

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself; I am Chris Niven your new chairperson. This morning I chaired the first Executive Committee Meeting since the new committee was elected. What a busy meeting it was, two hours with a packed agenda, new committee members and plans for the coming year.

We are very lucky; our U3A is a busy, thriving environment with skilled, dedicated and enthusiastic members. It is growing steadily and has a wide variety of groups offering a range of opportunities for personal development and socialisation.

I am looking forward to the year ahead, working with the committee and members to build on the hard work put in by Ann and the previous committees.

I would welcome any feedback or suggestions that may help us in working towards a successful future.

Chris Niven

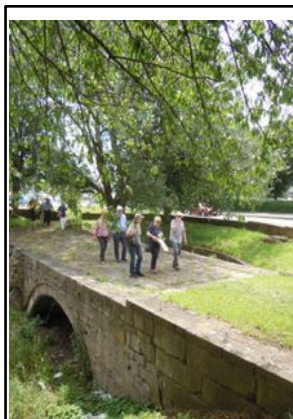


Coffee & Co all enjoyed a second get together in June at Madhatters in Kimberley, lovely friendly tea rooms with delicious cakes, which they had to try!! As you can see they all entered into the spirit of the Madhatters tea party. *Barbara Gani*

Change of date to note Please note that the annual Interest Group showcase meeting this year will be at the October monthly meeting.

The new executive committee now have the following roles for 2017/18.

Committee member	New Committee Role
Chris Niven	Chairman
Lorna Stirland	Vice Chairman Groups Coordinator
Val Simons	Business Secretary
Margaret Naylor	Treasurer
Robert Ford	Vice Chairman
Valerie Beecham	Speaker Finder
Andrea Sadler	Volunteers Coordinator
Ishbel Walsh	Welfare Coordinator
Janet O'Neill	Membership Secretary
James Stirland	Groups Coordinator
Caroline Winfield	Publicity Coordinator Newsletter Editor
Anthony Green	Committee member



Discovering Nottingham 1 visited the Trent Embankment, after looking at the recorded floods on the wall adjacent to the bridge, they moved into the Memorial Gardens where the land was bought by Sir Jesse Boot. Queen Victoria's statue is in place here. Onto the suspension bridge, which is a combined pedestrian footbridge and aqueduct. Passing by County Hall then over the road to see the remains of the Old Trent Bridge. *Christine Smith*

'Welcome Wednesdays' D H Lawrence Birthplace Museum in Eastwood offers Broxtowe residents free admission every Wednesday to one of their guided tours. All you need to do is quote your postcode or bring proof of address.

July Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: - Cath Gasgoyne, Christine Huckle, Sheila James, Irene Schofield

Meet & Greeters Rota: - Christine Reynolds, Muriel Barsby, Chrys Millington

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

Signing in: - John Beech and Teresa Tandy

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

Wed July 5th at 10 am

Pentrich revolution anniversary.

Wed Aug 2nd at 10 am

Barbara Meyer – Big cats photography.

Wed Sept 6th at 10 am

To be confirmed



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:

Jazz Appreciation: new contact from **June 20th** - Anthony Green on 0115 9383135.

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

Coffee Mates 2: now called **Coffee & Co.** Contact Barbara Gani 0115 9468721

Nottingham Hidden Gems: Group contact Bob Ford 07812455380.

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 on Tues 4th July, meet 10 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then to Felley Lane North, towards Felley Lane Farm.

Directions: Opposite road to Brinsley, down Felley Lane South turn right.

(Need to car share, limited parking)

Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

General Gardening: No meetings planned, a new contact is needed for the group. Thanks to Hazel for all she has done in the role.

Bird Watching: Next meet July 20th - Willington Gravel Pits and Calke Abbey. Contacts Chris & Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

National Trust : July 17th meeting at the Dog & Parrot. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530. Aug 9th visit to Waddesdon Manor. Sept 8th to Lyme Park.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet July 13th at The Gamekeeper, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530. .

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Coffee Mates: is now full: next meet July 19th The Gallery Café, at Highfields. Contact Andrea Sadler.

Vegetable Gardening: next meet on 7th July at 44 Raglan Street. Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770 929.

Social Outings.

- **18th July (Tuesday)** - a visit to Adam's Farm in the Cotswolds, £22 each, leave Morrisons' bus stop at 9.00 am
- No outings for August, watch this space in September!
- Watch this space for future visits like Chester zoo, Stanford and afternoon tea, dog races, pantomime and a meal.

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

Discovering Nottingham:

Historical Pubs – Wed 12th and Thurs 27th July – meet at Phoenix Park Tram Stop at 10.30 am or near the main entrance of the Castle at 11.00am Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762383

Discovering Nottingham 2:

Walk 4 – Forest Road East, Jewish Cemetery, Church (Rock) Cemetery & The Forest. Meet July 12th, 11.00 am Forest Road East crossroads. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Nottingham's Hidden Gems: Thurs 6th July 2017 – Green's Mill and William Booth. Meet at the Lace Market tram stop at 10.30 am. Contact Bob Ford 0781 2455380.

Strollers: next walk on Wed 26th July at Bestwood Park. Meet in the Winding Wheel car park on Park Road, Bestwood village at 10.15. For more information and/or a map contact Val Kennerell on 01773 712269.

Coffee & Co: Next meet at Pauline's Pantry, Jacksdale on Wed 26th July at 11am. Contact Barbara Gani 0115 9468721.

Jewellery group: Are having a break through the summer, next meet 24th August.

Singing for pleasure: the group will not meet until the 29th Sept.



Nottingham's Hidden Gems -Twenty members of the group met outside Ropewalk House, previously the eye hospital, to follow walk number 5. During the visit they learnt about the history of the hospital with additional anecdotes from members of the group. They followed the detailed route for walk 5, which covered many interesting historical events on the way to Brewhouse Yard. The group enjoyed a sunny walk that was relaxed, informative and definitely scenic. A full detailed report can be seen on the website. *Bob Ford*

Discovering Nottingham 2 Fifteen members of the group met at the High School tram stop and began their walk in the Arboretum and went through to the Chinese Bell Tower. They then followed the route of Walk 1, visiting the General Cemetery and ending at the Park Tunnel. Full details of the walk can be seen on the website.

Len Marsh.



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

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