

Eastwood and District U3A

March 2015, Issue 9



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



How do they do it? A new group is exploring how things are done. The first trip was to Shipley Surface mine to find out how coal is excavated and how they plan to restore the site to its former state.

Message from the Chairman

Preparations for the AGM are progressing well. The Steering Committee want to keep you involved in the process of selecting an Executive Committee to continue the work that the Steering Committee has started. We are very proud of our achievements so far and are looking forward to the future of this U3A as it continues to grow and meet the needs of our community.

However, we do need your involvement in the process. Do you have skills or abilities that you can contribute to benefit the U3A, either as a Committee member or in another capacity? Or do you know someone else who has who needs a little persuasion? Let us all get

involved and keep this U3A vibrant.

Nominations for members of the new Executive Committee must be proposed and seconded by members on the nomination forms to be found on the notice board in Plumptre Hall. Nominations will close at 12 noon 1st April 2015. The existing steering committee members are willing to stand.

Although we are a 'stand-alone' U3A we are also part of the umbrella organisation, the Third Age Trust, and the Nottinghamshire Network of U3As. If you have access to the Internet, check what is happening at U3As elsewhere. There are some rather specialised interest groups being formed in other U3As. How about 'Unsolved Murder Cases' or 'Druidism'?



The Craft Group has been concentrating recently on origami type ideas with the theme of nature - hedgehogs, flowers etc and ways to display them. They are planning to present a small display in the Autumn at a U3A meeting.

Dates for the Diary:

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

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

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

Wednesday May 6th at 10 a.m. – Broxtowe Council Recycling



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. National Trust.
2. Coffee Mates.
3. Jazz Appreciation
4. Wine Appreciation

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

Are you interested in a group for Personal Finance or for Fly Fishing?

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

Group News:

Bird Watching 19th March 11:00. Carsington Water. Note this trip will be much longer than our normal trips. Meet at the Sheepwash car park. Info Lynda Bennett 01159 382 424

Social Outings

- *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. Meeting at Morrisons by 9:10am for prompt 9:15 departure.*
- *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. Bus will leave Morrisons at 9:30.*
- *Thursday 25th June. Grimsby Fishing Heritage Centre, followed by trip to Cleethorpes. More details later.*
- *Are you interested in a Scottish Highland Heritage holiday – 6 days from October 22nd? Price £238 - £60 deposit required plus £17 insurance. If enough people, could leave Eastwood. Contact Joan.*

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

Ukulele Band Starts



The Ukulele Band was set up at a meeting at the Sun Inn on February 10th. It was decided to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2-3pm in St Mary's Church Lounge, Church

Street, Eastwood. New members are welcome. No experience is necessary but you will need your own ukulele. Contact Judith Queripel, 01773 788 047.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 16th Mar.
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