

Eastwood and District U3A

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



The Bowls Group at Nottingham Indoor Bowls, Beechdale Road.

Meets on 2nd and 4th Friday of each month between 12:30 – 2:30, or at Sainsburys Hilltop car park at 12:00 for car sharing.

Christmas Message from the Chairman

I love Christmas, but know there are many of us that view it with dread – the expense; the commercialism; the frantic rush to 'get things done', or the loneliness of having no-one to share it with. My wish for all our U3A members at Christmas and throughout the coming year is that new friendships will be formed, new activities tried, and new hope for a brighter future will be achieved.

All the members of the Steering Committee join me in wishing you a happy Christmas and a peaceful and fulfilling 2015.

A New Year is coming for our U3A

The first financial year for the Eastwood and District U3A ends on March 31st. We hope that you have been having fun so far!

The full year's subscription for April to March 2015/16 will be £20 and can be paid at any time from the beginning of January until the end of April 2015.

The end of 2014 will see twenty interest groups set up – a fantastic result for our new U3A.

To continue to thrive we need new ideas for additional interest groups. If you have suggestions contact Lorna and Jim on 07977415072.



At the November main meeting Karen Carter gave a presentation on the Notts-Lincs Air Ambulance.

Dates for the Diary:

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the Month at Plumtre Hall, St. Mary's Church, Eastwood.

Wednesday December 3rd at 10 a.m. – Tony Hatton, Xmas Number 1s

Wednesday January 7th at 10 a.m. – Mick Newbold, Not Just a Spare Part

(Mick is the Sheriff in Robin Hood at the Arts Theatre Nottingham 6-21 Dec.)

Wednesday February 4th at 10 a.m. – Bob Massey



Interest Groups

1. Spanish – Paul Turville, 07971 549 229
2. Apple Computing – Philip Hartley, 07764 80 10 60
3. Craft, Textiles – Pat Collins, 01773 787 806
4. Bridge – Barbara Wigley, 01773 762 383
5. Strollers – Val Kennerell, 01773 712 269
6. Walks, 5 miles – Roger Reynolds, 01773 788 169
7. Vegetable Gardening – Barbara Moore, 01773 770 929
8. Book Group – Eileen Benton, 01773 770 346
9. Poetry – Jenny Ball/ Freda Hallsworth 01773 861502
10. Local History – Eileen Benton 01773 770346
11. Photography – Rose Hobbs 01773 789346
12. Bowls – John Stanger 01773 787183
13. General Gardening – Hazel Clifford 01773 715956
14. Jewellery Making – Val Beecham/ Ali Paine 0115 854 3178
15. Bird Watching - Lynda Bennett 01159 382 424
16. "How do they do it" - Jim Stirland

Other groups are planned and are looking for contact members to coordinate them: Practical Art; National Trust; Discussion; Family History. Are you interested in doing this? Contact Lorna or Jim Stirland on 07 977 415 072.

Social Activities

Next Events

New events are forthcoming in 2015

Details will be announced in the new year for:

Possible visit to National Arboretum

and Wedgewood Pottery Museum

Trip to Mansfield Museum

Eighteen members enjoyed this outing to see the "Made in Mansfield" exhibition, which included mining, hosiery, quarrying, brewing, electronics, Mansfield Shoe Co., Metal Box etc. There was also an exhibition showing the Clipstone army camp in WW1. It was very moving to see photographs and cards sent home to loved ones in this centenary year.

An enjoyable meal followed the visit. Some interest was shown in the forthcoming Christmas Market, which is held 4-6th December. The permanent exhibits will also still be on show for anyone who missed the previous visit. If people are interested we could go on Friday 5th December. However, the Clipstone camp exhibition ended on 22nd November.

Local History Group

A Local History group has begun meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10.30-12.00pm in The Sun Inn.

Eight members enjoyed a good reminisce about local history and family history. Articles read included Derbyshire stomach churning recipes for health remedies, such as cow pat poultices and boiled maize liquid for children's coughs. There were also memories of working as children to supplement family income.

Next meeting is on Thursday 11th December.

The Sun Inn has a Christmas menu available for anyone wishing to join us afterwards.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 15th Dec.
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
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