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**Deadline Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

## Message from the Chairman

I hope you are all well and taking precautions to protect yourselves during this strange and unsettling time. Just trying to keep up with the constant changes, advice and predictions is a full time job but we need to be vigilant.

As per government advice all our monthly meetings and group meetings are postponed until we receive notification that it is safe to resume. This means that our AGM which should have been held in June will almost certainly not go ahead on that date. There will be information coming out to you regarding the AGM process so that when we are able to resume normal service our paperwork is in order and we are ready to continue.

I have been busy co-ordinating a support system for our more vulnerable members. I have a list of volunteers who are offering help including; shopping, dog walking, collecting prescriptions and telephone chats. If you feel you could need help please contact me and I will do my best to arrange this.

My contact details are: [chrisniven1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chrisniven1@yahoo.co.uk) Mobile 07891 032 300

There are resources on our website which you might find informative and entertaining and will help pass the time whilst we are confined to quarters. See \*CORONAVIRUS tab.

Stay safe everyone and don't hesitate to get in touch if you need help.

My very best wishes to you all

Chris Niven. (Chairperson)

## LIVING HISTORY IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

U3A members are being asked to help craft a shared learning project where they create living history of this extraordinary time. This project is a living history of members' experiences during the 2020 coronavirus pandemic.

We are currently living through an unprecedented period, due to the coronavirus and everyone's daily lives are being affected. The situation is impacting on people in lots of different ways and you will all have your own experiences, thoughts and reflections on what this time is like for you and how it is affecting you, both on a practical and on a psychological level. We would really like to capture all of this as part of a UK wide living history project.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/about/news-archive/559-living-history-in-unprecedented-times>

## DISCO



The Disco was a great success with over 60 members attending.

A good time was had by all.

## WINE APPRECIATION



The March event was an excellent wine tasting at Weavers of Nottingham, presented by Mary Trease. A selection of 9 superb wines was on offer. We finished with a visit to the cellars in the caves below.

## Group Information

Now that the Directory is available the newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities. Latest up-to-date information at:

[www.EastwoodU3A.org](http://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 contact

[newsletter@EastwoodU3A.org](mailto:newsletter@EastwoodU3A.org)

If you have ideas for new groups or need further information contact

[groups.coordinator@EastwoodU3A.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@EastwoodU3A.org)

## Group News

### All group meetings are cancelled until further notice

The interest groups aren't meeting face-to-face until further notice but a few have found other ways to communicate and things to do while we are isolated in our homes.

**Book Group:** the group hope to continue their activities by sharing their book reviews by email, hopefully on or around the scheduled meeting date. The current book choice is *The Lightkeeper's Daughter* by Jean Pendziwol. *Sue*

**Bridge:** a useful link if you want to investigate how to play Bridge <https://www.nofearbridge.co.uk/U3A/>

**Church History:** the group are researching the influence of Martin Luther for a future meeting. *Marianne*

**Family History:** A free online course entitled *Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree* is available now through [www.futurelearn.com](http://www.futurelearn.com) and is very helpful for those new to research and also those more experienced. Any group members needing advice or look-ups are welcome to contact me by email - [djp1951@hotmail.com](mailto:djp1951@hotmail.com) *Diana*

**Poetry:** have a group on Outlook for members to share and comment on poems they have chosen. If any other members wish to join please contact Jenny 01773 602 347 or Audrey 01773 714 950

**Photography:** are putting photographs on Flickr, which everyone will be able to look at. A link will be put on the \*CORONAVIRUS tab on our website when the Flickr group is up and working.

**Theatre:** Members of the group have been provided with links to online productions which they discuss later on their WhatsApp group. These links are on the \*CORONAVIRUS tab on our website. *Marianne*

## BEACON

Members can log in and easily access information on all the groups they attend.

You can access your record on BEACON from our website: [www.EastwoodU3A.org](http://www.EastwoodU3A.org)

## EASTWOOD & DISTRICT U3A AGM

Although we are not having monthly meetings for the foreseeable future due to the Coronavirus, we still need to plan in readiness for the Annual General Meeting.

Currently 5 people have been proposed and seconded for the committee but we need further nominations for the Vice Chairman's position plus 6 more committee members.

The following committee members are happy to be re-elected: Val Beecham, Chris Niven and Barry Seeley. We would also welcome new people onto the committee.

Please send all nominations to [Business.Secretary@EastwoodU3A.org](mailto:Business.Secretary@EastwoodU3A.org) or text/call Linda on 07712 277 962.

If you are acting as a proposer please ensure that the individual is willing to stand. All nominations must be received before 12 noon on 6th May 2020.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Your membership subscription is due before the 1st April.

Whichever method you use to pay your subscription you **MUST** fill in a **renewal form**. If there are no changes to your details, fill in your name, membership number and date and sign the top section of the form. You must then complete the Privacy Statement to confirm your consent to the storage and use of your data.

The current subscription is £20 for the year, £17 for Associate Members.

You will find a renewal form here:

[www.EastwoodU3A.org/forms](http://www.EastwoodU3A.org/forms).

## WAYS TO PAY

– By cheque:

Post to:

The Treasurer  
118 Newdigate Road  
Watnall  
NG16 1HG

Please write your name and membership number on the back of the cheque. The cheque should be payable to Eastwood & District U3A.

– By Bank transfer - a one off bank payment but you must also complete a renewal form and email the treasurer to confirm payment -

Name of payee: Eastwood & District U3A

Sort code: 60-07-28

Account no: 456 35 714

Reference: **Your name & membership no** (this is essential for the treasurer to pick out who has paid)

Amount: £20

## JOINT GIFT AID

If you have signed a gift aid form for yourself and others in your household, the person who completed the gift aid form must pay the full joint amount and sign the renewal form.

Treasurer

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