



Forty members of the Discovering Nottingham group enjoyed a tour from the General Hospital, situated on The Ropewalk, down to Brewhouse Yard. We learnt about the history of the General Hospital and then viewed plaques commemorating Byron's stay at 76 St James Street and where King Charles I raised the Royal Standard at the commencement of the Civil War in 1642. En route to the Castle we saw Memorial House, the Nurses Home and after hearing of some of the Castle's history we proceeded to the iconic statue of Robin Hood. Marshall Tallart, the defeated French Commander who was responsible for introducing celery to the United Kingdom, was detained at Newdigate House on Castle Gate. The church of St. Nicholas, viewed from Castle Gate, was used by the Royalists during the Civil War. A short walk past the medieval Severns building on Castle Road and down to the Trip to Jerusalem and Brewhouse Yard ended the interesting and informative tour. *Barbara Gani*

Message from the Chairman

Perspective. One of the dictionary definitions states that it is a particular evaluation of a situation or facts, especially from one person's point of view. November is, from my perspective, a month of celebrations because our family has several birthdays during the month. This is not the case for many others, who view November as the beginning of the dark days of winter. Similarly, as a person who is short in height, I would describe anyone over, say 5' 8" as quite tall while the same person would be described fairly short by anyone over 6'. Bob Dylan, in my opinion, is a social commentator / poet / songwriter worthy of receiving the Nobel Prize for literature. Others, who judge him by his ability to sing and play guitar, might strongly disagree. We are all right, from our own perspective.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make the church ready for the monthly meeting we need volunteers to erect the tables & chairs in the lounge area, and then clear them away at the end of the meeting.

To help set up you will need to be at the Church about 8:45. To help clear away you will need to stay after the meeting for about 20 - 30 minutes.

We are therefore asking for volunteers to sign up for a new Volunteer Role in undertaking this task.

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

November Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: -

Pauline Daws, Barbara Moir, Pat Lord.

Meet & Greeters Rota: - Yvonne Carey, Judith Fletcher, Pauline Beech.

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

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



Christmas Lunch



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

Interest groups – your photos and reports are needed for your newsletter ! Contact Caroline Winfield.

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

Wed Nov 2nd at 10 am -

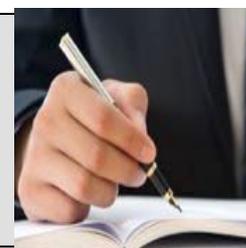
Bob Gow – Court in session.

Wed Dec 7th at 10 am -

Christmas Party.

Wed Jan 4th at 10 am -

Wollaton Hall Artefacts.



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

New Groups for 2016:

Discovering Nottingham 2: Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Radio Waves: 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 1st 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 23rd Sept meet at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Beechdale at 12.30.

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 1st November. Meet 10 am top right of Morrisons car park then on to Heage, Belper near Eagle Tavern (street parking) Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788 169.

Pub Pals: next meeting Christmas meal booked. Group contact Yvonne Carey.

Coffee Mates: next meet on Wed 16th November at Trowell Garden Centre. Please contact Andrea if you want more info.

Bird Watching: meet 17th November, at Attenborough.

Strollers: meet Wed 26th Oct at Highfields Park, Nottingham University. Meet at D H Lawrence Café near the south entrance car park. Further info contact Val.

General gardening: meet 2 pm on 27th October at Derby Garden Centre for Christmas displays. Please note date a week later than usual.

Vegetable Gardening: December meeting for Christmas fuddle.

Social Outings..

- **November 18th** – We are planning an evening at Colwick Greyhound Stadium. Full cost of £22 must be paid on booking, this includes admission, a race card, reserved seating for the evening, a 3-course meal, tea & coffee. Transport will be extra; depending on numbers we could have a coach or car share.
- **November 27th** - An evening with a Michael Bubl  tribute act on Sun Nov 27th, at the Junction, Sutton. We will car share, more details nearer the date.
- **December 7th to Thursford Christmas Extravaganza & free time in Norwich.** A 3 day/2 night visit, staying at Yarmouth Prom Hotel, cost £199. Joan will require full payment for this trip by the November monthly meeting at the latest.

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



The Geology group had an educational visit to the National Stone Centre at Wirksworth. Gerry the centre manager (blue top in photo) led us on a tour around the site.

This included the rock strata in the quarry, fossil Crinoids on the exposed limestone and an interesting dry stone wall comprising of 19 sections of different stone from across the UK. We also saw lead mines and lime kilns with an explanation from Gerry of the conditions the workforce had to endure when they were in production. *David Eyre*

The Singing for Pleasure group will meet on Friday 18th November at 7.30pm, at the Greasley Miners Welfare on Dovecote Road.

December Monthly Meeting – 7th December:

This will be a Christmas celebration for members to socialize and enjoy entertainment. Tea and coffee will be available as usual and it is requested that members bring a plate of snack style food to share with others.

Nottinghamshire Network of U3As

The Nottinghamshire Network of U3As is a federation of (currently 28) U3As that have joined together to support each other in the promotion of informal learning and the cultural and social development of their members.

A Support Group has recently been set up to replace the Development Team that helped start up of our own U3A in 2013. Its objectives are similar: to arrange workshops; set up new U3As in Nottinghamshire where there is a need; and support existing U3As.

The publication of a Notts. Network Newsletter to include contributions from individual U3As, clusters and workshops has also been suggested.

Three workshops have been arranged for 2017, all at the Summit Centre in Kirkby-in-Ashfield: Further details can be seen at the website

<http://www.nottsu3anetwork.org/> Ann McGillivray

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 14th November 2016.

Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org