

Eastwood and District U3A

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



The 5 Mile Walkers first walk of the year from Brinsley Headstocks.

They meet on 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:15 – next meet Tuesday 3rd February from Colliers Wood Car Park.

Message from the Chairman

Your Steering Committee is already planning for Eastwood & District U3A's first Annual General Meeting, which will take place at our June members meeting.

The first thing that needs to be done is to get you, the members, to nominate and second candidates for the committee. There will be nomination forms available at the next three meetings. You need to ensure that the person you nominate is willing to stand for election. Job descriptions and responsibilities of the specific roles will be displayed on a dedicated AGM notice board in the hall at the three meetings. Full information will

also be on the website:
www.eastwoodu3a.org

Nominations will close two months before the AGM and, where more than one candidate is nominated for a particular role, an anonymous vote will be held during the AGM.

Membership Renewal is due by 31 March 2015. The annual renewal subscription is £20.00 cash / cheque together with a completed renewal form.

Associate member subscription is £17.00 together with completed renewal form & proof of current membership of another U3A group.

On a lighter note, I am sure we are all looking forward to February, the prospect of better weather, and the reconvening of some of the interest groups, which were suspended over the winter.



The Newsletter team, part of the Intermediate Apple Computing Group, meet together on the third Thursday of the month in the Sun Inn. Pictured are Philip, Stephanie and Caroline.

Dates for the Diary:

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

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

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

Wednesday April 1st at 10 a.m. – Ella Tonge – Dogs Trust



Featured New Interest Groups

The new Eastwood and District U3A Directory was issued to everyone at the January main meeting. Pick up a copy if you missed it. 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. The website is now functioning well and you get the latest up-to-date information at: www.eastwoodu3a.org

New Groups starting:

1. How do they do it.
2. National Trust.
3. Family History.
4. Ukulele Band.
5. Coffee Mates.

There are contact people in place for all the above groups so they will be meeting during February when everyone has been contacted.

If you have ideas for other groups or need further information contact Lorna or Jim Stirland on 07 977 415 072.

Group News:

Walks, 5 Miles 3rd February 10:15. Meeting at Colliers Wood Car Park. Contact Roger for info. Phone 01773 788169

Bird Watching 19th February 10:00. Meeting Morrisons Car Park for car sharing to Attenborough. Info Lynda Bennett 01159 382 424

Social Activities Future Events:

- *Tuesday 24th March at 1:30pm. Guided tour of Royal Crown Derby and coffee shop - cost £4.95. Meet at Morrisons 12 noon for car sharing. Let us know if you are willing to take any passengers.*
- *Monday April 13th. Jorvik Viking Centre in York - cost £20 including coach and entrance. It's possible to visit York only and just pay coach cost of £10. Full amount must be paid at the February meeting.*
- *Thursday May 21st. National Arboretum in Staffordshire - cost £12 including coach and tour by land train. Full amount must be paid by the April meeting.*
- *Thursday 25th June. Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre, followed by trip to Cleethorpes. More details later.*

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

Short Items

- Do you need to hand in your Air Ambulance Collection Box? Please bring it to Chris Carey at the next main meeting.
- Are you interested in checking out your driving skills? You could take the Advanced Motoring Test. More information from Tom Hickingbottom.
- Please be considerate when parking during the main meetings. The car park by Plumtre Hall is reserved for patients at the doctor's surgery. It's possible to park at Morrisons.

Mick Newbold



Mick has been a television and film extra for almost a decade and encountered some interesting and strange people. He gave a very interesting and amusing talk about the rules & regulations, the jargon, the pay and his experiences.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 16th Feb.
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
Contact Philip Hartley: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

Contact Janet O'Neill, Membership Secretary, 07 961 832 864, membership@eastwoodu3a.org
Steering Committee members: EastwoodU3A@gmail.com; Website: EastwoodU3A.org