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## OUR u3a

Last year saw the national celebration of the 40th anniversary of the UK-based u3a.

Eastwood & District u3a began back in 2014 and has continued to grow and develop into a very popular and active organisation providing life-enhancing and life-changing opportunities for retired and semi-retired people who "come together and learn together, not for qualifications but for its own reward: the sheer joy of discovery!"

We welcome members from across the district – Eastwood, Jacksdale, Kimberley, Brinsley, Selston, Bagthorpe, Westwood and beyond.

This is an extract from an article that was put in the local Community News:

"Eastwood & District u3a is part of a national u3a movement which brings people together to continue their social, creative or educational interests in a friendly and informal environment. With over 30 interest groups to choose from, ranging from Art Appreciation, Board Games, Photography, Walking, the chance to try out Pétanque, practise French Conversation, explore Family History, or meet for Coffee, the u3a is a wonderful way to learn, laugh, live, and enjoy. The groups are great for anybody but especially people who live alone and would like to make new friends."

There is a regular u3a meeting, including a guest speaker, on the first Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am until 12 noon with refreshments available, and an interesting and informative newsletter is shared on a monthly basis too. The organisation also organises social events, along with trips out. Lots of information and details of all the groups can be found on the website [www.eastwoodu3a.org](http://www.eastwoodu3a.org).

Do you have friends or neighbours who might be interested in joining the u3a? Invite them along to the monthly meeting or contact [membership@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:membership@eastwoodu3a.org)

## MONTHLY MEETING

**July 5<sup>th</sup> 2023**

David Skillen talking about  
"A Few Appropriate Remarks -  
Lincoln at Gettysburg."  
*Linda Rothwell, Speaker Finder*

## VOLUNTEERS

**Setting Up:** Rob Leam, Paul Bettridge

**Refreshments:** Linda Lambert, Janice Matthews, Georgia Hanson.

**Signing In:** Tricia Dilley, Linda Rothwell

**Meet and Greet:** Sandra Burns, Yvonne Footitt.

Many thanks to our volunteers. It would be really helpful if you could arrive between 9.00 and 9.15 am.

*Doris Fellows, Volunteer Coordinator*

## RESERVED SEATS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

At the monthly meetings, there will be reserved signs on some of the front seats, so that it will be easier for any who are especially hard of hearing, or have eyesight issues, to enjoy the speaker. Please feel free to sit on one of these seats if it would be of benefit to you.

*Janet Lander*

## SOCIAL TRIP - BEVERLEY & BRIDLINGTON

Following a very enjoyable trip to Liverpool we are planning an outing to Beverley & Bridlington on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets £20. All welcome.

Please contact Sandra to reserve your place. 07930 752 808, email – [Sandra.burns@mac.com](mailto:Sandra.burns@mac.com)

**SUMMER GARDEN**

Sense the beauty of the summer,  
 underlining nature's gifts.  
 Majestic stand the trees in fruit.  
 Myriad flowers pose and drift  
 everywhere throughout the borders,  
 reds and blues, a purple haze.  
 Greedily we breathe the perfume  
 as a rose unfurls it's buds.  
 Radically, our senses stagger  
 daily at this magnitude.  
 Emulating paradise with  
 non-stop sensory overload.

Pat Potter

A young couple moved into a new house.

The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging the washing outside.

"That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better soap powder.

Her husband looked on, remaining silent.

Every time her neighbour hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments.

A month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her that?"

The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,  
 And bring so much happiness just as they did.  
 I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.  
 Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!  
 When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

I'll write on the walls with reds, whites and blues,  
 And I'll bounce on the furniture wearing my shoes.  
 I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.  
 I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!  
 When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

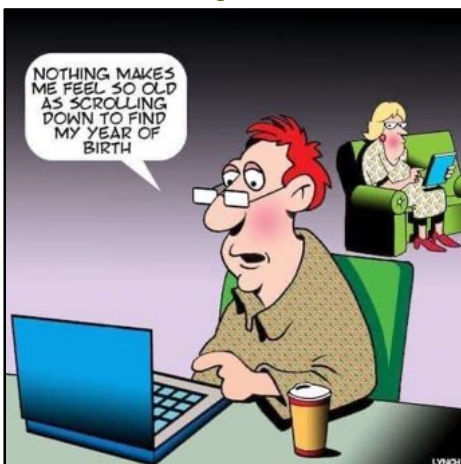
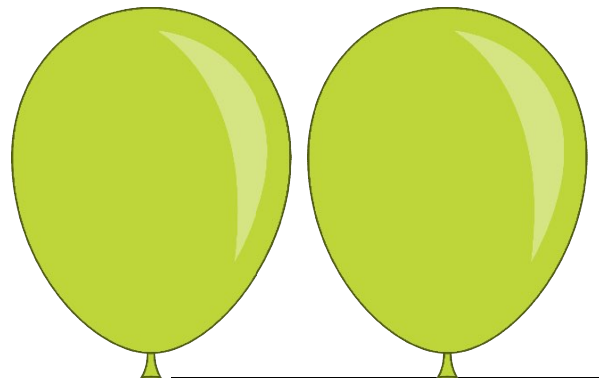
When they're on the phone and just out of reach,  
 I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.  
 Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,  
 When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,  
 I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat,  
 I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,  
 And when they get angry I'll run if I'm able!  
 When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

I'll sit close to the TV, through channels I'll click,  
 I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.  
 I'll take off my socks and throw one away,  
 And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!  
 When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,  
 I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.  
 My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,  
 And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's sleeping!"

Anon



**What do you do for a living?**  
**I'm a spy!**  
**Why are you dressed like a shepherd?**  
**I'm a shepherd's spy!**

**I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.**

**GROUP INFORMATION**

If you have ideas for new groups or need further information contact:

[groups.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org)

**Art Appreciation:** meet in Brinsley Parish Hall, 3rd Monday @ 10:30 am. Contact Helen 01773 710 743

**Bird Watching & Wildlife:** meet 3rd Thursday @ 10.30 am. Contact Paul 07986 037 871

**Book Group:** meet in Eastwood Library, 1st Monday @ 11.00 am. Contact Sue 01773 717 676 or Pauline 01773 788 366

**Café Culture** meet in various venues on the 2nd Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. **New members welcome!** Contact Margaret 07828 155 086

**Canasta:** meet in the Hayloft, 2nd Thursday @ 11.00 am. Contact Nina 01773 717 770

**Church History:** Contact Marianne 01159 134 077

**Coffee & Co:** meet in various venues on the 4th Wednesday @ 11.00 am. Contact Barbara 01159 468 721

**Coffee Mates:** members have a choice of dates each month. Contact Andrea 07927 660 408

**Creative Crafts:** meet in Rumbletums 2nd Wednesday 1-2.30 pm and 3rd Thursday 10.00 – 12.00 noon. **New Members welcome!** Contact Jackie 07580 340 014

**Creative Writing: New members welcome!** Contact Chris 07891 032 300

**Family History:** meet in the Hayloft on the 4th Monday, 11.00 – 12.30 pm. Contact Diana 0115 9 169 343

**French Conversation:** meet in the Hayloft on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10.00 am. **New members welcome!** Contact Pauline 01773 788 366

**Gogglebox:** meet in the Hayloft on the 3rd Tuesday, 11.00 – 12.30 pm. **New members welcome!** Contact Janet 07889 976 342

**History of England:** meet in the Hayloft, 1st Thursday @ 10.00 am. Contact Janet 01773 770 183

**GROUP INFORMATION**

**National Trust:** meet in the Dog & Parrot on the 1st Monday each month @ 10.00 am. Contact Yvonne 01773 712 530

**Pétanque:** : New venue will be announced asap. Contact Colin 01773 715 493

**Photography:** meet in Brinsley Parish Hall on 3rd Tuesday @ 10.00 am. **New members, beginners and enthusiasts all welcome.** Contact Barbara 01773 786 004 or 07977 109 451

**Psychology:** meet in Rumbletums on the 4th Wednesday, 1.00 pm. Contact Jim 07977 415 072 or Diana 01159 169 343

**Pub Pals:** Contact Janet 07961 832 864 or Rob 07845 177 500

**Social Trips:** Day trips out to various locations. Contact Sandra tel. 07930 752 808

**Spanish:** meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday 11.00 - 12.30 pm @ Julie's Tea Rooms. **New members welcome!** Contact Paul 01159 133 449

**Theatre Group:** meet in Dora Phillips Hall, Eastwood on 2nd Tuesday 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Contact Marianne 01773 717 500

**Walks, 5 miles:** meet on Tuesday 4th July at 10.00 am, Sainsbury's Car Park, Kimberley (park at the top away from store). Contact Roger 01773 788169

**War Babies & Boomers:** Contact Ann [warbabies@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:warbabies@eastwoodu3a.org)

**Whist:** meet at the Hayloft, Giltbrook on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2.00 pm. Contact Glenis. 01773 715 040

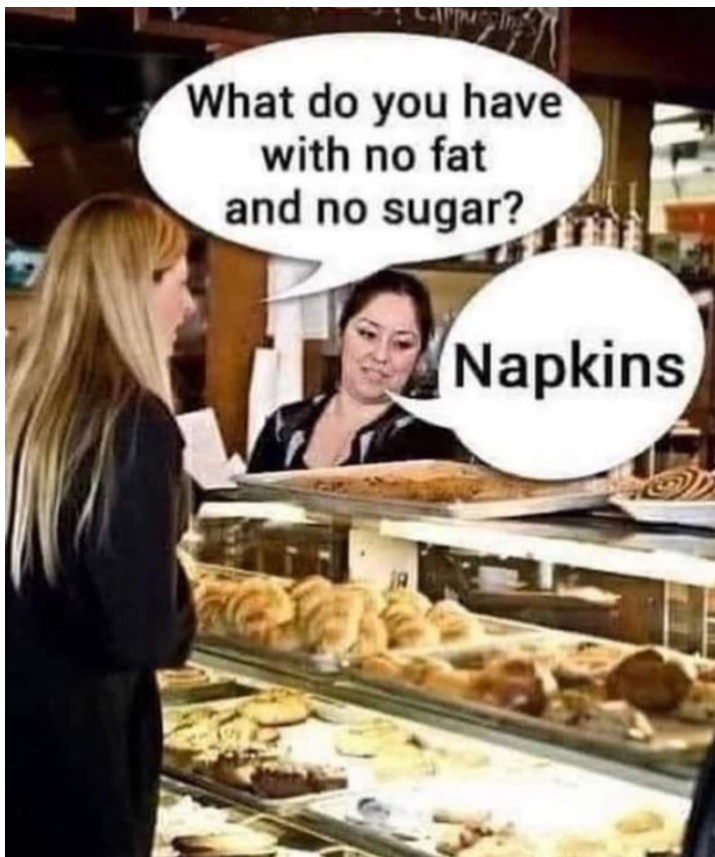
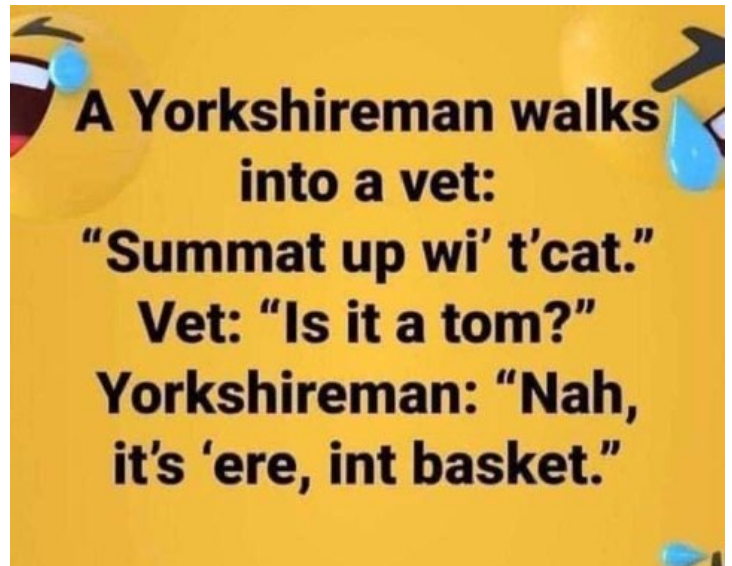
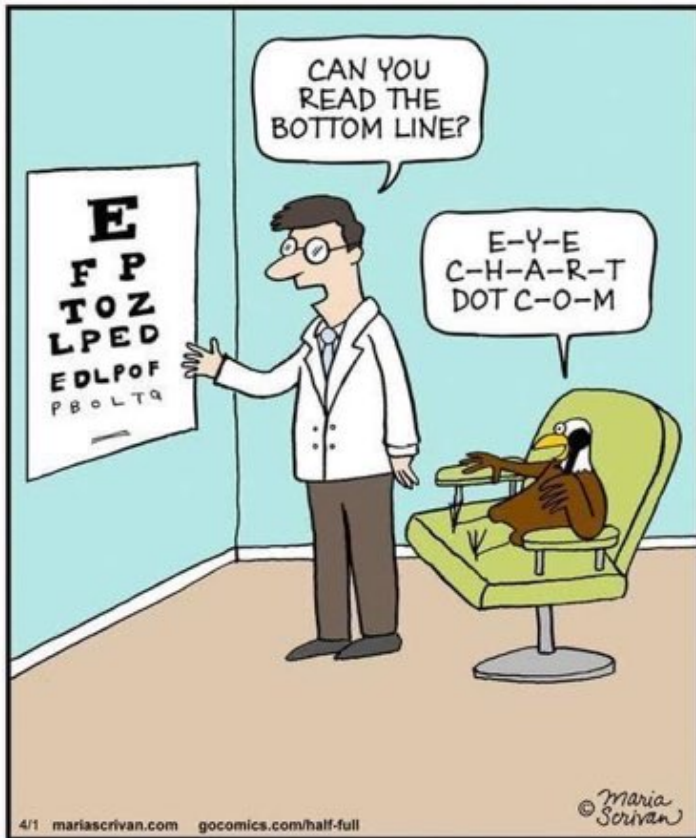
**Wine Appreciation:** meet in the Hayloft on the 1st Monday @ 7.00 pm. Contact Chris 07779 375865

# Group News?

**GROUPS COORDINATORS**

| Anne's Groups                                                                                                                                                                    | Madeleine's Groups                                                                                                                                                                             | Marianne's Groups                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 1.Board Games<br>2.Coffee Mates<br>3.Creative Crafts<br>4.History of England<br>5.Pub Pals<br>6.National Trust<br>7.Strollers<br>8.General Gardening<br>9.War Babies and Boomers | 1.Art Appreciation<br>2.Cafe Culture<br>3.Church History<br>4.Coffee and Co<br>5.Creative Writing<br>6.Family History<br>7.French Conversation<br>8.Psychology<br>9.Radio Waves<br>10. Spanish | 1. Bird watching<br>2. Book group<br>3. Canasta<br>4. Gogglebox<br>5. Petanque<br>6. Photography<br>7. Social Trips<br>8. Theatre<br>9. 5ml Walks<br>10. Wine Appreciation<br>11. Whist |





#### NEWSLETTER POSTAL CHARGE

Members who are not on the internet and would like the newsletter posted to them can do this by paying £10 with their annual subscription. This is less than the true cost but it reflects a commitment to receiving it.

#### WANTED

We are looking for volunteer(s) to help to prepare the newsletter each month. If you are interested, please let us know. Training in how to put the elements together provided if necessary.

We are also looking for someone who usually uses Zoom to attend the monthly meetings and who would be willing to act as a Zoom Controller, admitting those who are using the link. Again, training provided if necessary.

#### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

You may notice that this month's newsletter has many jokes and lots of spaces. That's because of a lack of articles/group news. What is your group doing? Planning?

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this month's newsletter. Please send your contributions for next month to: [newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org)