

Message from the Chairman

Following our AGM a big warm welcome to our new committee. I look forward to working with you all.

I am writing this in sunny Scarborough and it does seem, both by the weather today and the long-term forecast that summer is here. Sunshine really does lift our mood and make us more carefree. Long may it last. I think I heard it was warm in Russia too where there is some sort of sporting competition on!!

Good luck to England. *Chris Niven*



Our U3A boarded a bright red vintage double decker London bus and headed to Sherwood Forest. The guide Andy was extremely knowledgeable with facts about the area, the ancient forest, its heroes, villains, kings and of course the legendary Robin Hood. The first stop was Rufford Abbey with a tour of the remains of the Cistercian Abbey. The bus then went on to Sherwood Forest where we enjoyed a walk in the forest and saw the Major Oak. After lunch we made our way to Kings Clipstone to see the remains of King John's Palace before our final stop of the tour, Newstead Abbey and a well-earned ice cream. It was a really fascinating fact filled day enjoyed by us all. *Lorna Stirland*



Over the May Bank Holiday weekend, the Erewash Canal Preservation Society held its 50th anniversary celebrations with a three-day festival event at the Langley Mill canal basin. In the entertainment marquee many diverse groups contributed including our U3leles. They had an afternoon spot on Saturday after a Battle of Britain flyover by a Spitfire! The music went well and in addition to old favourites, we learnt two canal songs for the occasion and also included some traditional fiddle tunes with ukulele, guitar and concertina accompaniment. We seemed to be very well received judging by the applause from the audience. The organiser of the event sent us a very complimentary email thanking us for our hard work. *Judith Queripel*

July Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: - Val Tebbutt, Pat Collins, Val Kennerell, Janet Parrett

Meet & Greeters Rota: - Yvonne Marsh, Len Marsh, Colin Fletcher

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

Signing in: - Sue Much, Celia Dorkes

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

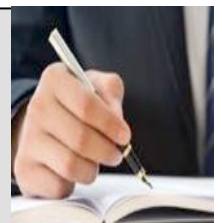
Art Appreciation The group recently enjoyed two presentations, one by Linda Rothwell featuring Benvenuto Cellini and the second by David and Sue Willey featuring the works of Alfred de Breanski Senior and Junior. Both were entertaining and informative. They also had an enjoyable trip to Derby Museum & Art Gallery to look at an exhibition entitled 'Art in Industry' which they found to be most interesting. *David Willey*

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

Wed July 4th at 10 am Marjory Spencer

Wed August 1st at 10 am Brian Fretwell

Wed Sept 5th at 10 am Mr Hammond



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 2.00 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.

Natural Science - meet 4th Monday, 10.30 am at The Foresters, Newthorpe. Contact Val Simons.

Mindfulness - Mindfulness 1 meet 1st Tuesday, 10.00 am at the Eastwood People's Initiative. Mindfulness 2 meet 2nd Tuesday 10.00 am same venue. Contact Val Simons.

Group News

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 3rd July meet 10.00 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to the lay-by ½ mile after Rose & Crown before Morley Hayes Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet 26th July at The Ale House, Marlpool. Contact Yvonne Carey. 01773712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet 18th July at The Pavilion. Contact Andrea for more info.

Bird Watching: Meet 19th July at Bestwood Country Park. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Pub Pals: Next meet 12th July at The Gate, Awsworth. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Vegetable gardening: Next meet 6th July at Ann and Colin's, Mansfield Rd, Eastwood. Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770 929

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet 25th July Felley Priory at 11am. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Social Outings.

- *Sunday 15th July Coach leaves Morrison's bus stop at 9.00 am. Lincolnshire Wolds Steam Railway, we will have a rover ticket for the train. On this Sunday there will be a car boot sale so you could grab a bargain. Then we will go on to Cleethorpes for fish & chips and a paddle. Cost for all this £16, if we can fill the bus. Names to Jill, Sandra and Joan.*

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

City Treasures: Meet Fri 29th June at 10.00 am Sun Inn, Eastwood. Wed 11th July day trip to the City of Lincoln, travel arrangements to be forthcoming. Tues 31st July – 10.00 am meeting at the Sun Inn, Eastwood Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Discovering Nottingham: next meet 12th July at 10.45 at the steps leading up to Wollaton Hall for a guided tour. Tour now full. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Nottingham's Hidden Gems: Next meet Thurs 26th July for Trent Bridge & Trent side historical buildings, monuments and old bridge, ending at Trent Bridge Inn for refreshments, then catch the bus into the city. Meet 10.30 at Phoenix Park or the left lion at 11.00 to catch a bus to Trent Bridge. Contact Linda Rothwell on 0771 2277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

National Trust: Next meet Mon 9th July at 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visit planned for 23 August to Beningbrough Hall, N Yorks. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Strollers: Next walk Wed 25th July at Wollaton Park. Meet in the top car park at 10-15. There is a charge for parking. Contact Val on 01773 712269.



Radio Waves Sixteen members boarded the minibus bound for Jodrell Bank in Cheshire. On arrival some retired to the cafe for coffee and others went around the various exhibitions. The first was the Planet Pavilion, which depicted the planets in our solar system. A clockwork orrery was situated above us and was activated by turning a handle. All the planets moved in their orbits around the sun. Outside we could stroll around the giant Lovell telescope where there was ample seating to sit and admire this wonderful structural engineering. We also saw the two smaller radio telescopes that could be linked to the main one for observations. We visited the Space Pavilion and a lady from Manchester University gave an interesting lecture on how the Lovell telescope was built and Professor's Lovell's involvement with the development of radio astronomy. It was a wonderful day and we must thank Janet for organising the visit.
Alan Bates & Terence Marriott

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 16th July 2018.
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