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**Deadline for Sept 2023 newsletter - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**



## There is no monthly meeting in August.

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF EASTWOOD & DISTRICT U3A

Next year will mark the 10th anniversary of the founding of Eastwood & District u3a and we are hoping to organise one or two events around this. The committee are interested to hear about any suggestions or offers of help. This will take place in or around July of next year. Paul Bettridge has offered to be the committee member who will co-ordinate these suggestions.



Paul Bettridge

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

### WELFARE CO-ORDINATOR



Sharon Dudley has taken over the role of Welfare Co-ordinator on behalf of the committee and will be making herself known at future meetings. Please let a member of the committee know about any member of the u3a who would benefit from receiving a card on behalf of all of us.  
[welfare.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:welfare.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org)

### SPEAKER FINDER



Roger Kidd

[speaker.finder@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:speaker.finder@eastwoodu3a.org)

### MONTHLY MEETING

**NB. There is no Monthly Meeting in August.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Elaine Clark will be speaking about the benefits of Tai Chi as well as an interesting diversion regarding Crisp packets as an innovative form of design!

### VOLUNTEERS

**Setting Up:** Rob Leam

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

**Signing In:** Tricia Dille, Valerie French

**Meet and Greet:** Barbara Moir, Pauline Daws.

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*

### THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE AGM:

Barry Doran	Chairman + Membership Secretary
Marianne Sparrow	Vice Chairman + Groups Coordinator (1/3)
Janet Lander	Business Secretary
Keith Sherwood	Treasurer
Paul Bettridge	Anniversary Celebrations Coordinator
Sharon Dudley	Welfare Coordinator
Doris Fellows	Volunteer Coordinator
Madeleine Fletcher	Groups Coordinator (1/3)
Anna Frost	
Roger Kidd	Speaker Finder
Marta Simpson	
Anne Steel	Groups Coordinator (1/3)

### GOGGLEBOX

At our June meeting, we discussed Ten Pound Poms and Colin from Accounts. Everybody really liked the quirky humour of Colin from Accounts, and it was amusing to finally find out who that referred to. The relationship between the leads was very entertaining as they were continually placed in ridiculous situations. Ten Pound Poms received more mixed reviews. Although the whole issue of British citizens emigrating to Australia on a £10 ticket was an interesting topic, there were maybe too many elements of melodrama in just six episodes. All the issues were interesting, but felt rather like elements in a soap. However, most people had enjoyed learning about this little known area of history, and a subsequent documentary underlined the truth of how the experience was mis-sold in Britain. Our next programmes will be For Her Sins (Channel 5) and Jay Blades East End through Time (also on Channel 5). and we will look at the first two episodes of the most recent series of Man called Mobeen (iPlayer)

*Janet Lander*

### COFFEE MATES



Enjoying cake and coffee at The Sanctuary in Stapleford.  
Great chats with great people.

*Andrea Sadler*

With the new Barbie film out I thought I'd pop to town and buy a Barbie doll for my Granddaughter. There were absolutely loads to choose from - Army Barbie, Beach Barbie, Disco Barbie and so many more. They were all priced at £19.99.

Then I saw divorced Barbie, and asked how much she was.

The assistant said she is £199.99.

"Oh my goodness, why is she so expensive?" I asked.

"Because she comes with Ken's house, Ken's car, Ken's motorbike and everything Ken owned" said the assistant.



### Café Culture



The new kid on the block!

With both Coffee Mates and Coffee & Co full, it was decided we needed another coffee group to pick up their waiting lists.

We now have 11 members but could do with a few more. If you want to join a coffee and chat group we currently have room for you.

So far we've visited The Headstocks Tearoom, Brinsley; Madhatters, Kimberley; The Mulberry Tree Café at Strelley Hall and The Greenhouse in Eastwood. In August we're at Basilia in Langley Mill and September we'll be under the marquees at The Farmhouse Tearoom at Felley Priory, Underwood.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 10.30 am.

If you want to join us please contact Margaret Naylor 07828155086

### WANTED

We are 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. Training provided if necessary.

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TO WORRY ABOUT WHAT OTHERS  
SAY OR THINK ABOUT YOU. SO,  
HAVE FUN AND GIVE  
THEM  
SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT.**

**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

**Board Games:** meet in the Hayloft, 2nd and 4th Monday @ 2.00 pm. Contact Pauline Dawkins 01159 383 530

**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

**General Gardening Group:** meet 2.00 pm at members' homes on the 1st Friday of the month from April to September. Contact Ann McGillivray 01773 767686.

**GROUP INFORMATION**

**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

**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 1st August 2023 at 10.00 am Wollaton Park. Top Car Park, near potting shed courtyard. Contact Roger Reynolds for further information 01773 788169/07879492779

**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

**NEW IT GROUP**

We had an informal meeting at the AGM on 7th June and we are in the process of setting up this Group. If you want to know how to use your tablet, I-Phone, stop scams, be safe online etc. then this is the group for you. In the first instance please contact Anne Steel, Groups Coordinator, and she will forward on any questions you have. We are at the trial stage at the moment, but if we get enough support, it could be a very valued group resource.

Anne Steel

**GROUPS COORDINATORS**

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

## MY TAKE ON 'THE HAYWAIN' BY JOHN CONSTABLE



We've trouble at the farm today.

A cart has rolled into the pond.

The dog is yapping fit burst  
and causing such a wild affray.

I'd just set out the dough to rise  
upon the hearth when hell let loose  
and looking through the kitchen pane  
my heart beat so with such surprise.

The wood cart daily rattles by,  
the horses at a steady plod,  
all safe upon the cinder path;  
the driver gives a cheerful cry.

The mester's down in bottom field;  
he'll not be glad to be disturbed.  
His temper's short at best of times.  
His anger can not be concealed.

I go and stand upon the porch  
and urge the driver to a move.  
He gees the horses but they're stuck.  
He shrugs his hands in deep remorse.

A way along upon a log  
a painter sits, sketchbook in hand  
and with deft strokes he sets the scene;  
the cart in pond, the barking dog.

I hail to him; his look uncaring,  
so rapt is he within his art.

So here I stand, no help to hand  
and view a picture in the making.

*Pat Potter July'23*



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Proof of Global  
Warming**



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