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**Deadline for June 2024 newsletter - Monday 13th May**



## MONTHLY MEETING

### Wednesday 1st May

**Ann McGillivray** (*Speaker*)

#### Eastwood & District u3

Ann will be giving a talk on Eastwood & District u3a and how it came into being. She will talk about its early problems and successes, and some of the first interest groups and social activities which were started.

There will also be plenty of time for your reminiscences.

*Roger Kidd - Speaker Finder*

## VOLUNTEERS

**Setting Up:** Paul Bettridge.

**Refreshments:** Val Tebbutt, Heather Wright, Karen Rae, Linda Lambert.

**Signing In:** Celia Dorkes, Mary Brown.

**Meet and Greet:** Barbara Ingall, Sue Parkin.

*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 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*



## 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/>

## THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR

A big thank you to all of this month's contributors to our newsletter.

Hope you enjoy reading it.

*Melanie Weston*



## Disco Dance Celebrating 10 years of Eastwood & District u3a

**Open to members and friends**

*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**

## 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**

**Janet O'Neill**

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.

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUIZ

All the one word answers end in 'ten'

- 1 fingerless glove
- 2 to make tidy
- 3 find it in a cat's cradle ?
- 4 close up again
- 5 can't remember
- 6 give new knowledge someone
- 7 make damp
- 8 to make more cheerful
- 9 cut down length
- 10 make it less heavy
- 11 like runny metal
- 12 to subdue
- 13 ----- down the hatches
- 14 it's gone off !
- 15 draw together firmly

Pat Potter

## u3a

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Membership subscriptions were due by the 1st April 2024. At the end of May any members who haven't renewed will be lapsed automatically and will need to reapply if they want to continue their membership. Renewal forms are available on the website

[www.eastwoodu3a.org/forms](http://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](mailto: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.

EASTWOOD & DISTRICT u3a HISTORY

LOCKDOWN



Do you remember this joke from the March 2021 newsletter? It pretty much sums up the restrictions on our lives.

Although some of you may not want to revisit this time in our history it did bring in changes that still have impact.

As the groups weren't allowed to meet up face-to-face there was little in the way of articles or reports for the newsletter so it was decided to ask members to send in stories and photographs about their days in lockdown. By December the newsletter had expanded to 6 pages and we posted it out to those not on email. We've continued to use member's articles, the newsletter has remained bigger and (hopefully) more interesting.

Zoom - love or hate it - kept us going when other u3as fell by the wayside. One year on from the beginning of lockdown our speaker was Beatrice von Preussen, a young artist who had been on both Arctic and Antarctic expeditions with groups of scientists. She was like a breath of fresh air, describing her work, life on board ship and her disappointment at the smelly penguins. In our lockdown gloom it was

lovely to have a presentation by such a vibrant young lady - from Brighton - on Zoom.

Prior to lockdown the number of members attending the monthly meetings was close to 200 - approximately 55%. When we began we were told that the average attendance at this type of meeting was 10-20% so we were obviously doing something right, though it was a little too busy for some of us. Currently attendance stands at about 40% so we're doing ok. Several members have not returned to the monthly meetings, for a variety of reasons. Perhaps we can persuade them to come back this year.

Several groups disappeared in lockdown. In August 2019 members could choose from 42 groups but now we have unfortunately lost one third of this number, again for a variety of reasons. The main reason seems to be that the Group Contact retires and no one is prepared to take on the role. Come on newer/younger members - you can do this.

Margaret Naylor

### WAR BABIES AND BOOMERS

Our topic for the February meeting was WINTER. Most of us recalled the winter of 1963 - Blizzards of snow for over two months; 30 foot snow drifts in Yorkshire; sledging down the steep streets in Mapperley, or on tin trays on frozen fields. One member told of taking the top off their mother's twin tub washing machine and using that as a sledge! Some remembered the winter of 1946/7, which, by all accounts was worse than '63, not just cold, but lots of deep snow. Another member was in East Anglia during the terrible floods there of 1953.

Other winters brought: school playgrounds turned into slides (with a regular number of broken limbs); water pipes thawed using blow torches; smog so thick it was impossible to see; gas fires attached to walls; coal fires - usually in just one room - causing chimney fires - but the ashes came in useful to scatter over icy pavements; frozen milk bottles, or school milk thawed on radiators, ugh! Buses cancelled, so long walks home; frozen washing on lines; chilblains and hot aches; going home crying after playing outside with frozen hands and feet - then changing socks and gloves (or more socks on hands) and going out again!

As well as hot water bottles, some put hot oven shelves, wrapped in towels, or stone hot water bottles in beds to warm them. There was ice on the inside of windows, cold lino to walk on, cold bedrooms, sometimes warmed with paraffin heaters; layers of clothes, even in bed.

Those were the days, eh?

*Ann McGillivray*

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1 mitten
- 2 neaten
- 3 kitten
- 4 refasten
- 5 forgotten
- 6 enlighten
- 7 moisten
- 8 hearten
- 9 shorten
- 10 lighten
- 11 molten
- 12 chasten
- 13 batten
- 14 rotten
- 15 tighten

*Pat Potter*

### u3a TEDDY

Our u3a teddy has prompted a lot of interest. We understand that it has been on a couple of adventures already, including pub crawls!

There will be a box at the next monthly meeting with voting slips to suggest a name. This will then be picked out at random at the AGM. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your suggestion to a member of the committee.



*Janet Lander*

### Sudoku 5

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

### 9 Letter Word Puzzle - No 5

V	I	E
A	T	N
L	N	E

- 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 4 ANSWERS

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

### WORD PUZZLE 4 ANSWERS

C D A E R E F A B

9 letter words	6 letter words
barefaced	deface
	arcade
7 letter words	carafe
defacer	facade
refaced	reface
	braced
5 letter words	
caber	<b>4 letter words</b>
facer	dace
brace	crab
creed	card
farce	cede
arced	cafe
cadre	race
cared	face
cedar	care
decaf	aced
faced	acre
raced	carb
Extra challenge - using letters more than once	
carer	defaced
recede	effaced
bracer	decade
decreed	

## 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. **New members welcome!**  
Contact Helen 01773 710 743

**Board Games:** meet in The Hayloft, 1st Monday @ 2.00 – 4.00 pm.  
Contact Pauline 07759 383530

**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.  
Contact Margaret 07828 155 086

**Canasta:** meet in 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:** The last Coffee Mates is on Wednesday 22nd May 2024

**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 Club** meet 2:30 – 4:30, 3rd Friday April to September @ different member's garden each month.  
Contact Ann on [candamcg@gmail.com](mailto: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 11.00 am - 12.30 pm @ Julie's Tea Rooms.

**New members welcome!**  
Contact Paul 01159 133 449

**Strollers:** meet from April to September.  
Contact Jill Parnaby on 01773 765735, or 07979 964091 for further information.

**Walks, 5 miles:** Meet on Tuesday 7th May at 10 am Street parking near Swingate Water Tower building on Babbington Lane, Kimberley  
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 2nd Monday @ 7.00 pm.  
Contact Chris 07779 375865

## GROUPS COORDINATORS

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