

Message from the Chairman

Well, the Bank Holiday is fast approaching and with it the end of the school holidays. As a parent I used to love the holidays; no rushing in the morning, no lunches to make, no uniforms to wash and iron. Now I love the holidays as I see my grandchildren more, we have more time to spend together and one little one is especially excited as he is starting school soon. The cycle of life keeps on turning and the summers are always hot and sunny. Weren't we lucky, this year it was true. *Chris Niven*

The Geology Group enjoyed a fascinating visit to Ecton Hill Copper Mine; this included an underground tour of some of the old workings. Situated in the Manifold Valley near Hartington they are some of the oldest and most profitable copper mines in the country, with a vertical pipe vein of chalcopyrite, a sulphide of iron and copper, and a copper content of 15%. The Duke of Devonshire made a fortune between 1760 – 1825, which funded the building expansion of Chatsworth, and the Crescent in Buxton. Stone and bone artefacts found in the mine have been carbon dated to 1880 – 1630 BC. By 1795 the Ecton shaft was sunk to 1350ft giving sufficient space underground to fit in the Eiffel Tower, and the largest cavity the size of St Paul's Cathedral. Copper mined here was used to cover the bottoms of the Royal Navy ships making them the fastest afloat. By 1825 the mine had given up its most profitable ore and soon closed. *Jim Stirland*



Pub Pals do it again! At Mellors' Mews recently, Pub Pals thought they were in for a few quiet drinks until drag artist Stawberry Whip, otherwise known as Ian George Norton, hit the floor and got us all rockin' to the sounds of Madonna, Tom Jones and Dusty Springfield. What a surprise! We weren't expecting that, as you can see from the photograph! *Geoff Gration*



Community involvement We are looking for ways that our U3A can become involved more out in the community. Please discuss this within your Interest Groups to see if you might be able to offer anything for other organisations in the community. For example the Ukulele group have attended several venues like The Breath-easy group, Moorgreen Residents Association, and Erewash Canal Festival. We recently received a request from Alexandra Nursing Home, Eastwood, a small nursing home in Eastwood, they are looking for people willing to come in and speak to them about the group; interesting careers or hobbies; or members who would like to sing or recite poetry to them. They are always looking to involve more visitors and friends. Let the committee know about your ideas or any contacts you might have.

September Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: - Sue Hill, Jan Gibson, Paul Bettridge, Marta Stimpson

Meet & Greeters Rota: - Tony Bostock, Karen Bostock, Barry Seeley

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

Signing in: - John Hill, Philip Gould

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 Sept 5th at 10 am

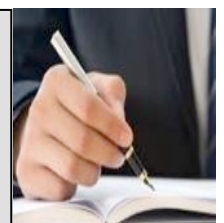
Mr Hammond – So you think you know Nottingham

Wed Oct 3rd at 10 am

Interest group Showcase.

Wed Nov 7th at 10 am

John Stirland – well known gardener!



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 – meet on the 1st Tuesday at 2.00 pm at Percy Street Baptist Church. Contact Marianne Chisholm, tel 01159 134 077

History of England – will meet on the 1st Thurs at 10 am in the Sun Inn, please note the new time. Contact Janet Kirk 01773 770183. janetcolin@icloud.com.

Photography – will meet on the 3rd Wed at The Foresters, Newthorpe, 10.00 am. Contact is Frank Queripel, tel: 01773 788047.

Natural Science - meet 4th Monday, 10.30 am at The Foresters, Newthorpe. Contact Val Simons.

Mindfulness - Mindfulness 1 meet 1st Tuesday, 10.00 am at the Eastwood People's Initiative. Mindfulness 2 meet 2nd Tuesday 10.00 am same venue. Contact Val Simons. 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 4th Sept meet 10.00 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Watnall Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet Sept 13th the Marlpool Alehouse, Marlpool, Sept 27th the Sun Inn, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet Sept 19th at the Copper Cafe, Nottingham. Contact Andrea for more info.

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 20th Sept – Idle Valley. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Vegetable gardening: Next meet Sept 7th meeting at Jill's, Mill Rd, Newthorpe.

Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770 929

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet at Madhatters, Kimberley on 26th Sept at 11.00 am. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Strollers: Next walk Wed 26th Sept at Wollaton Park. Meet in the top car park at 10.15, a charge for parking. Contact Val on 01773 712269.

Social Outings.

Watch this space for future outings and visits after a summer break.

Further info at the Main meeting about our new Social outings organisers.

City Treasures: Meet Fri 31st Aug at 10.00am the Sun Inn. Wed Sept 12th Walks 5 +10 Nottingham City, meet 11.00 am Nottingham Council House Arcade. Fri 28th Sept the Sun Inn meet 10.00 am. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Discovering Nottingham: next meet Wed 12th & Thurs 27th Sept the Tree trail Nottingham Arboretum. Meet at the bottom gate to the Arboretum, by the Lodge Cafe at 11.00 am. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Hidden Gems: Next meet Thurs 27th Sept a visit to The National Justice museum on High Pavement, Nottingham. Further details contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

National Trust: Next meet 10th Sept at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visits planned for 7th Sept – Coughton Court, 9th October – Dunham Massey. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Singing for Pleasure: season starts with the first session on Fri 21st Sept, 7.30 pm at Greasley Miners Welfare.

History of England will now be the 1st Thursday of the month 10-12 at the Sun Inn beginning 6th September.



Discovering Nottingham Group.

Members of the group had a really enjoyable guided tour around St Ann's Allotments. For more than 600 years this area has been used by Nottingham residents and because of its rich history, the 75 acre site, is now Grade II listed. The first documented enclosure of the land was in 1604 and it was probably laid into individual allotments, defined by hedges, in 1830s. In the Victorian times shopkeepers and professional people used them to relax and enjoy the lawns and flowers beds. Over time there was a transition from gardens towards allotment gardens for the poorer workers to grow fruit and vegetables. We ended the tour with refreshments in the Heritage Display Garden with amazing views over Nottingham. *Barbara Gani*

October Showcase Day

October 3rd Monthly Meeting will be the annual Showcase event when we ask all Interest Groups to display to other members what their group is doing. Please make sure that you let Derrick Hart (Groups coordinator) know what your requirements will be for this meeting, table, power supply etc.

New committee - Membership secretary roles

Linda Rothwell– Database Manager
memberdata@eastwoodU3A.org

John Hill – Membership secretary
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Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 17th September 2018. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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