

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I've just read that a hurricane has knocked out all the power to Puerto Rico. 3.5 million people have no fridge, freezer, kettle, heat, light, cooking facilities. There is no Internet, no power for hospitals, schools, and industry.

How much we rely on electricity.

When I was talking to a family member aged ninety-three she told me about going to the well for water and carrying a gas lamp to light the way. I thought she had probably seen the greatest changes in her lifetime. Aren't we humans clever?

Then nature decides to remind us that we are still at her mercy in the most catastrophic manner. Let's give a thought to all those people whose lives have been affected by the wrath of nature. *Chris Niven*

## Theatre Group visit to Buddy at the Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton

What a fabulous evening the Theatre Group had at the Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton. We went to see the "Buddy Holly and the Crickets" story. There was full audience participation, singing all the songs we know so well (especially Peggy Sue) also clapping and dancing in the aisles. The actors who took part gave a very uplifting performance. *Val Simons*

**Social Dance in the New Year.** Would you be interested in a social dance evening in 2018, possibly March? Please let the Committee know at the monthly meeting or leave a message on the website so it can be arranged if there is enough interest.

I must make another plea for new committee members. If we don't fill significant posts then the committee is in danger of folding and the Eastwood U3A group will not continue without a committee. Please come and have a chat to me if you want more information. Many thanks in anticipation. *Chris Niven*



## Eastwood Hall Christmas Lunch

Our U3A group's Christmas meal will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Time 12 for a 12.30 pm start.** Tables set with crackers & party hats.

It will be a Festive 3 course meal plus coffee & mince pies to finish

**Price £22.95 per person**

**Full payment and menu choice will be collected at the October meeting**

**But must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup> the latest**

Menu choices can be seen on the website under **STOP PRESS**

Or copies will be available to view at the October meeting

## September's speaker

Hellen Adoa who gave a very inspiring talk about her life from rural child to MP in Uganda. She told about her meeting with Jim and how money that he and Lorna raised in the East Midlands helped her to build schools at home.

**Wine group** This month's tasting consisted of a chablis and 3 rioja's (crianza, reserva and a gran reserva). The gran reserva, baron de ley Camino del monte, was full of blackberries with soft tannins and great length, bought at Morrisons for £13. It proved the favourite. We are always ready to welcome new members on the first Tuesday of the month, 3.0 til 5.0 pm at the Sun Inn. *John Slater*

## October Monthly meeting:

**Refreshments Rota:** - Kath Butler, Dawn Raffle, Jan Gibson, Anthony Green

**Meet & Greeters Rota:** - Gill Marriott, Sue Draper, Ann George

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

**Signing in:** - Barbara Wigley, Pauline Marshall

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

Wed Oct 4th at 10 am

Interest Groups Showcase

Wed Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am

Barbara Meyer 'Big cats'

Wed Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Christmas celebration. Bring a plate of food towards buffet.



## 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](http://www.eastwoodu3a.org)

### New Groups for 2017:

#### New groups due to start:

**Art Appreciation** - contact David Willey on 0115 8840217 will meet the 3rd Monday of each month 10.30am – 12.00 at the Sun Inn in the conference room.

**Psychology** – contact Margaret Naylor on 01773 788306. Now meet 2.30 - 4.30 pm the 4th Wed of each month at Eastwood Council Offices,

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 Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 10.00am at the top right-hand corner Morrisons Car Park then go on the A38 to Alferton, then A615 to Alferton Park Contact Roger Reynolds 01773 788 169

**National Trust:** meet Mon 9th Oct at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530. Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Shugborough Hall.

**Micro Brewery Pub Pals:** will now meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. Next meet 26<sup>th</sup> Oct at Mellors Mews, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey.

**Pub Pals:** will now meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Next meet 12th Oct at the Stag Inn Kimberley. Contact Yvonne Carey.

**Coffee Mates:** is now full: next meet on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at Nottingham Golf Club, Bulwell. Contact Andrea Sadler.

**Bird Watching:** Next meet Oct 19th at Langford Lowfields. Contacts Chris & Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

**Vegetable Gardening:** next meeting Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, at 33, Trough Lane Watnall. Last meeting until 2018 except for Christmas fuddle. Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770929.

**Coffee & Co:** next meet at Rumbletums, Kimberley on 25th October at 11am. Contact Barbara Gani 0115 9468721.

## Social Outings

- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October Stamford** -Cost £10 to be paid at October monthly meeting. Will leave Morrison's bus stop at 9.30am. Change of date for this visit due to clash with National Trust visit.
- **Friday 17th Nov** – a visit to Colwick Greyhound track by popular request. A three-course meal, a race card and seats for the evening all for £22. We need £10 deposit on booking.
- **Friday 8th Dec** – we would like to go to the Panto and a meal. The Palace Theatre in Mansfield are performing Jack and the beanstalk, we will have a 2-course meal at the restaurant next door before the show. Total cost with transport £38. We need a deposit ASAP.

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

**Strollers:** next walk Wed 25th Oct meet 10.15am at Watnall, opp the Royal Oak public house Watnall Road in parking places. Contact Christine Smith tel 01159273111

**Discovering Nottingham:** Next meet 2nd Oct at 7pm- 9pm at Horse and Groom, Moorgreen. For the History of the Goose Fair. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721

**City Treasures:** Fri Sept 29th meet at the Sun Inn 10-00 am. Tues 11th Oct Beauvale Priory historical tour 10-00 am. Fri 24th Oct meet at the Sun Inn 10-00 am. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

**Nottingham's Hidden Gems:** meet next at The Council House Oct 26th at 12:50 in the foyer for a 1:00 pm start. Contact Bob Ford 0781 2455380.

**Psychology Group:** next meet on 25th Oct at Eastwood Council Offices, 2.30 – 4.30 pm. Contact: Margaret Naylor email - margnaylor@gmail.com. Tel - 01773 788 306.



National Trust visited Lyme Park, which has featured in the BBC adaptation of Pride and Prejudice. Thomas Legh, an intrepid traveller and collector, lived at Lyme from 1792-1857 and was the architect of the revival of the estate during the early part of the 18th century. When Thomas inherited the estate it was very old fashioned; he made many changes and transformed Lyme into the magnificent home it is today - filling it with treasures from his explorations from around the world! We all enjoyed the tales of Thomas Legh's travels and exploring the beautiful gardens and parklands of Lyme! Even the rain held off for most of the day!! *Claire Booth*

**December monthly meeting** will be a Christmas celebration again. We are asking members to bring a plate of food to add to the buffet table where possible. Interest groups will be providing the entertainment.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Contact Caroline Winfield: [newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org)

Contact Janet O'Neill, Membership Secretary, 07961 832 864, email [membership@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:membership@eastwoodu3a.org)  
Executive Committee members: [EastwoodU3A@gmail.com](mailto:EastwoodU3A@gmail.com); Website: [www.EastwoodU3A.org](http://www.EastwoodU3A.org)