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newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org

Deadline for May 2024 newsletter - Monday 15th April



MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday 3rd April

David Moylan (Speaker)

Funny Turns

Dave Moylan has been a professional entertainer for much of his long life....As a musician performing all types of music all over the UK, as well as accompanying some of the country's best-known entertainers. Then as a comedy magician, performing at some of the country's most (and least) prestigious venues. Including 25 years as resident magician at Warwick Castle.

Funny Turns is a one-man variety show featuring comedy, magic, music and hilarious routines remembering some of the country's greatest entertainers.



Roger Kidd - Speaker Finder

VOLUNTEERS

Setting Up: Rob Leam, Geoff Gratton.

Refreshments: Val Tebbutt, Sue Whittamore, Linda Dring, Linda Lambert.

Signing In: Suzanne Kirk, Barbara Stonebank.

Meet and Greet: Jenny Ball, Teresa Tandy.

Doris Fellows – Volunteer Co-ordinator

Eastwood & District u3a is 10 years old!

We want to celebrate 10 years of the u3a here in Eastwood and the surrounding areas, supporting retirees and the semi-retired. What did we do without it?

The May monthly meeting will include a talk by me about how our u3a came into being, the early problems and successes, and some of the first interest groups and social activities. There will also be plenty of time for your reminiscences.

The June monthly meeting will be a celebration! After the **AGM** there will be the usual coffee/tea break, followed by some entertainment then a fuddle!

We would like everyone to bring a plate of something to share – savoury or sweet, hot or cold, your special dish, or something from the supermarket - whatever is easiest.

There will be a celebration cake!

To avoid extra work for the catering volunteers, you will need to **bring your own glass and your own drinks** – soft or alcoholic drink. (As we will not be selling alcoholic drinks we won't be contravening any licensing laws.)

We hope you will come and celebrate with us.

Ann McGillivray



MONTHLY MEETINGS.

It is great to see our numbers increasing at the monthly meetings, and congratulations to Roger Kidd, our Speaker Finder, for organising such excellent speakers. At the March meeting, there were 139 attending, which is great. A total of £64 was donated, and it would be great to see this increase so that everyone is contributing towards our costs, which include refreshments and room hire. Our wonderful refreshments team have more work to do now that mugs are being used. Thanks to those who bring disposable cups or take their own mugs home to wash!

Janet Lander

NEW GROUPS

Possible suggestions for new groups include lunch club, breakfast club or litter picking / environment group. If you are interested in starting any of these groups, please let a member of the committee know.

Janet Lander

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The following members are willing to be nominated for the coming year:

Janet Lander (*Business Secretary*)

Keith Sherwood (*Treasurer*)

Anne Steel

Doris Fellows

Madeleine Fletcher

Sharon Dudley

Roger Kidd

The following officer posts are likely to be vacant:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

We now need nominations for these members and others. Nomination forms will be displayed in the church at the monthly meeting.

Where two or more members are nominated for the same officer position a ballot will be held.

EASTWOOD & DISTRICT u3a HISTORY

Speakers

We have had a Speaker almost every month for the past 10 years. In the beginning Val booked lots of charity speakers as we had little money and a very strict budget but by Christmas 2014 we managed to book Tony Hatton - Xmas Number 1s. Tony was followed in January 2015 by Mick Newbold - Not just a spare part. Do you remember him? He talked about being an extra in film and television.

Over the years we have had speakers covering many subjects including Arctic expeditions, wildlife photography, art, gardening, a pop star's life story and several singing/musical groups. I'm sure those who attended can well remember when Lorna and Jim Stirland gave a great presentation on their work in Uganda.

Over the years groups have come and gone - Hidden Gems, City Treasures, Discovering Nottingham - very popular groups which could return as Rediscovering Nottingham - we have the books, we just need a Group Contact.

Craft/textiles, Jewellery Making, Knit Aid and Patchwork joined together and re-emerged as Creative Crafts after lockdown.

Bowls, Bridge, Discussion, Everyday Science, Geology, How do they do it? Mindfulness, Pétanque, Radio Waves, Singing for Fun, Skittles, Theatre, Ukulele - all currently closed groups. Maybe some of these will make a return?

From 2014 we have had Christmas celebrations at the December monthly meeting and for several years we had Christmas lunch at a variety of venues - Three Ponds, Eastwood Hall, DoubleTree by Hilton. Gradually the groups began to have their own Christmas celebrations and the big Christmas lunch disappeared. Maybe a 10th anniversary Christmas lunch?

Have there been any speakers/topics that you have particularly liked?

Any groups you would like to return?

Could you be the Group Contact?

Margaret Naylor

u3a AGM

NOTIFICATION OF EASTWOOD & DISTRICT u3a AGM

The 10th Annual General Meeting of Eastwood & District u3a will be held on the 5th June 2024. Please consider whether you are able to put your name forward to be on the committee. Descriptions of all committee roles can be found on the website.

<http://eastwoodu3a.org/committee/descriptions-of-committee-roles/>

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Membership subscriptions are due before the 1st April 2024. Renewal forms are available on the website

www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms

Whichever method you use to pay your subscription you MUST fill in a renewal form.

If there are no changes to your details, fill in your name, membership number and date and sign the top section of the form. You must then complete the Privacy Statement to confirm your consent to the storage and use of your data.

The current subscription is £20 for the year, £12 for Associate Members.

WAYS TO PAY

If possible please pay your subscription by Bank transfer - a one-off bank payment. You must also complete a renewal form and email the treasurer to confirm payment.

Name of payee: Eastwood & District u3a

Sort code: 60-07-28

Account no: 456 35 714

Reference: Your name & membership no (this is essential for the treasurer to pick out who has paid)

Amount: £20

You can pay by Bank transfer through your local post office if you don't bank online.

We will be collecting subscriptions at the Monthly Meeting but if you don't attend and you want to pay by cash or cheque please contact Barry Doran:

membership@eastwoodu3a.org

Tel: 07565 928 992

GIFT AID

We gain useful income for the u3a through the use of Gift Aid. If you are able, please consider this when renewing your membership.

JOINT GIFT AID

If you have signed a gift aid form for yourself and others in your household, the person who completed the gift aid form must pay the full joint amount & sign the renewal form.

CREATIVE CRAFTS

Look out for our post box toppers. Can you find all 4 of them?

The daffodil is the flower for the 10th anniversary so our March toppers are covered in daffodils to mark 10 years of Eastwood & District u3a.

'the radiant daffodil, a flower whose bright and sunny disposition echoes the warmth, optimism, and joy that ten years of shared experiences bring'

There will be more toppers to come - in June and maybe September.

Margaret Naylor




Disco Dance
Celebrating 10 years
of Eastwood & District u3a

Music from the 60's to the 00's

Greasley Miners Welfare
Saturday 29 June 2024
7:30 'til late

Tickets £4.00 available at monthly meeting
or by contacting
Janet 07961832864

FRENCH CONVERSATION

We chat about all sorts of things in our sessions; play games; bring along playlets to read together; listen to podcasts; present things we've written about or do quizzes. Each time is different. Last week's conversation inspired **Dudley Thorpe** to share these two petites histoires with the newsletter.

The first is a French meal with comments on the courses. The second is a memory recalled after our first go at monopoly in French. We laughingly called it a blood bath which called to mind a game from his youth which also resembled a crime scene!

Deux nouvelles

① Le repas d'anniversaire (français)
à Londres

La table est réservée. Je voulais un petit restaurant français. Je n'ai pas réservé longtemps à l'avance. Le Balthazar est très grand; à proximité de Covent Garden. Au moins, nous avons une place pour le déjeuner à 13h30. Et a décidé d'éviter l'option de menu Prix Fixe.

Quelle surprise!

les choix de 'G'		Commentaires	
Photo 1	Entrée Escargot	"Parfumé, Doux, tendre. Excellent avec du pain chaud!"	G'
Photo 2	Plat principal Steak tartare	"Luxeusement décadent, Riche, Velouté et gourmand."	G'
Photo 3	les Desserts Paris Brest	"Très sympa mais dommage d'avoir dû le partager."	D&T
Photo 4	Digestifs et Margarita D&T Armagnac	"Un bras et une jambe!"	D&T D&T

② Le "Bain de sang" avec Monopoly.

Pas exactement, mais un drame un peu inattendu et troublant.

C'est l'après-midi de Noël. Nous "jouons" au Monopoly et il y a deux enfants de sept ans, ce qui rend la tâche difficile pour tout le monde. Papa est très contrarié par notre comportement!

Soudain, le tableau, avec tout son contenu, est projeté à travers la pièce. Les verres de Cherryade (Corona) ont heurté le mur. Le liquide laisse des taches sur tout le papier peint.

Papa l'a perdu!



Melanie Weston

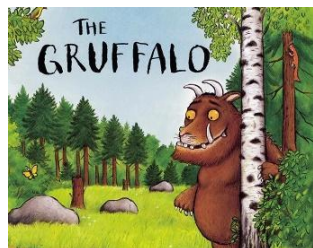
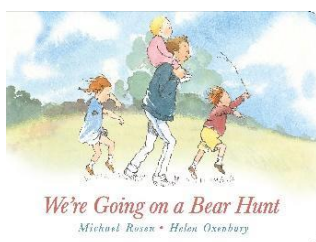
ART APPRECIATION

Illustrations

In February, we brought examples of our favourite illustrations. They ranged from old, treasured copies of Arabian Nights (including pictures by Heath Robinson), Grimms' Fairy Tales, Peter Pan, Thomas the Tank Engine and The Eagle Annual. Styles ranged from the sentimental – Mabel Lucie Attwell with her round-faced cherubs - to the darker images of Arthur Rackham.



We enjoyed recalling other favourite books from childhood and the wonderful illustrations which brought them life – E H Shepard who illustrated Wind in the Willows and the Winnie the Pooh stories. Others mentioned were Beatrix Potter and Alice in Wonderland (Sir John Tenniel and others). More modern favourites included Axel Sheffler, who illustrates the Julia Donaldson books and Helen Oxenbury (We're going on a Bear Hunt). An adult example from the past was the illustrations of Charles Dickens books by Phiz and then Boz.



We all agreed that the best illustrations are genuine works of art and can greatly enhance a reader's pleasure. We discussed whether the televising of many old favourites has widened their audience, but maybe at the expense of making the images more uniform.

Janet Lander

GENERAL GARDENING GROUP

General Gardening Group Meetings 2024

The General Gardening Group meets on the third Friday of each month from April to September 2:30 – 4:30 pm. We meet at different members' gardens to exchange plants and advice, as well as discussing various aspects of gardening. If you would like to know more about the group contact Ann at candamc@gmail.com.

Ann McGillivray

LOCAL HISTORY

Breach House

Breach House, 28 Garden Road Eastwood was the childhood home of D H Lawrence from 1887 to 1891. It was immortalised as the 'Bottoms' in his semi autobiographical novel Sons & Lovers & the ground floor is mainly unchanged from that time.

The house will be open on the following Saturdays - 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October. 11.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.

There is no entrance fee but donations towards the up-keep are welcome.

Carol Mills

GOGGLEBOX

In February, we discussed *After the Flood* and *Around the World in 80 Weighs*.

We felt that the plot of *After the Flood* was implausible and too full of coincidences. It was difficult to keep up with all the twists. It had a stellar cast and needed a sharper script.

On the other hand, *Around the World in 80 Weighs* dealt with sensitivity on the tricky subject of carrying excess weight. It was fascinating to find out the different approaches of other countries to the issue, and to follow the progress of the individual "tourists" as they travelled around the globe. A follow up programme in the future would be very interesting.

In March, we will discuss *Prisoner* (BBC 4) and *The Jury: Murder Trial*.

Janet Lander

POETRY

Spring

Fat buds are on the cherry boughs
and Spring begins to warm the earth.
Now sultry breezes soothe the air
Give wintry gardens their re-birth.

The generous sun bestows her heat
upon a world that's winter-sad.
Since Christmastime the worlds been cold
with fields and farms all ironclad.

Now Feb'rys showers wake the soil
and fresh March breezes tease the trees
and all of nature comes awake,
the dormant bulbs and buds to free.

Be glad the seasons in their turn
appear in order, as their right.
Feel joy in Spring and earth's re-birth.
She brings the world back to the light.

Pat Potter March '24

NATIONAL TRUST GROUP

On Thursday 14th March the group visited Dunham Massey in Cheshire. The day held mixed fortunes with the weather but we managed to stay dry throughout the day. The house at Dunham was the estate of the Booths and Grey families dating back to Tudor times. The house itself was full of beautiful treasures and the gardens were a carpet of golden daffodils and spring flowers. The park held deer in some areas and afforded time for lovely walks. A wonderful day was had by all and a big thank you goes to our group leader, Yvonne Carey for choosing such a pleasing venue.



Roger Bacon

u3a TEDDY

Meet the newest member of our u3a!

This adorable Teddy has been made by our own craft group in u3a colours. We would like to adopt it as our mascot and maybe include it in some of our activities!

We will be asking for suggestions for a name soon.



The committee

THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you for this month's contributions, you lovely lot, it's another particularly bumper issue!

Hope you enjoy reading it.

Melanie Weston

Sudoku 4

	5	3						2
9		7		5			1	8
			2	7	4			
3	9	4	5				8	
		5	7		9	2		
	1				8	9	6	5
			9	6	7			
2	4			8		7		1
8						5	3	

9 Letter Word Puzzle - No 4

D	A	E
R	C	E
F	A	B

- How many words can you make from these letters?
- Words must be at least 4 letters long and must contain the middle letter.
- Try to make a 9 letter word if you can.
- **Extra challenge** – make longer words by using letters more than once.

SUDOKU 3 ANSWERS

4	7	8	5	2	9	6	1	3
9	6	3	4	1	7	8	2	5
5	2	1	3	8	6	7	4	9
3	8	4	1	7	5	2	9	6
7	9	6	2	3	8	1	5	4
1	5	2	6	9	4	3	8	7
2	1	7	9	5	3	4	6	8
8	4	5	7	6	2	9	3	1
6	3	9	8	4	1	5	7	2

WORD PUZZLE 3 ANSWERS

E I N G T G T A R

9 letter words	5 letter words
targeting	irate
8 letter words	grate
treating	great
7 letter words	anger
gearing	inert
ingrate	inter
nattier	nitre
getting	range
granite	reign
nitrate	tetra
tearing	tiger
tangier	tinge
6 letter words	treat
regain	trite
4 letter words	rate
eating	gate
attire	tear
garnet	gear
target	tine
gainer	rage
ageing	gage
ginger	tare
grange	teat
nagger	rite
triage	tier
retina	tent
gaiter	tire
tagger	neat
natter	gage
retain	
Extra challenge - using letters more than once	
generate	tangent
negate	integrate
iterate	ingratiate
reiterate	greengage
generating	greeting

GROUP INFORMATION

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

groups.coordinator@eastwoodu3a.org

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

Board Games: meet in The Hayloft, 2nd and 4th Monday @ 1.30 pm. **Next meeting Monday 8th April.**
Contact Pauline Dawkins 01159 383 530

Book Group: 1st Monday @ 11.00 am in Eastwood Library.
Contact Sue 01773 717676 or Pauline 01773 788366

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 The Hayloft, 2nd & 4th Thursday @ 11.00am.
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 01159 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 Club meet 2:30 – 4:30, 3rd Friday April to September @ different member's garden each month.
Contact Ann on candamcg@gmail.com

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 1st Monday each month @ 10.00 am.
Contact Yvonne 01773 712 530

Photography: meet in Brinsley Parish Hall on 3rd Tuesday @ 10.00 am.
New members, beginners & enthusiasts all welcome.
Contact Barbara 01773 786 004 or 07977109451

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: Temporarily suspended

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

Strollers: This group has now recommenced.
Contact Jill Parnaby 01773 765735 or 07980 979822 for further information.

Walks, 5 miles: Meet on Tuesday 2nd April at 10 am Street parking at the Bottom of Newton Lane, approached from Awsworth Lane (opposite, what was the Gardeners Inn) Note: no car access from the bypass
Contact Roger Reynolds for further information
01773 788169/07879492779

War Babies & Boomers:
Contact Ann 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 2nd Monday @ 7.00 pm.
Contact Chris 07779 375865

GROUPS COORDINATORS

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