

Eastwood and District U3A

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Councillor Keith Longdon presents the Eastwood and District U3A Committee with a cheque for £250.

Everyone got into the party spirit with Tony Hatton's Christmas Number 1s.

Message from the Chairman

It's the beginning of a new year so now is the traditional time to make resolutions. 'This year I resolve to...' what? Join an Interest Group? Sign up for one of the planned U3A social activities? Perhaps even attend one of the National Summer Schools taking place during the summer?

None of these is out of reach for members of the Eastwood & District U3A so what are you waiting for? Make 2015 the year you try something new.

Your Steering Committee acknowledges with grateful thanks the generous donation of £250 to funds received from Councillor Keith Longdon at



the December meeting. We were also very pleased with the feedback received from members and visitors. We rely on your feedback to help us make plans, so if you have a comment to make please tell us, either by email to eastwoodu3a@gmail.com or, of course, talk to us at the meetings or interest groups.



Dates for the Diary:

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the Month at Plumptre Hall, St. Mary's Church, Eastwood.

Wednesday January 7th at 10 a.m. – Mick Newbold, Not Just a Spare Part

Wednesday February 4th at 10 a.m. – Bob Massey

Wednesday March 4th at 10 a.m. – Jim Stirland, A School in Uganda



Featured New Interest Groups

The new Eastwood and District U3A Directory will be out and issued to everyone at the January main meeting.

This will be the definitive reference for all the group activities. From now on the newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities.

New Groups starting:

Bird Watching - Lynda Bennett
01159 382 424

Discussion – Del Hickingbottom
01773 762 333

Family History – contact needed
“How do they do it” -
Jim Stirland 07 977 415 072

Other groups are planned and are looking for contact members to coordinate them: Practical Art and National Trust. Are you interested in doing this? Contact Lorna or Jim Stirland on 07 977 415 072.

Walks, 5 Miles
6th January 10:15

Meeting at Brinsley Headstocks
Contact Roger if transport
required from Morrison's
Phone 01773 788169

Strollers

No walks in January or
February

Web Site

See the developing website:
www.EastwoodU3A.org

Social Activities Next Events

Guided tour of Royal Crown Derby and coffee shop on Tuesday March 24th at 1.30pm, £4.95. Meet at Morrisons 12.15pm for car sharing. Let us know if you are willing to take any passengers.

Yorvick Viking Centre in York (planned for April 13th) cost approx. £20 including coach and entrance.

National Arboretum in Staffordshire (planned for May 21st) cost approx. £12 including coach and tour by land train.

More info at Main Meeting or from Joan Morley 0115 938 3042

Local History Group



The Local History group held a special event on Thursday 11th December, when one of their members, Sheila Bowman, introduced them to Bess of Hardwick in full costume. It was a spectacular outfit handmade by Sheila and the talk gave a fascinating glimpse into Bess's life. Sheila is a guide at Hardwick Hall and has a wealth of knowledge on her subject. It will certainly inspire many of the group to visit Hardwick Hall in the future.

Next meeting is on 8th January at the Sun Inn and will discuss local dialect and sayings. After the meeting there is the option to lunch together. The Christmas meal was excellent.

Bird Watching

This photo was taken last Thursday when the Bird Watchers had their first outing. They went to Attenborough Nature Reserve - saw a wide variety of ducks, swans, snipe and a heron.



Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 19th Jan.
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
Contact Philip Hartley: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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