

Message from the Chairman

I'm sitting here feeling cross with myself. Why? Because I did something which is going to cost me. I reversed my car into the garage door. I reverse the car on the drive most days and yet on this one occasion I misjudged it and now I have a very dented garage door. I am informed by the company that fitted it (only two years ago) that it can't be repaired, so it has to be replaced.

We make decisions or not and they can change the course of lives, or history. I hang on to the thought that although it's annoying and possibly expensive it could have been worse. No one was hurt. So, when the quote comes to replace the door I will hold on to the fact that my split second lapse of concentration only damaged a door, there were no injuries and to the best of my knowledge the course of history remains unaffected. *Chris Niven*



Vince Eager, shown bottom left, a pioneer of British pop music was the speaker for February's main meeting. His talk, entitled "Never too old to rock n' roll", explained his early life, up to the 1960s. In the mid 50s, Vince and two friends joined together to form The Harmonica Vagabonds and went on to fill many dance halls in the Grantham area. He later toured with stars like Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Marty Wilde, Billy Fury and his close friend Joe Brown. Vince also became a television star with over 100 appearances on shows like Six – Five Special, Oh Boy and Drumbeat.

Membership Subscription- due by 1st April

We will be collecting membership subscriptions at the March monthly meeting and renewal forms will be available at the meeting. 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.bankofengland.co.uk/branch-codes)

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 meeting.

March Monthly meeting:

Refreshments Rota: - Ivan Brown, Shirley Reynolds, Christina Chapman, Marta Stimpson

Meet & Greeters Rota: -Mary Brown, Irene Whittle, Deryck Hoodless

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

Signing in: - Sue Parkin, Barbara Rollinson

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 Mar 7th at 10 am -

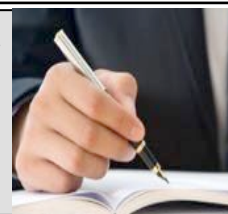
Bob Reed

Wed April 4th at 10 am

Luke Wigman ex RAF soldier

Wed May 2nd at 10 am

Jack Parker Wildlife photographer



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. Contact Marianne Chisholm, tel 01159 134 077
If you have ideas for other groups or need further info contact Lorna or Jim Stirland tel. 07977 415 072.

Group News:

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 6th March meet 10 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Rowthorne village. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788 169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet March 22nd at The Game Keeper, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet 21st March at Holly Tree Farm, Strelley. Contact Andrea for more info.

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

Pub Pals: For next meeting March 8th at The Poet & Castle, Codnor. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

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 March 11am at Pauline's Pantry. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Strollers: Start 2018 walks Wed 28th March at Bulwell Hall Park. Meet in the bottom car park near the golf club pavilion at 10-15. Contact Christine Smith on 01159273111 if you have any queries about this walk or will not be going on the walk.

Discovering Nottingham: next visit Nottingham county football ground 21st March 11am (limited places)
Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721

City Treasures: Tues March 20th the Victorian Theatre Tour. Meet---11-00 am Council House Arcade. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Social Outings

- *Thursday April 12th visit to Doddington Hall, gardens, farm shop and cafe in Lincolnshire cost £22 bus fare, entry and guided tour. £10 deposit needed A.S.A.P.*

- *Monday 23rd April - Eastbourne holiday club class coach travel cost £489, full details can be seen on the website. Sea front hotel, 6 days, 5 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, 5 visits plus many extras*

- *May - A Sherwood Forest bus tour, Robin Hood Express is a vintage London bus taking us around legendary Sherwood Forest, this is a good day out.*

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

Nottingham's Hidden Gems: Next meet in March to visit Wollaton Hall, details to be confirmed. Please contact Linda Rothwell on 0771 2277962 or email

lindarothwell@hotmail.com

National Trust: Next meet Mon 12th March at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visit planned for 23rd March to Croome. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Jewellery: The group will now meet in the conservatory at Julie's Café, Mansfield Road, Eastwood, on the 4th Thursday 2 - 4 pm.

Eastwood & District U3A
Social Dance 2018
Saturday 24th March
Greasley Miners Welfare 7.30 pm

You can help select the music.

Tickets £4 on sale at the
March monthly meeting.



Notification of the 4th AGM

The fourth Annual General Meeting of Eastwood & District U3A will be held on 6th June 2018 in St Marys Church, Church Street, Eastwood at 10 am. The nomination form for all committee members will be on the notice board at the next 3 monthly meetings.

The majority of the Executive committee are willing to stand for re-election but there will be at least 5 positions vacant. All candidates need to be nominated and seconded by a non-executive member.

If you are acting as a proposer/seconded please ensure that the individual is willing to stand. All nominations must be received before 12 noon on 2nd May 2018.

Note from Newsletter editing team

No reports were received from any groups this month. In the past some groups have regularly forwarded reports and photographs but there are some that have never featured. We like to aim for a variety of content but can only work with what we receive. If any group has a problem getting this information to us please email Caroline Winfield (see below)

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 12th March 2018.

Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

Contact Janet O'Neill, Membership Secretary, 07961 832 864, or email membership@eastwoodu3a.org
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