

Message from the Chairman

It is beginning to feel distinctly Autumnal or Goose Fairish as my friend would say. I am not quite in Autumn mode, I still feel the Summer is here although judging by the boots and socks I'm wearing I know it's not. Further supporting evidence that Autumn is here was the appearance of a certain card. Yes, I visited a well-known card shop and there they were Christmas cards. Even if you are sending one to Australia it doesn't need posting yet! Thinking of Christmas don't forget to book in for our Christmas Lunch at the Doubletree Hilton or what we know as the old Gateway. The more the merrier. But before we race on to December we have; Goose Fair, Bonfire Night, Halloween, half term and lots more things to enjoy. Lots of U3A groups doing fantastic activities and in 2019 our new Social Committee will be putting some trips together for your enjoyment. I'm looking forward to seeing members at our October Showcase where our groups will be showing us what they do. Lots happening and not enough hours in the day. Long may it continue? *Chris Niven*

Born 1948?

A few 1948ers are meeting up for lunch in November. If you were born in 1948 and interested in celebrating your 70th with us contact Ann McGillivray on 01773 767686 or email candamcg@gmail.com

October Monthly meeting: -

Refreshments Rota: - Karen Rea, Sue Hill, Jenny Brake, Geraldine Spray, Val Tebbutt, Nina Moore, Irene Schofield.

Meet & Greeters Rota: - Maria Shardlow, Chris Reynolds, Brian Reynolds

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

Signing in: - Barbara Moir, Pauline Daws

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



The Hidden Gems group found a hidden gem at the Skylarks festival. The remains of an Anglo Saxon village were found during an archaeological dig on the reserve and have been recreated using authentic materials. There was an Anglo Saxon house where meat was being cooked in an open fire, the smoke from the cooking was going up to the roof and out via wooden slats. There were people dressed in costumes who were very informative about the life and times of Anglo Saxons. The Anglo Saxon society are working alongside Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and are planning to extend the village but even at the moment it is well worth a visit. *Linda Rothwell*

Our U3A group's Christmas meal will take place on
Thursday 13th December

**at The DoubleTree by Hilton. (Gateway Hotel)
Cinderhill**

Time 12 for a 12.30 pm start.

Price £25 per person

Full payment will be collected at the October meeting

Cash or cheques payable to Eastwood and District
U3A

Menu choices can be seen on the website under

STOP PRESS or at the meeting.

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

Wed Oct 3rd at 10 am

Interest Group Showcase.

Wed Nov 7th at 10 am

John Stirland – well known gardener!

Wed Dec 5th at 10 am

Christmas celebration. Refreshments provided this year.



Featured New Interest Groups

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 Directory A new directory has been published. If you have access to the Internet it can be found on the Eastwood U3A website but if anyone would also like a Directory printed out for them please email newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org or leave a comment on the website. *Margaret Naylor*
If you have ideas for new groups, or need further info contact Derrick Hart 01773 717398 or 07840543487.

groups.coordinator@eastwoodU3a.org

Group News

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 2nd Oct meet 10.00 am top right hand corner Morrisons' car park then on to Newton's Lane, Cossall. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Micro Brewery Pub Pals: Next meet Oct 11th at the Stag Inn, Kimberley then Oct 25th at Mellors' Mews, Eastwood. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Coffee Mates: is now full. Next meet 17th October at Madhatters, Kimberley. Contact Andrea for more info 0115 938 2299

Bird Watching: Meet Thurs 18th Oct at Willington/Calke Abbey. The contacts for the group are Chris and Paul Millington on 01773 764 943 or 07977 436 471.

Vegetable gardening: Next meet 5th Oct at Sue Wheatley's, Heanor. Contact Barbara Moore on 01773 770 929. Then a break until the spring.

Coffee & Co: is now full. Next meet at Millie's, Armstrong's Mill on Wed 24th Oct at 11.00 am. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Strollers: Next walk Wed 31st Oct at Shipley Park. Meet in the bottom car park at 10-15. Parking charge £3 for 3hrs. Last walk of 2018. Contact Val on 01773 712269.

National Trust: Next meet 8th Oct 10.00 am at the Dog & Parrot. Visits planned for 9th October – Dunham Massey, 22nd November – Waddesden Manor. Contact Yvonne Carey on 01773 712530.

Hidden Gems: Spaces for new members. Next meet – Thurs 25th Oct, a visit backstage at Nottingham Playhouse. Further details contact Linda Rothwell on 07712277962 or email lindarothwell@hotmail.com

Social Outings.

Watch this space for future outings in the new year.

Further info at main meetings from our new Social outings organisers, Steve Cornish, Pauline Marshall.

If you become aware of another member who is ill, either in hospital or at home; or who may need assistance to get to a meeting; or in the event of a death of a member, please contact *Chris Millington* welfare.coordinator@eastwoodU3A.org

5mile Walkers Since the Eastwood U3A started our 5mile walkers have not once missed the first Tuesday of the month. The friendly group walk in rain, shine or even snow. Members of the group share the leading and planning of the walks. *Roger Reynolds*



5mile walkers on a recent walk

Beningbrough Hall was the venue for the August visit of the National Trust Group. It was an RAF base during WW2 and was returned to a country house gallery after the war in partnership with the National Gallery. There were many 18th century portraits of people who had influenced British history and culture. Also the top floor was devoted to portraits of creative women of today - Dame Judi Dench, Darcey Bussell and Iris Murdoch to name a few. The gardens were fabulous too, walled, herbaceous, formal and traditional with wildlife areas and riverside walks. Enjoyed by all! *Claire Booth*

Computer Drop-in

Horse & Groom, Moorgreen – upstairs, on the 4th Monday each month @ 4.00 pm. Do you have a computer, tablet or laptop? Are there things you would like to know how to do? *Bob Ford*

City Treasures: Meet. Fri 28th Sept the Sun Inn at 10.00 am. Oct to be decided. Contact Len Marsh 0115 9321230.

Discovering Nottingham: next meet in Oct, we will hopefully be visiting A Victorian Theatre in the Lace Market. More details to follow. Contact Barbara Gani 01159468721.

Wine tasting group Our last Italian tasting was a close run thing between Roversi Pecorino Terre di Chieti and Valpolicello Ripasso from Asda as the groups favourite. We have just 2 vacancies if anyone is interested.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 15th October, 2018. Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

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