robert Leam.

Signing in: - Pat Potter, Marion Hawley

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

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

Wed April 4th at 10 am

Jack Perks Wildlife photographer

Wed May 2nd at 10 am

Luke Wigman ex RAF soldier

Wed June 6th at 10 am

Annual General Meeting plus entertainment.



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: **Church History** – will meet on the 1st Tuesday at 2.0 pm at Percy Street Baptist Church. Contact Marianne Chisholm, tel 01159 134 077
History of England – will meet on the 4th Thurs at 10.30 am in the Sun Inn. Contact Janet Kirk 01773 770183. janetcolin@icloud.com. **Photography** – meeting dates to be arranged.

Group News:

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 3rd April meet 10 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to lay-by on left of A6 between Ambergate & Whatstandwell (burger van lay-by) Moderate climb to Crich. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788 169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet 26th April at The Tip Inn, Loscoe. Contact Yvonne Carey. 01773712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet 18th April at Nottingham Golf Club, Bulwell. Contact Andrea for more info.
Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 19th April – Langford Lowfields. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Pub Pals: For next meeting 12th April at Great Northern, Langley Mill. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Vegetable gardening: Next meet 6th April at 72, Moorgreen (Pauls) Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770 929

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet on **Wed 18th April**, 11am at Millie's café, Armstrong Mill (**please note date change**) Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Strollers: Next walk Wed 25th April at Highfields Park, Nottingham University Meet 10.15 am at D H Lawrence Pavilion café near the south entrance car park. Contact Val on 01773 712269.

City Treasures: Fri 6th April meet outside Bromley House, Nottingham @ 10-30am. Tour of House, Library & garden, cost £6. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Social Outings

- *Thursday April 12th - visit to Doddington Hall, gardens, farm shop and cafe in Lincolnshire cost £22 bus fare, entry and guided tour. £10 deposit needed A.S.A.P. Places available.*

- *Monday 23rd April - Eastbourne holiday club class coach travel cost £489, full details can be seen on the website. Sea front hotel, 6 days, 5 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, 5 visits plus many extras.*

- *Thursday 17th May – A Sherwood Forest bus tour, Robin Hood Express is a vintage London bus taking us around legendary Sherwood Forest, pick up Eastwood, stops at key sites. Max cost £25, more that go the cheaper it will be. See Joan, Jill or Sandra at main meeting.*

- *Also let them know if you are interested in a holiday in Scotland in October.*

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

Discovering Nottingham: next visit Playhouse, Albert Hall, Cathedral area, 10th April & 19th April more details to follow. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721

Nottingham's Hidden Gems: Next meet Thurs 26th April, visiting the Aboretum, General cemetery, Canning Circus & Park Tunnel, & Sir John Borlace Warren. Contact Linda Rothwell on 0771 2277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

National Trust: Next meet Mon 9th April at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visit planned for 25th April to Nostell Priory & Parkland. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Jewellery: They now meet in the conservatory at Julie's Café, Mansfield Rd, 4th Thurs 2 – 4 pm.

The Poetry Group meets at Eastwood Library at 12.30 on the 3rd Friday of the month. We choose 2 poems each on the monthly topic, which we read to the group, usually followed by lively discussion.

We have learnt about the Poet Laureates and read poems on topics as diverse as Childhood, Falling and Questions and Answers. Members decided to look at the work of specific poets at alternate meetings. So far we have learnt about Longfellow and Tennyson. Future topics: April - Flowers and Spring, May - Spike Milligan's poems and other comic verse, June - Desert Island Verses, members to choose two poems they would like to have with them if they were marooned on a desert island. If you enjoy poetry why not come and join us? *Audrey Measures*

Notification of the 4th AGM

The fourth Annual General Meeting of Eastwood & District U3A will be held on 6th June 2018 in St Marys Church, Church Street, Eastwood at 10 am. The nomination form for all committee members will be on the notice board at the next 2 monthly meetings.

The majority of the Executive committee are willing to stand for re-election but there will be at least 5 positions vacant. All candidates need to be nominated and seconded by a non-executive member.

If you are acting as a proposer/seconded please ensure that the individual is willing to stand. All nominations must be received before 12 noon on 2nd May 2018.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 16th April 2018.
 Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org