

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This is my final Chairman's message, as I will be standing down at the AGM. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to congratulate EVERYONE involved in our achievements over the past three years. The original steering committee came together as virtual strangers and, together with mentors from the Nottinghamshire Network, co-ordinated the task of getting this U3A up and running. Since then the committee membership has evolved, but the commitment from each member has continued: making changes, consolidating working practices, investigating new opportunities to maintain and improve the success we have achieved.

In addition to the committee the interest group coordinators/contact people/leaders, or whatever their preferred title, have been the backbone of the U3A. Their enthusiasm to bring members together, for everyone's benefit, has resulted in an interest group total of 36 to date.

Volunteers are key to the success of monthly members' meetings. The meetings would be much less enjoyable without their willingness to help - and a lot more chaotic! Some are there every month, setting up IT equipment and putting up tables; others come on a rota basis, but all are appreciated - often more than they realise.

Finally, I want to congratulate YOU, the members, who have embraced the U3A concept to live, laugh and learn together. I hope we continue to enjoy each others' company for many years to come. *Ann McGillivray*

June Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: - Shirley Reynolds, Gillian Tilley, Christine Chapman.
Meet & Greeters Rota: - Irene Whittle, Mary Edwards, Len Marsh.
Set up/Clear away Rota: - Robert Leam, Geoff Gratton, Peter Hayden, Barry Day
Signing in: - Pauline Marshall, & Chrys Millington.

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

Wed June 7th at 10 am -

A. G. M. followed with entertainment by Elaine Chipchase.

Wed July 5th at 10 am

Pentrich revolution anniversary.

Wed Aug 2nd at 10 am

Barbara Meyer - Big cats photography.

Bluebell time at Felley.



5 mile walks In May this year, 30 members enjoyed our third Bluebell walk, this year in Felley Woods. There was a magnificent display of flowers. Our 5 mile friendly group has been running for 3½ years (come rain or shine) My thanks to all the people who help in turn to organise the walk *Roger W Reynolds*



The Bird watching group visited the local Aldercar flashes in April. The day was dry as was the ground conditions, with one exception. (see photo)

A wide variety of small birds and water birds were spotted and heard around the area, including Gadwall, Greylag geese, Swallows, Skylarks, Peewit, Chiffchaff, Grasshopper warbler, Reed bunting, Black headed gulls and Barn owl. The group meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.30 am at different locations. A detailed report is on the website by *Paul & Christine Millington*



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:

French Conversation: meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at the Sun Inn, Eastwood at 10.00 to 11.30 am. Contact Peter Hayden 0115 9384033.

Coffee Mates 2: list for names. Contact will be 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 meet on Tues 6th June, 10 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Bramcote Hills Park car park. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

General Gardening: Thurs 15th June proposed visit to Doreen Fahey NGS garden at 7 Colly Gate Kimberley Admission £3. Contact Hazel Eyre on 01773 715 956.

Bird Watching: Next meet June 15th Skylarks, Holme Pierrepont. Contacts Chris & Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

National Trust : July monthly meeting at the Dog & Parrot, time to be arranged. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530. August 9th visit to Waddenson Manor. September 8th to Lyme Park.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: No meeting in June. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Bowls: will meet at the Brinsley bowling green.

Pub Pals: No meeting in June. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full: next meet June 21st, 11.00 am – Homemade Pavilion on the Forest. If going by tram get off at the Forest then walk straight up, then to the left. Contact Andrea Sadler.

Vegetable Gardening: next meeting will be 2nd June at 62 Lower Beauvale. Contact Barbara Moore.

Social Outings..

- **19th June (Monday)** - visit to Stamford and Burghley House approx. £22 per head includes admission. Leave Morrisons' bus stop at 9.30 am.
- **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!

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

Discovering Nottingham: Tues 6th and Wed 14th June – meet at Phoenix Park Tram Stop at 10.30 am or on Beastmarket Hill at 11.00 am. We will be catching a bus from here to Trent Bridge so bring bus passes or money. Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762383

Discovering Nottingham 2: June 14th 2017. Meet 11-00am Forest Road East crossroads. Walk 1 Nottingham Arboretum/ Central Cemetery/ Canning Circus/Park tunnels. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Nottingham's Hidden Gems: Thurs 22nd June, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm. Meet outside Victoria Shopping Centre – Lower Parliament Street entrance. Contact Bob Ford 0781 2455380.

Strollers: next walk will be Wed 28th June along the canal at Jacksdale. Meet in the Community centre car park at 10-15. Any queries contact Val Kennerell on 01773 712269.

Coffee Mates 2: Next meet at the Coffee Lounge Kimberley, Wed 28th June 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.

Discovering Nottingham 2

completed the Lace Market /Justice Museum walk. After walking up Hockley they went into the quarter mile square of Nottingham Lace market. Today this is a heritage area with many examples of Victorian red brick buildings and street furniture. After a talk in the college square they moved into Stoney Street, admiring the Adams Building, the new Art college and the portraits of local famous people on one the buildings. The group also looked at the Broadway buildings. Passing St Mary's Church, with it's stained glass windows, they went into the newly refurbished Justice Museum. The afternoon ended with a visit to Debbie Bryan's shop for afternoon tea and a talk about her career in the lace industry, her shop and her link to Royalty. It was a very knowledgeable day covering more of Nottingham's history, enjoyed by all. Full report can be seen on the website *Len Marsh*



Eastwood & District U3A – Notification is given of the 3rd AGM of the Eastwood & District U3A. It will be held at 10 am on 7th June at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Eastwood.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 19th June, 2017.
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