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newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

Deadline Monday 16th March



Message from the Chairman

I have just been watching the news and thanking my lucky stars that I and my family are safe from the terrible flooding that has hit in the wake of Storm Dennis. We like to think of humankind as sophisticated, in control, secure, but at times like this nature lets us know in no uncertain terms that we are as vulnerable as we have always been. Maybe more so than our ancestors, who had a respect for, and knowledge of nature that many of us have sadly lost. Let's hope that the poor folks who have had to leave their homes, have no electricity and ruined houses, may soon be back to normal and that we stop trying to control nature and learn from past mistakes.

Keep safe everyone.

Chris

PARKING

I have been asked by residents of Woodland Way to ask members who park there during our monthly meetings to not block access to any driveways etc.

Many thanks

A REMINDER

Some of our groups are getting very big and because of this we have to follow U3A rules closely.

If you are unable to attend your group for any reason you must send your apologies to the group contact. If you fail to send apologies three times your name may be removed from the group.

We hope this will give fair access to groups.

March Monthly meeting:

Meet & Greet: Chris Reynolds, Brian Reynolds, Carolyn Cartledge.

Refreshments: Dawn Platt, Susan Green, Anita Murray, June Taylor

Signing In: Marion Hawley, Pam Bradley

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

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

CITY TREASURES GROUP VISIT TO AMAZON

Thirty one members joined our coach trip to the Amazon branch at Haydock nr St Helens. On arrival at our destination we were confronted by two massive industrial warehouses built in a lovely landscaped area, with a large free car parking space at the front for the staff. This 30,000 square metre "sortation centre" has created 250 permanent jobs and was recently opened, in September 2019. The centre will sort parcels received from Amazon's fulfilment centres before they are transported to delivery stations, where they are collected by drivers and then taken to customers. Seasonal and temporary recruitment at peak times such as Christmas is expected to swell the numbers working there and it has the capability to employ between 800-1000 workers if demand grows. This sortation centre has an important role in supporting the fast and reliable delivery Amazon customers love and trust.



We were met by the General Manager, Kevin Marsh and Site Manager Mark who took us through reception and security then into a conference room where they laid out refreshments, followed by a presentation talk and video. We were then divided into four groups and taken on a very interesting tour of the building where we learnt that the conveyers are all controlled and monitored by a team of IT engineers in a central area 24/7. We then returned to the conference room for questions and more drinks. After a final farewell and thanking the friendly staff we boarded our coach for home. A very enjoyable trip having answered the question so many people ask, "I wonder what's inside that big Amazon building?" This trip got us off to a good start this year and many thanks to member Yvonne Carey who organised the coach. Well done.

Len Marsh

Dates for the Diary:

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the Month at St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Eastwood		
Wed 4 th Mar at 10.00 am	Barbara Meyer	Wildlife in Sherwood Forest
Wed 1 st Apr at 10.00 am	Mike Ogden	The slow road journey through inland waterways
Wed 6 th May at 10.00 am	Vince Eager	His Story – Part 2



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

Board Games (afternoon): 3rd Monday, 1.30-3.00 pm at The Sun Inn, Eastwood. Contact Eileen 07812 936 532 or 01159 389 964

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

groups.coordinator@EastwoodU3A.org

Group News

5-mile Walkers: Meet Tues 3rd March 10.00 am top right-hand corner of Morrisons' car park then on to Linby; then on 7th April 10.00 am meet and start at the top right-hand corner of Morrisons' car park. Contact Roger 01773 788 169

Bird Watching: Meet Thursday 19th March – Aldercar Flashes. Contact Chris/Paul 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471

Board Games is now up and running again at the New Inn, Newthorpe Common on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7 pm. Contact Val 01773 712269

City Treasures: Meet Wednesday 11th March 10.30 am at N.C.H. Arcade for the bus to Ruddington. Visit to Ruddington Frame Knitters Museum. Contact Len 01159 321 230

Coffee & Co: Meet at Harper and Finch on Wednesday 25th March at 11.00 am. Contact Barbara 01159 468 721.

Coffee Mates: Meet Wednesday 18th March at Anderson's Deli, Blind Lane, Breaston, DE72 3DW Contact Andrea 01159 382 299

Discovering Nottingham: Meet Tuesday 31st March, 10.15 am at Trent University Tram stop, to visit Trent University (City Campus). Barbara 01159 468 721

Micro-Brewery/Pub Pals: Meet Thursday 12th March - Sun Inn, Eastwood and 26th March - The Game Keeper. Eastwood Contact Yvonne 01773 712 530

REMINDER

Just a reminder that the Sun Inn is closed for refurbishment until 6th March.

PAT TESTING

Further to Ray's talk at January's monthly meeting, PAT testing is to take place straight after the monthly meeting on **Wednesday 4th March 2020**.

Please bring in any laptops, and their power supplies, that are used at group meetings.

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 March meeting
or by contacting

Andrea 07927660408 or Janet 07961832864



NOTIFICATION OF EASTWOOD & DISTRICT U3A AGM

The sixth Annual General Meeting of Eastwood & District U3A will be held on 3rd June 2020 in St Mary's Church at 10 am. The nomination form for all committee members will be on the notice board at the next 3 monthly meetings.

If you are acting as a proposer/seconded please ensure that the individual is willing to stand. All nominations must be received before 12 noon on 6th May 2020.

BEACON

Eastwood & District U3A has begun to use BEACON, an online management system developed specifically for U3As.

We will be using BEACON to manage our Membership Records, Groups and Venues information, the Meetings Calendar, and to keep in touch with our members by email. The membership data was transferred a few weeks ago and the Group Contacts are gradually adding members' names to their groups.

You can access your records on BEACON from our website:
www.EastwoodU3A.org

WINE APPRECIATION

Our February meeting consisted of 2 white wines from the Loire Valley, 2 reds from the Rhône Valley and a Malbec from Cahors. The outstanding wine of the night was a Cairanne le Verdier from Morrisons, on offer at £8.00.

New members are welcome on the first Monday of the month.

Contact Tom on 07511537007

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Your membership subscription is due before the 1st April and you can renew at the Monthly Meeting in March by cheque/cash or you can pay by BACS. Renewal forms will be available at the meeting and are also available on the website

www.EastwoodU3A.org/forms.

Whichever method you use to pay your subscription you **MUST** fill in a **renewal form**. If there are no changes to your details, fill in your name, membership number and date and sign the top section of the form. You must then complete the Privacy Statement to confirm your consent to the storage and use of your data.

The current subscription is £20 for the year, £17 for Associate Members.

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