

Message from the Chairman

At last Spring has arrived and what a difference a bit of sunshine makes. It certainly does lift the mood as we throw open the doors and windows. We start to catch up on all the gardening and outside jobs we haven't got around to as the Beast from the East was pestering us. Writing this I can smell barbecues cooking and hear families outside having fun. Let's hope the sunshine stays with us for a while as we recover from what seems like a very long winter.

Here's to Spring and to follow, hopefully a long hot summer. *Chris Niven*

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 this months meeting.

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**.



Vegetable gardening. Our first meeting was well attended with 10 members. Over tea, coffee and of course cakes, we discussed our plans for the coming year. Paul put us all to shame with his well-stocked greenhouses. We agreed the long cold winter has put us all behind, but things always manage to catch up. Our next meeting will be at Kevin's, 62 Lower Beauvale. *Barbara Moore*

Church History has covered various topics including the establishment of the early Christian church, the spread of Christianity by the Romans, key figures including Constantine, St Columba, St Cuthbert and Augustine, the establishment of the monasteries and their dissolution under Henry VIII, and the foundation of the Church of England. We also covered the development of non-conformist denominations e.g. Baptists, Methodists, Calvinists, the Pentecostals and many more, up to the present day with Moody and Sankey, Billy Graham, John Wimber, the Toronto Blessing and others.

Our topic in April was the role of women in Christian History. We began with Eve, Delilah, Deborah, Sarah, Ruth and others from the Old Testament before looking at Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and other women of the New Testament. We discussed how women were suppressed by early Popes and stopped from preaching and taking leadership roles within the Catholic Church. At our meeting on 1st May we will be looking at the Council of Nicaea, all are welcome. *Lorna Stirland*

Wine Group had an Italian evening and greatly appreciated an Obitali Bolgheri from Asda at £10.48 (buy 2 get 1 free); it was full of black fruit and long lasting. *John Slater*

May Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: - Sue Wheatley, Doris Fellows, Janet Suggett, Marion Barnes.

Meet & Greeters Rota: - Christina Chapman, Teresa Tandy,

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

Signing in: - Barbara Upshon, John Hill.

P.A. Team: - Ray Dring, Roger Bacon, Colin McGillivray, Kevin Rockley, Frank Queripel, Terry Marriott.

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

Wed May 2nd at 10 am

Luke Wigman ex RAF soldier

Wed June 6th at 10 am

Annual General Meeting plus entertainment.



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 – meet on the 1st Tuesday at 2.0 pm at Percy Street Baptist Church. Contact Marianne Chisholm, tel 01159 134 077

History of England – will meet on the 4th Thurs at 10.30 am in the Sun Inn. Contact Janet Kirk 01773 770183. janetcolin@icloud.com.

Photography – will meet on the 3rd Wed at The Foresters, Newthorpe, 10.00 am. Contact is Frank Queripel, tel: 01773 788047.

Group News:

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 1st May meet 10 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Swingate/ Kimberley water tower. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet 24th May at Caught & Bowled, Giltbrook. Contact Yvonne Carey. 01773712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet 16th May at Double Tree, Hilton Hotel, Nuthall. Contact Andrea for more info.

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 17th May at Attenborough. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Pub Pals: Next meet 10th May at The White Lion, Swingate. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Vegetable gardening: Next meet 4th May at Kevin's, 62 Lower Beauvale. Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770 929

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet on Wed 23rd May at Brinsley Church at 11am. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Strollers: Next walk Wed 30th May at Shipley Park. Meet in the bottom car park at 10-15. Contact Val on 01773 712269.

City Treasures: Meet 25th May at The Sun at 10.15 am. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Social Outings.

- *Thursday 17th May* – A Sherwood Forest bus tour, Robin Hood Express is a vintage London bus taking us around legendary Sherwood Forest, pick up Eastwood, at Morrison's bus stop at 9.30 am. Max cost £25, more that go the cheaper it will be. See Joan, Jill or Sandra at main meeting.

- *Saturday 9th June* – visit to Chatsworth Flower Show Cost £44 with Skills, includes entrance fee. Let Joan know if you are interested.

- *Watch this space for Lincolnshire Wolds Steam Railway and seaside in July.*

- *Also let them know if you are interested in a holiday in Scotland in October.*

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

Discovering Nottingham: next visit the Parliament Street area on 10th and 22nd May, more details to follow. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721

Nottingham's Hidden Gems: Next meet 24th May, tour of buildings by Watson Fothergill, the Architect. Contact Linda Rothwell on 0771 2277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

National Trust: Next meet Mon 14th May at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visit planned for 30th May to Tatton Park, Cheshire. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

National Trust Visit to Croome Court. A lot of the original contents of the house were sold after the wars to pay off debts but The National Trust are gradually restoring it. We were able to visit a folly that is rarely open to visitors - accessed through a field of sheep and their newly born lambs. So cute! The parkland and gardens were Capability Brown's first commission and the view from the top of the folly was fantastic. RAF Defford (the local airfield and all part of the estate) was used during the war as a secret radar development base and has a very interesting museum. We ate in the 1940s style canteen surrounded by memorabilia from that era. A great day out! *Claire Booth*



We had a very interesting trip to Doddington Hall near Lincoln the home of the same family since the Hall was built in 1600, although the family name has changed five times due to it being passed down through the female line. We were taken on a conducted tour of the main rooms and were most interested to see the work being done to preserve the tapestries from the Yellow Bedroom originally hung in the 1760s. This work was taking place in the Drawing Room by three young lady Conservators who had already worked on tapestries from the Holly Bedroom now rehung and certainly looking "fresher". We also saw jars containing some of the nails and soot that had been extracted from the tapestries during the cleaning process. Some of us were able to have a quick look round the gardens before the cold weather drove us into the cafes and wonderful Farm Shop, which would be well worth visiting at any time, along with the Bike Shop, Clothing and Home shop etc. *Barbara Wigley*
Thanks to Joan and Jill.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 14th May 2018.
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