

Eastwood and District U3A

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Executive Committee 2015/16

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Jim Stirland,
Janet O'Neill,
Philip Hartley,
Keith Rodgers,
Margaret Naylor.*

*Front row: Ann McGillivray
Lorna Stirland,
Barbara Wigley,
Ali Paine,
Valerie Beecham.*

Message from the Chairman

What ambitions did you have when you were young? I was going to join the WRNS and write a book. I did neither, but I did do lots of other things. At the time they were fairly ordinary: jobs, marriage, children, buy a house; holidays at the sea-side and then abroad; second-hand car. Nothing spectacular, but everything added to my life experience, and, looking back, made a difference to the way not only

I, but those I was in contact with, thought, acted, and viewed ourselves and others. Our life experiences affect the way we see ourselves now, but we can still learn. We can still experience life. We can still make a difference to our own lives and those we are in contact with. What ambitions do you have now? You may not achieve them all, but it doesn't mean you have to stop trying.

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We are hoping to be able to claim Gift Aid on the membership subscriptions, where possible. If successful in our application we will be able to claim an extra 25% on the subscriptions paid by eligible members. If you are a taxpayer you will be able to sign up at the monthly meeting. If you can't get to the meeting the gift aid form is available on the website, under Forms, Membership/Renewal Forms

The Executive Committee hold the following positions:

Ann McGillivray: Chairman;
Philip Hartley: Vice Chairman/
Publicity;
Tom Hickingbottom: Business
Secretary;
Margaret Naylor: Treasurer;
Valerie Beecham: Speaker
Finder/Social Secretary;
Janet O'Neill: Membership
Secretary;
Ali Paine: Minutes Secretary;
Keith Rodgers: Projects
Coordinator;
Lorna and Jim Stirland: Group
Coordinators;
Barbara Wigley: Volunteers/
Welfare Coordinator.

Dates for the Diary:

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the Month at Plumtre Hall, St. Mary's Church, Eastwood.

Wednesday July 1st at 10 a.m. – When You Wish Upon a Star

Wednesday August 5th at 10 a.m. – Stephen Flinders, 'Oud Ilson'

Wednesday September 2nd at 10 a.m. – Groups Display Day



Featured New Interest Groups

A new Eastwood and District U3A Directory will be issued to everyone at the July main meeting. This will be the definitive reference for all the group activities. The newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities.

The website is now functioning well and you get the latest up-to-date information at:

www.eastwoodu3a.org

New Groups starting or started:

1. Board Games – Barbara Wigley
01773 762 383
2. Cinema – Chrys Millington
07986 037 871
3. Jazz Appreciation – Paul Turville 07971 549 229
4. Keyboard – no contact yet

Jazz Appreciation began on Wednesday 17th June in the conference room (upstairs) at The Sun Inn, 9.45-11.45 am. The other groups will begin shortly. Contact needed for the Keyboard group.

If you have ideas for other groups or need further information contact Lorna or Jim Stirland on 07 977 415 072.

Group News:

Veg Gardening next meeting:

Friday July 3rd, 2 pm at Charles Avenue Allotments.

5 mile Walkers next meeting:

Tuesday 7th July at 10.15 am in the car park by the canal at Cossall.

Coffee Mates next meeting:

Wed 15th July, 11 am at The Gatehouse Tearooms, Beauvale Priory.

Strollers next meeting:

Wed 29th July at 10:15 am in Collier's Wood Car Park to walk by Moorgreen Reservoir.

Social Outings

- *Friday 11th September. Port Sunlight Museum and Gardens – a uniquely beautiful 19th Century garden village built for the Sunlight Soap factory workers. Rated as the best tourist attraction in the Wirral in 2014. Coach trip, guided tour and entrance to museum for £18 (incorrectly shown as £16 in the last newsletter). Meet at 9 am. , return to Eastwood for approx 7 pm. Pay at the July meeting.*
- *Thursday 22nd October. Scottish Highland Heritage holiday – 6 days*

If anyone has any suggestions for outings in 2016 please contact the social committee.

More info at Main Meeting or from Joan Morley on 0115 938 3042 or Jill on 01773 765 735



Members enjoyed a wonderful visit to the National Memorial Arboretum on the 21st May. They toured the site by land train, during which a commentary was given. Members were then free to visit individual memorials, including the Basra Memorial Wall. Further photographs can be seen on the U3A website.



Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 13th July
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
Contact Philip Hartley: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org