

MAKING OUR U3A ENJOYABLE FOR EVERYONE.

The ethos of the U3A is that all able-bodied members are expected to volunteer. When we all take part we make the load lighter for everyone.

Thanks to all those who signed up for duties at the February members' meeting, but more people are still needed.

Your U3A committee will therefore be drawing up a rota of all members who attend the monthly meeting. Those who are able will be asked to act as Meet & Greeters, serve refreshments, and help set up at the monthly meeting. Less mobile members will be asked to play their part by signing in members. If we are all involved it will mean everyone will be on the rota about once a year. If you have a preference for a particular task, such as working with the PA team, let the committee know.

The new rota will start from the May 2017 meeting. If the date agreed becomes inconvenient to you please arrange to swap with others on the rota and inform the Volunteer coordinator.

Ann McGillioray & Carol Leam



The Theatre Group held its first meeting at the Eastwood Council Chamber, at the beginning of February. The new venue was a huge improvement and we highly recommend it. As the only group in the building, we are able to discuss things without interruptions and we have Wi-Fi and a screen so all can easily see details of theatre productions. With tea and coffee available when we arrive, it's been a great success. See photo above. *Val Simons*

Discovering Nottingham Group 1 have made visits to the Malt Cross Music Hall and the Bromley House Library. Both are buildings well worth visiting and full of history. The Malt Cross cafe bar is open daily. For the price of a cup of tea you can have a look at this wonderful old building (the cake or soup is to be recommended as well). It is run as a charity and is home to the Nottingham Street Pastors, so a worthy cause to support.

Bromley House Library is a two hundred year old subscription library, with its own walled garden in the midst of Nottingham. Some of the books are over 400 years old, although they do buy the latest best sellers! They run guided tours every Wednesday at 2.30 pm for individuals, cost £2 but booking is essential Tel: 0115 9473134. See full reports on the website.

Barbara Wigley

Photograph by kind permission of Bromley House.



Discovering Nottingham Group 2 visited Nottingham Castle Museum. They made a tour of the outer castle walls, followed the pathways to a vantage point, which gave views of the city and surrounding area. They followed a pre-planned route inside to view displays of artifacts, the military museum, Old Nottingham exhibition and the art gallery. There was a lot to see at this museum and everyone found it very interesting. See full report on the website. *Len Marsh*

March Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: - Barbara Ingle, Sue Parkin, Jane Reeve.

Meet & Greeters Rota:- Yvonne Carey, Judith Fletcher, Dell Hickingbottom.

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

If you are unable to attend ring Carol Leam on 01773 762823.

Micro pub pals had a thoroughly enjoyable visit to Roots at Kimberley in February. They felt they were made very welcome. Representatives from the Dancing Duck brewery were there to give a talk and refreshments were also served. They would recommend a visit to anyone. *Yvonne Carey*

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

Wed Mar 1st at 10 am -

Wed April 5th at 10 am -

Wed May 3rd at 10 am -

David Bull - 'The Plague Doctor of Eyam'

Ann Featherstone - Victorian Fairs, Freaks and Fisticuffs

Philip Francomb - ex-patriot from Madeira



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: First meetings 14th & 28th March then 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.

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 March 7th. Meet 10 am top right of Morrisons car park, then on to Jacksdale Garden Centre. Contact Roger Reynolds.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet 9th March at The Bunny Hop Cromford Road, Langley Mill. Contact Yvonne Carey.

National Trust – meet 2nd Monday of month at Dunnlite, next 13th March 10.30 am. Then 22nd March Belton House. A visit to Hanbury Hall 11th April is planned. Contact Yvonne Carey.

Coffee Mates is now full: next meet Nottingham City Golf Club, Bulwell Hall Park on Wednesday 15th March at 11am. Contact Andrea Sadler.

General gardening – First meeting 2017, Thursday 16th March, 2 pm at Rueben Shaw's for demonstration of making up Spring containers. Contact Hazel Eyre on 01773 715 956.

Bird Watching: Next meet March 16th – Idle Valley Nature Reserve. Contacts Chris & Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Pub Pals: Next meet 7 pm Mon 20th March at the Stag Inn, Kimberley Contact Yvonne Carey.

Strollers - The first walk of 2017 - Wednesday 29th March at Bulwell Hall Park. Meet in the bottom car park near the golf club pavilion at 10-15 am. Any queries contact Val Kennerell on 01773 712269.

Vegetable gardening – First meeting 2017 – 7th April, 2 pm at Main Street, Newthorpe. Contact Barbara Moore.

Social Outings..

- **March 18th 2017** - Visit to London with Skills, £119 per person, includes the Theatre tickets to see Wicked, matinee performance, one night Bed, Breakfast and evening meal with some free time in London. £30 extra for a single room.
- **April 22nd 2017 (Sat)** - Coach trip to Harrogate Flower Show. Approx £26 per person, the more that go the cheaper it will be. Flower show tickets are £16.50.
- **May** - outing to Whitby. Names at March meeting.

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

Gift Aid notice.

We can claim gift aid for all members living in the same house, even if only one person is a taxpayer.

The taxpayer needs to complete a Gift Aid form and also the joint renewal form. The taxpayer must also pay the total subscription for the household. We can then claim tax back on the full amount.

NB. The taxpayer must have paid more tax than the total of the gift aid claim (25% of the membership subscriptions).

Renewal forms and Gift Aid forms will be available on the sign in desk at the monthly meeting and are always available on the website

www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms

New Directory

The committee is reprinting the Directory. A copy will be available on the sign-in desk for **all members who don't have access to the Internet / website.**

If you have access to the Internet, the Directory can be viewed on the web site, and also printed from there. If you are unable to print and would like a printed copy of the Directory please email to let us know, treasurer@eastwoodu3a.org or leave a comment on the website.

Membership Subscription- due by 1st April

We will be collecting membership subscriptions at the March monthly meeting and renewal forms will be available at the meeting. If you have signed a gift aid form for yourself and others in your household a joint renewal form will be available for you on the sign in desk.

Renewal forms are also available on the website www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms.

If there are no changes to your details, all we need on the form is your full name, membership number and signature.

You can pay your subscription by Bank transfer - a one off bank payment.

Name of payee: Eastwood & District U3A

Sort code: 60-07-28

Account no: 456 35 714

Reference: *Your name & membership no*

Amount: £20

You can hand a cheque payment in at the sign in desk. Put your renewal form and cheque (for £20 payable to Eastwood & District U3A) in an envelope addressed to the Treasurer with your name and member number on the outside.

You can use the renewal form and pay at the membership desk at the March meeting.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 13th March 2017.

Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org