

Eastwood and District U3A

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Eastwood Mayor, Keith Longdon, presented Ann with a cheque for £50 at a presentation evening at the Catholic Church in November.



Message from the Chairman

Well, all the Christmas parties, meals, and fuddles will soon be behind us, the Christmas jumpers back in the wardrobe and decorations back in the box. I hope that you were able to enjoy some of the U3A activities that happened in December and are looking forward now to our 2016 activities. As a result of our successful growth we are now a registered charity. We have a full calendar of guest speakers booked for our monthly members' meetings and ideas for new interest groups and social activities. We do, however, need you to get involved, not just joining in but sharing your ideas and skills. Let's all make a resolution to get more involved this year and make the Eastwood and District U3A even more successful in 2016.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2016**

The U3A were treated to a Christmas music extravaganza with The Eastwood U3leles, and the Community Choir, who entertained with a mixture of modern songs and Christmas carols. Seasonal snacks were served for coffee break including toasted teacakes donated by Warburton's bakery. The raffle prizes had been donated by committee members and local businesses, Morrisons, Boots UK and the Co-op store. The 'Wear your Christmas jumper' event raised nearly £80 for Save the Children.



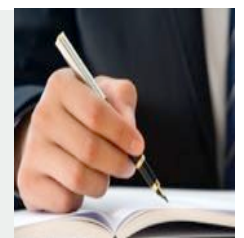
Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday January 6th 2016 at 10 a.m. – Barry Davies "Saints & sinners in the classroom."

Wed February 3rd at 10 a.m. – Peter Graves "Embarrassing cases of mistaken identity."

Wed March 2nd at 10 a.m. – Dave Goodman "Work of the RSPB."



Featured New Interest Groups

Now that the new 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 starting or started:

1. Board Games – Barbara Wigley 01773 762383 - 2nd & 4th Wed, 7.00 p.m. at the New Inn. Next meet on 13th January 2016.
2. Jazz Appreciation – Margaret Palfreyman-Biddulph Tel: 01773 787987.
3. Long Alley Skittles – Meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. at the New Inn, Newthorpe. Contact Ken Pinder 01773 712934.

New groups for 2016 . Geology, Pub pals and Baking for those wanting guidance.

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

Group News:

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tuesday 5th January at 10 a.m. Meet top right hand corner Morrison’s Car Park to walk to Nottingham/Erewash Canals. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

How do they do it? Group 2: next visit 12th January to the British Geological Survey, Keyworth. 12th February visit Rolls Royce Heritage Centre, Derby.

Contact David & Joanna to book a place on 01773 570346 or email davidandjoannakeeling@sky.com

Coffee Mates: Wed 20th January, 11a.m. at Nottingham City Golf Club, Bulwell. Ring Andrea if you need a lift.

Bird Watching next meeting: 21st January, weather permitting at Attenborough Nature Reserve. Meet 10.30 at the car park at the visitors centre. Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762383.

Strollers walk: No walks till spring.

Veg Gardening: Meet in the spring.

Social Outings

- *Friday 15th January a visit to Meadowhall for the sales & cinema, cost £10 for the bus. Pick up 11 a.m. at Morrison’s.*
- *Friday 11th March Palace Theatre in Mansfield to see a comedy play called Stepping Out. Before the show we will have a meal at the restaurant next door called ‘And Why Not?’ The cost for the bus, meal and theatre is £34. A deposit of £10 to be paid at the January monthly meeting.*
- *We have a Free Taster Chair Yoga class in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Kimberley, starting Saturday 30th Jan, 11am - 12noon for 5 weeks with a fully qualified instructor. Free refreshments. If this event is to happen we need your support.*

- *Outings for March – Imperial War Museum & Bletchley Park with Skills. April – Haddon Hall and Arkwright’s Masson Mill.*

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



John Slater put the wine appreciation group to the test at their December meeting. They had a great afternoon trying to identify 4 wine grapes. Fun was had by all and everyone identified at least one grape.

Membership Subscription

Your membership subscription is due before the 1st April and you can renew at the Monthly Meetings in February and March. The current subscription is £20 for the year.



Many thanks to our group of volunteers who do such a good job of operating the PA System every month. Also a big thanks to everyone who has volunteered to be meet and greeters, and to serve drinks. The meetings always need volunteers to make it run successfully.

The winner of the questionnaire draw was member no. 13 - David Painter. He won a £25 gift voucher.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 18th January, 2016.
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
Contact Philip Hartley: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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