

Eastwood and District U3A

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



This is our 12th issue!

Our U3A has a lot to be proud of.

It's been a fantastic bluebell time and the 5 Mile Walking group took full advantage of the spring display on their walk through the woods in Greasley.

Message from the Chairman

Have you heard of Companion Planting? Our grandson asked us what he should plant near carrots and cabbages to help them grow, and - to perpetuate the myth that grandparents know *everything* (at least when you are nine years old) - we decided to find out.

Nasturtiums are good for cabbages, and peas and carrots planted together help each other. Marigolds take care of lettuces, tomatoes and roses, and tomatoes planted with basil are marriages made in heaven. But did you know that mint and parsley don't get on, in fact - according to the reference book - they hate each other, and wormwood (*Artemisia*) has no

friends at all?

Now I love wormwood and planted it long before I read the book. I have it dotted around the garden where it lives quite happily with the plants around it; and mint and parsley are near neighbours in our herb garden and haven't argued - yet. So perhaps I need to consult a different book.

Thankfully companionship in our civilised society is far less structured, and good companions come in all shapes and sizes, be they human or animal. Many of us have found companionship through the interest groups in our U3A, and I hope that they may long continue.

Broxtowe Recycling



A representative from the Broxtowe Recycling department gave a very informative talk to the May Meeting. Judith was the quiz winner.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday June 3rd at 10 a.m. - Annual General Meeting

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

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



Featured New Interest Groups

The new Eastwood and District U3A Directory was issued to everyone at the January main meeting. Pick up a copy if you missed it. This will be the definitive reference for all the group activities. From now on 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. Coffee Mates – Andrea Sadler, 0115 938 2299
2. Wine Appreciation – Tom Hickingbottom, 01773 762333
3. Family History – Margaret Wright 01773 711 369
4. Knit Aid – Sandra Talmey, 01773 785949

There are contact people in place for all the above groups so they will be meeting during June. If you have ideas for other groups or need further information contact Lorna or Jim Stirland on 07 977 415 072.

Group News:

The Ukulele group is now full. If you want to join you can be put on the waiting list. Call Judith Queripel, 01773 788 047

General Gardening on June 18th meet outside Wilkinsons, Kimberley at 1:45pm to visit a National Garden Scheme site.

Strollers meeting at The Great Northern, Langley Mill, Wed 24th June at 10:15am – canal walk.

Social Outings

- *Thursday 25th June. Grimsby Heritage Museum and Cleethorpes.*
- *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 £16. Pay at the July meeting.*
- *Thursday 22nd October. Scottish Highland Heritage holiday – 6 days*

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



The How Do They Do It? Group visited Denby Pottery where they were able to see how the clay from Shipley was prepared, toured the factory and learnt how to mould frogs!



The Photography Group visited Butterley Station where they were able to walk alongside the track to Swanwick. They will present their photos at the next meet.



The Knit Aid Group gets together in the Sun Inn every 4th Tuesday of the month at 10am.



The Spanish Group practices conversation in the Sun Inn on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10am.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 15th June
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
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