



Sandra Talmey of the Knit Aid group reports: - I was lucky to be selected by the Royal Voluntary Service to attend the media launch of Grandfest in London. This is a one-day festival where older people hold master classes in their chosen craft and pass their skill onto the younger generation to get them interested in volunteering. The actual festival takes place at Spittlefields London in June. The media launch was exciting as I was introduced to Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall. She was really lovely to talk to. Patricia Routledge and Wayne Sleep were also in attendance. I am in my 13th year of volunteering at Nottingham City Hospital.

Message from the Chairman

By the time you read this the decision will have been made whether Britain remains in the European Union or whether we leave.

There will be a time of change whatever decision is reached, and a time for reconciliation. What will it mean for our generation, our children and our grandchildren? Will our pensions be affected for the better or worse? What will our relationship with Europe and the rest of the world become? These, and many more questions, will need to be answered over the coming months. What is certain though, is that it will take a while for things to get back to 'normal' again.

It is my hope that our elected Parliamentary representatives will soon resume the job for which they are very well paid – that is, working together to govern fairly and for the benefit of us all.

I cannot end without adding my congratulations to Queen Elizabeth during her 90th birthday celebrations. Her grace and steadfastness, over so many years will be remembered by many for decades to come.

July Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: - Cath Gascoyne, Jane Reeve, Marion Redfern.

Meet & Greeters Rota: Audrey Measures, Val Kennerell, Mick Kennerell.

If you are unable to attend ring the new contact Carol Leam on 01773 762823.

The Discovering Nottingham Group recommends a visit to either the Sir John Borlase Warren pub at Canning Circus or the Hand and Heart on Derby Road both of which are interesting pubs and good for a bite to eat at lunch times.

The new executive committee now have the following roles for 2016 /17.

Committee member	New Committee Role
Ann McGillivray	Chairman
Lorna Stirland	Vice Chairman Groups Coordinator
Andrea Sadler	Business Secretary
Margaret Naylor	Treasurer
John Beech	Development Coordinator
Valerie Beecham	Speaker Finder Social Secretary
Carol Leam	Volunteers Coordinator
Chris Niven	Welfare Coordinator
Janet O'Neill	Membership Secretary
James Stirland	Groups Coordinator
Caroline Winfield	Publicity Coordinator Newsletter Editor

Dates for the Diary: Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the Month at St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Eastwood.

Wed July 6th at 10 a.m.

Simon Brown – Wollaton Hall Artefacts Officer.

Wed Aug 3rd at 10 a.m.

Rosemary Beney - Velocipedes

Wed Sept 7th at 10 a.m.

Open Day



Featured New Interest Groups

Now that the directory has been issued the newsletter will only feature details of new groups and items of news about activities. Latest up-to-date information at:

www.eastwoodu3a.org

New Groups proposed for 2016:

Radio Waves: Contact Ray Dring
01773 770 138

Pub Quiz Teams: Contact Val Kidd
01773 761 501.

Creative writing will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month in Eastwood Library at 2.00 pm. Contact: Chris Niven 07891 032 300.

Discovering Nottingham: Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762 383

Theatre Group: Contact Val Simons 01773 710 518. Meet 1st Thursday at Dunn Lite at 2 p.m.

If you have ideas for other groups or need further info contact Lorna or Jim Stirland tel. 07977 415 072.

Group News:

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tues 5th July. Meet 10.00 am top right of Morrisons car park to go on to Bestwood Country Park. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788 169.

Bowls: will now meet at Brinsley Outdoor Bowls Club, Brinsley at 1.45 pm. Contact John Stanger on 01773 787 183

Past & Present: next visit July 14th a guided tour of Strelley Hall & Church with Afternoon Tea. Contact David & Joanna to book a place on 01773 570 346 or email

davidandjoannakeeling@sky.com

Pub Pals: next meet on Mon 18th July. For further details call group contact.

Coffee Mates: next meet on Wed 20th July at The Coffee Lounge, Kimberley. Please contact Andrea if you are going as numbers are needed for this event.

Strollers: next walk Wed 27th July at Colliers Wood, meet at the car park at 10.15 am.

Vegetable Gardening: next meeting change of venue, 1st July at 33, Trough Lane at 2.00 pm.

Meet on August 5th at 12, Newthorpe Common.

Social Outings

- **July 27th** to the Holocaust Centre and Gardens, Laxton; £17 per head incl. Meet at Morrison's Bus Stop 10.30 a.m.
- **September 9th** a visit to Calke Abbey. Will take advantage of the free entrance for the Heritage weekend, cost £8.
- **December 7th** to Thursford Christmas Extravaganza & free time in Norwich. A 3 day/2 night visit, staying at Yarmouth Prom Hotel £199. A £50 deposit ASAP to Joan.
- **Sunday 7th August** an evening with Elvís at The Junction at Sutton. Paul Richie is a top rated Elvís tribute act. Tickets in advance cost £7.50. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with Paul on stage at 7 p.m. Simple meals served 6 to 8 p.m. from £6.95. If enough interest could have a bus otherwise car share. See Joan or Jill.

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



Members of the Discovering Nottingham Group met in May to explore the Nottingham Arboretum, General Cemetery and Canning Circus area finishing at The Park Tunnel. They learnt a lot about the area, a full report can be seen on the web site. A copy of this walk will be available at Monthly Meetings for Members to borrow and use as a self-guide.



Coffee mates.

We had our Coffee Mates meeting in June at a member's house who was hosting a charity day for Marie Curie. It was an open day for the public. We had a great time buying plants, looking round her beautiful garden and having a go on the raffle. The fantastic sum of £275 was raised.

Interest Group news. The Photography, Apple beginners and Computer Workshop groups have suspended at the moment. Any new members for the groups can call the group contacts or leave a comment in the boxes on the web site pages for further information. Photography hopes to restart in September.

East Midland Region The Regional Conference and AGM will be held at Eastwood Hall on Mon 19th September. They are looking for volunteers from Eastwood U3A as the local group. They want people as meet & greeters, to man the reception desk to take names & hand out information folders, to count votes and other help on the day. If you are interested please give your name to Ann.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 18th July, 2016.

Want to help make the web site for Eastwood U3A?

Contact Caroline Winfield: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org