

Message from the Chairman

Happy New Year to Everyone,
I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

All the decorations are down and back in the loft and the house looks strangely empty, but very tidy, for the first time in a few weeks.

I've been thinking about the New Year and have just been reading about some people's resolutions for 2018. I don't do this anymore. I have things that I would like to do this year but I wouldn't really call them resolutions. I decided that I wanted to be kinder to myself and not set impossible targets. I think we should congratulate ourselves on the things we do and not admonish ourselves for the things we don't manage. If we wrote down all the things we achieved throughout the year I think we would be amazed. So, let's focus on the positive and realise we are not superhuman, we can't do it all. Here's a toast to what we do succeed in doing.

Chris Niven



Long Alley Skittles members have come into the warmth of the bar for the winter! The outdoor alley has proved to be rather cold in the winter months so the group are playing with a table skittles board that has been lovingly restored by Jim. They can be seen getting to grips with the new challenge.

Membership Subscription- due by 1st April

We will be collecting membership subscriptions at the February and March monthly meetings and renewal forms will be available at the meetings. If you have signed a gift aid form for yourself and others in your household a joint renewal form will be available for you on the sign in desk. Renewal forms are also available on the website www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms. If there are no changes to your details, all we need on the form is your full name, membership number and signature. You can pay your subscription by Bank transfer – a one off bank payment.

Name of payee: Eastwood Dist U3A Sort code: 60-07-28 Account no: [456 35 714](https://www.bankofscotland.co.uk/branch/45635714)

Reference: Your name & membership no Amount: £20

If you pay by Bank Transfer please inform the treasurer by email - treasurer@Eastwoodu3a.org

You can hand a cheque payment in at the sign in desk. Put your renewal form and cheque (for £20 payable to Eastwood & District U3A) in an envelope addressed to the Treasurer with your name and member number on the back of the cheque and the outside of the envelope.

You can use the renewal form and pay at the membership desk at the meetings.

February Monthly meeting:

Refreshments Rota: - Maureen Bonsall, Irene Schofield, Merle Ling, Cath Gasgoine

Meet & Greeters Rota:- Helen Baker, Ann McGillivray, Mary Edwards

Set up/Clear away Rota: - Barry Day, Geoff Gration, Peter Hayden, Robert Leam.

Signing in: - Barbara Upshon, Barbara Ingall

Please volunteer to help – contact Andrea Sadler
volunteer.coordinator@eastwoodU3A.org

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

Wed Feb 7th at 10 am - Vince Eager

Wed Mar 7th at 10 am - Bob Reed



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: Church History – will meet on the 1st Tuesday at 2.0 pm at Percy Street Baptist Church. First meeting will be on the 6th February.
Art Appreciation - contact David Willey on 0115 8840217 meet the 3rd Monday of each month 10.30am – 12.00 at the Sun Inn in the conference room.

Psychology – contact Margaret Naylor on 01773 788306. Now meet 2.30 - 4.30 pm the 4th Wed of each month at Eastwood Council Offices, 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. Meet at the Indoor Bowls Centre, Beechdale at 12.00

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 6th Feb meet 10 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to lay-by on B600 near Greasley Church. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788 169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet Feb 22nd at the Miners Return, Kimberley. Contact Yvonne Carey.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet 21st Feb at Oliver's, Eastwood. Contact Andrea for more info.

Bird Watching: Meet 15th Feb at Colliers Wood. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Pub Pals: For next meeting Feb 8th at Inn The Middle, Langley Mill. Contact Yvonne Carey.

Vegetable gardening: meetings will begin again 2nd March at 163, Main St, Newthorpe. Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770 929

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet on Wed 28th February 11am at Madhatters, Kimberley. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Social Outings.

- *Monday 19th February – A visit to The Junction, Sutton in Ashfield for Peas, Pie and Peter Kay style comedy. £20 and car share.*
- *Monday 23rd April - Eastbourne holiday cost £489, more details later.*
- *April visit to Doddington Hall in Lincolnshire cost £22 bus and entry, £10 deposit needed.*

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

Discovering Nottingham:– Visit to Nottingham Archives, dates to be confirmed. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721

City Treasures: Wed 14th February date cancelled due to holiday. New date to be arranged at the group meeting Friday 26th January. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Nottingham's Hidden Gems: Next meet Thurs 22nd February, 10:30 am Bromley House Library, Angel Row, Nottingham NG1 6HL Entry fee is £6. There are two flights of stairs and the second is quite steep. Please contact Linda Rothwell on 0771 2277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com
National Trust: Next meet Mon 12th Feb at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot, Eastwood. Visits planned for 21st Feb and 23rd March. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

The Breach House Open Day
 28 Garden Road, Eastwood.
 NG16 3FW
 Saturday February 3rd 10 – 3 pm
 Come and explore one of D H Lawrence's childhood homes free, an authentic re-creation of a typical miner's dwelling. Lawrence lived here between 1887 -1891, and used it as a setting for the early part of his novel, Sons and Lovers.

Eastwood & District Members Social Dance 2018
 Do you fancy a bit of a bop?
Saturday 24th March
 Greasley Miners Welfare 7.30 pm

Tickets £4 on sale to members first at the main monthly meetings. may be opened up to partners later



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Cllr Keith Longdon. Cllr Longdon has been a supporter of Eastwood & District U3A from the beginning and always provided us with an annual grant from his divisional funds. I'm sure many of us will remember him attending a number of our monthly meetings over the years. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences to his wife Annette, sons and grandchildren.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 12th February 2018. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org