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Message from the Chairman

Season's Greetings

At the end of the year I would like to take the time to say thank you to those who support our U3A.

First of all, I want to say a big thank you to your committee for all their hard work throughout the year. Without them Eastwood and District U3A would not be the success it is and we certainly want that to continue.

Secondly, another big thank you to all our volunteers who do a great job in all sorts of ways. We do rely on people signing up to help, so if you want to roll your sleeves up in 2020 please let Andrea know.

We had a fantastic December meeting with great food and fabulous entertainment from The Owd Shaduz, thank you to them and to all who helped with that. Also, despite having to negotiate a traffic accident we managed to get to the Hilton for our Christmas meal. Once again, thank you to all involved with organising this event.

Finally, from me, a very Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy and Healthy 2020.

Best wishes
Chris

AN INVITATION FROM THE POETRY GROUP

*Can you remember the very last time
You read a long-forgotten rhyme?
The poems chosen we decide
And cover topics far and wide.
We have a laugh, and sometimes cry,
And talk about the reasons why.
Don't think we write – no that is wrong.
We'd love to have you come along,
And join our happy friendly crowd
Who choose and read our poems aloud.*

We meet at Eastwood Library 12.30 -1.30 on the 3rd Friday of the month.

Next meetings:

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| January 17 th | Rudyard Kipling |
| February 15 th | Hope, Happiness and Love |
| March 21 st | W B Yeats |

Group contact for more details:

Jenny Ball 01773 602347



Disco Dance Music of 60's/ 70's/ 80's

**Greasley Miners Welfare
Saturday 7th March – 7:30 'til late**

Tickets £4.00

**available at January meeting or by contacting
Andrea 07927660408 or Janet 07961832864**



BIRDWATCHING GROUP

We were greeted with overcast weather on our visit to Kingsmill Reservoir in November. There were many Canada geese, Mute swan, Mallard, Coot, Moorhen, Tufted duck and Black headed gull along the shoreline near the Boating club. The jetty going out into the reservoir was covered with sitting Peewits/Lapwings. As we continued around the reservoir Gadwell, Shoveler, Teal, Cormorant and Little grebe/Dab chick were seen. As we crossed over the brook entering the reservoir a group of ducks were seen. Amongst these a Ruddy duck was spotted. This is a none native species from America and several years ago an effort was made to remove them from the wild as they were cross breeding with our Tufted duck. As we continued through the trees Robin, Blackbird, Chaffinch, Blue tit, Great tit and Coal tit were seen. Approaching the cafe for lunch Tree creeper, House sparrow, Heron, Great black backed gull were seen along with rats and three rabbits. Lunch was simple but delicious.

25 species seen.

Paul and Chrys Millington

January Monthly meeting:

Meet & Greet: Lilian Wilson, Muriel Barsby, Barbara Moir.

Refreshments: Tricia Dilley, Pat Towner, Claire Booth, Linda Lambert.

Signing In: Caroline Winfield, Pauline Daws

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

P.A. Team: Ray Dring, Roger Bacon, Colin McGillivray, Kevin Rockley, Frank Queripel, Terry Marriott.

Dates for the Diary:

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

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| Wed 8th Jan at 10.00 am | Ann Featherstone | Extraordinary Eaters |
| Wed 5 th Feb at 10.00 am | Malcolm Darroch | Story of a lady parachutist |
| Wed 4 th Mar at 10.00 am | Barbara Meyer | Wildlife in Sherwood Forest |



Group Information

Now that the Directory is available the newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities. Latest up-to-date information at:

www.EastwoodU3A.org

Directory: If you would like a copy and have access to the Internet it can be found on the Eastwood U3A website but if anyone would like a Directory printed out for them contact

newsletter@EastwoodU3A.org

New Groups

Patchwork: 2nd and 4th Monday, 1.00 – 3.00 pm PDA Card and Craft Ltd, Cromford Road, Langley Mill, NG16 4FL Contact Jackie 07580 340 014

If you have ideas for new groups or need further information contact

groups.coordinator@EastwoodU3A.org

Group News

5-mile Walkers: Meet Tues 7th January at 10.00 am top right-hand corner of Morrisons' car park then on to Jacksdale Garden Centre; then Tues 4th February 10.00 am top right-hand corner of Morrisons' car park then on to Attenborough Nature Reserve. Contact Roger 01773 788 169

Bird Watching: Meet Thursday 16th January at Shipley Park. Contact Chris/Paul 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471

City Treasures: Meet Wednesday 15th January, 9.30am at Morrisons, for trip to Amazon; then Friday 31st at the Sun Inn Eastwood 11.00 am -12.00 noon meeting followed by New Year Meal from 12.00 noon. Menus to be arranged by Len before the day. Contact Len 01159 321 230

Coffee & Co: Meet 22nd January 2020 at 11am. Venue to be announced. Contact Barbara 01159 468 721.

Coffee Mates: Meet January 15th at Trinity Farm, Awsworth Lane, Cossall. NG16 2RZ. Contact Andrea 01159 382 299

Discovering Nottingham: Will meet to plan 2020. Date and venue to be announced. Contact Barbara 01159 468 721

Micro-Brewery/Pub Pals: Next meet Thursday January 9th - Dog & Parrot, Eastwood and January 23rd - Roots, Kimberley. Contact Yvonne 01773 712 530

PSYCHOLOGY

This group has moved to the Town Council Offices – behind Eastwood Police Station. The group meets on the 4th Wednesday each month 2.30 - 4.30 pm

STROLLERS

The Strollers group enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at the Nottingham City Golf Club Pavilion at Bulwell Hall Park at the end of November. That was the last meeting for this season. Walks will begin again in April.

My Best Wishes to everyone for A Happy and Healthy 2020. Val



Members joined the Owd Shaduz doing the 'Shadows walk' at the Christmas party.

ROLLS ROYCE VISIT

Nineteen members of the City Treasures group visited the Rolls Royce Heritage centre in Derby on November 13th. Despite Len Marsh and myself visiting the site a couple of weeks before to arrange things, the people there on the day were unaware of our arrangement. A change of management was the reason given. Things were soon sorted out and we had a guide to show us around the exhibition. This must be easily the largest collection of aero engines of all types and manufacturers in the world (there were also a few cars there, some undergoing restoration). We spent about two and a half hours going round and I think everyone enjoyed the day.

Bill Moore



WELFARE COORDINATOR ROLE

Chrys Millington is our Welfare Coordinator and is responsible for the welfare of all members of Eastwood & District U3A.

Please contact Chrys with any details of illness, bereavement or general help a member might need.

Email : welfare.coordinator@eastwoodU3A.org

Tel: 07986 037 871

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Your membership subscription is due before the 1st April and you can renew at the Monthly Meetings in February and March. Payment can also be made by BACS, details on the website. The current subscription is £20 for the year, £17 for Associate Members.

Whichever method you use to pay your subscription you **MUST** fill in a **renewal form** and complete the privacy statement to confirm your consent to the storage and use of your data.

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