



**Discovering Nottingham 2** On 10<sup>th</sup> November the new Discovering Nottingham 2 group had a very interesting and enjoyable first outing to Green's Windmill and the William Booth Birthplace Museum. A full report and photos can be seen on the website. *Len Marsh*



**Discovering Nottingham** The Discovering Nottingham Group discovered the Council House twice in October. Both visits were extremely interesting, although different. Group 1 met the Lord Major, saw the book of lace samples and the visitors' book with Royal signatures. Group 2 rode in the Art Deco lift and looked out from a small balcony into the Exchange Arcade. A really good tour, highly recommended. A report with further details can be seen on the website. *Barbara Wigley*

## Message from the Chairman

Do you know your neighbours? In these days of high fences and car transport, locked doors and suspicious callers, it is more difficult to get to know the people we live beside.

I recently drove down the street I lived in when I was a child and realised I could have named every family who lived there then. Children played in the street, often parents joined in as well. The local pub and church were social hubs, often organising seaside trips and youth clubs for local children as well as darts and dominoes tournaments for adults.

No, I am not going to start singing 'Those were the Days, My Friend' – well maybe at a Singing for Pleasure session – but our communities have changed. What is still the same though is our need to be aware of the people around us, especially during the winter months, to ensure we know whether our elderly neighbour is ok, and also who to call on when we need help. As a U3A community we are in a position to also help each other, and be aware of each other's needs. I, and the members of the Committee, take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, active and peaceful 2017.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are asking for volunteers to sign up for the New Year Volunteer Rota.

**Your help will be greatly appreciated** - pass your details onto Carol Leam - Volunteers Coordinator

**December Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota:** - Geoff Gratton, Robert Leam, Peter Hayden

**Meet & Greeters Rota:** - Yvonne Carey, Val Kennerell, Mick Kennerell

**Set up/Clear away Rota:** - Robert Leam, Geoff Gratton, Peter Hayden, John Stanger, Bill & Nina Moore

**If you are unable to attend ring the contact Carol Leam on 01773 762823.**



## Christmas Lunch

Three Ponds, Kimberley Road, Nuthall  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
12 noon for 12.30 meal



**Wine recommendation for Christmas.** An amazing Shiraz from Clare Valley by Tim Adams, available from Tesco at £10, great for Christmas Day. A super black fruit nose with a hint of vanilla carries into the mouth, very full bodied with a great spicy finish. Wonderful now or in 10 years time if you can keep it! Happy Christmas *John Slater*

**Dates for the Diary:** Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the Month at St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Eastwood.

Wed Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am -

Christmas Party.

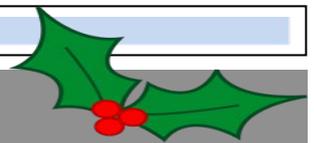
Wed Jan 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am -

Wollaton Hall Artefacts.

Wed Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am -

Pat Hall – 'Life can be funny.'





## Featured New Interest Groups

Now that the directory has been issued the newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities. Latest up-to-date information at: [www.eastwoodu3a.org](http://www.eastwoodu3a.org)

### New Groups for 2016:

**Singing for Pleasure:** Contact Karen Rea 01773 719118.

**Discovering Nottingham 2:** Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

**Radio Waves:** meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fri, 9am to 12 at the Sun, Eastwood. Contact Ray Dring 01773 770 138

**Creative writing** meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in Eastwood Library at 2.00 pm. Contact: Chris Niven 07891 032 300.

**Discovering Nottingham:** Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762 383

**Theatre Group:** Contact Val Simons 01773 710 518. Meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at Dunn Lite at 2 p.m.

If you have ideas for other groups or need further info contact Lorna or Jim Stirland tel. 07977 415 072.

### Group News:

**Bowls:** Contact John Stanger on 01773 787 183 From 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept meet at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Beechdale at 12 noon.

**5 mile Walkers:** next walk Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November. Meet 10.15 at Hilltop. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788 169.

**Pub Pals:** next meeting Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec visiting pubs in the Canning Circus area. Group contact Yvonne Carey.

**Coffee Mates is now full:** next meet on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 2, Church Road, Moorgreen. Please contact Andrea if you want more info.

**Bird Watching:** meet December 15<sup>th</sup> Brinsley Headstocks and Christmas meal. Contact Barbara Wigley.

**Strollers:** next meet in the Spring. Further info contact Val Kennerell.

**General gardening:** next meet in the Spring. Contact Hazel Eyre.

**Vegetable Gardening:** December meeting for Christmas fuddle.

Contact Barbara Moore.

## Social Outings..

- *December 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursford Christmas Extravaganza & free time in Norwich. A 3 day/2 night visit, staying at Yarmouth Prom Hotel. Pick up at Morrison's bus stop at 7.15 am.*
- *February 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 - At the December monthly meeting Jill will be taking names for a visit to Cadbury World, cost £21.*
- *March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 - Visit to London with Skills, £119 per person, includes the Theatre tickets to see Wicked, matinee performance, one night Bed, Breakfast and evening meal with some free time in London. £30 deposit at our January meeting please. £30 extra for a single room.*

*More info at Main Meeting or from Joan Morley on 0115 938 3042 or Jill Parnaby on 01773 765 735*

### Social Outing in October.

We had a lovely outing to Castle Howard in East Yorkshire. The Howard family has lived there since it was built over 300 years ago. Successive generations have welcomed visitors to the house. They say it is only the support of the visitors that makes it possible to continue the endless task of restoration and conservation. There is so much to see : the house, gardens, beautiful lake, garden centre, and children's play park. It is an interesting and beautiful place. We were shown various areas that had been used for filming scenes in TV productions and films. Beautiful views of the surrounding estate can be seen from the house. There was a little land train to take people with limited mobility around parts of the estate. It would be great to go again in the summer and take a picnic.



I am writing to let you know that I am your current welfare coordinator. My role is to help and support any members who are having difficulties. Do feel free to contact me if you need any help, advice or information and I will do my best to support you.

If you are a member of a group and are not able to attend for any reason could you, please let your group contact know. Thanks *Chris Niven*



The Birdwatching Group found a very unusual object during our visit to Aldercar Flash at Brinsley. None of us knew quite what it was but after research on line it would appear to be a "feral" bees nest. Evidently this is their preferred shape for a nest if not in a beehive. Makes a change from spotting bird's nests! *Barbara Wigley*

Jazz Appreciaton. The group will not be meeting at the Sun Inn as usual, but members hope to meet up at The Lion, Basford, on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. A jazz group will be playing that afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30 pm

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016.  
Contact Caroline Winfield: [newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org)

