



A very soggy **Discovering Nottingham** group by the Chinese Bell Tower in the Arboretum.

Message from the Chairman

I have been asked: 'What is the best way to correspond with the Executive Committee?'. There are four ways: email; leave a reply on the website; letter; or face-to-face at meetings or interest groups.

If you have access to the internet you will find a list of members that make up the current Executive Committee under the heading Committee. Each one has an email address relevant to the position they hold on the committee. For instance, my email address is chairman@eastwoodU3A.org. Any correspondence to that address comes directly to me. Also, you can 'Leave a reply' at the bottom of our web page and your message will be passed to the relevant person.

You can write a letter to any member of the committee, care of our current business address: 48 Mansfield Road, NG16 3DZ. Address it to a particular person or to the committee as a whole and it will be acted upon as required. Similarly, ask to speak to any committee member at one of the monthly members' meetings, or at an interest group meeting that they attend.

Here is a request, though. Whether it is praise or problem, keep it relevant and please don't name-call or abuse anyone. Check what you have written before sending it, and change it if there is anything that you wouldn't be prepared to say out loud. We cannot change the weather forecast on outing days; guarantee that everyone will enjoy the speaker; or force members to attend interest groups, but we will follow-up on any correspondence we receive.

Oh what a 'blooming' trip!

On Wednesday the 11 May, I joined other members of the U3A on a trip to Lea Gardens. The display of rhododendrons was spectacular. The rain had just stopped and drops were still clinging to the exotic blooms. I felt that I had just entered some beautiful garden of paradise with flowers of the deepest red, sunburst yellow, the purest of white, angel pink and alluring violet. Some were even scented. We spent time in their garden shop where some purchases were made and had a drink in the café before moving on to Matlock.

Some members went to Matlock to view its antiques shops and view the open market. Another group stayed in Matlock Bath and enjoyed the river and its shops.

I joined a small group and went up to The Heights of Abraham on the cable cars. The views from the summit were breathtaking

For the fitter among us, a trip into the The Great Masson Caverns was a must. It was an underground experience into the great chamber and through the hillside. For those of us that couldn't venture through the caverns, a living reality film show was showing, so that we did not feel that we had entirely missed out.

We viewed the Victoria Prospect Tower and enjoyed time in the Tree Tops Visitor Centre before we had to make our way down again to the bus.

Thank you to Joan and Jill for organising this trip. I have no doubt that we all can't wait for the next one.

Vivienne Allen



Wine Group: A Rosé we recently had at the wine group that went down well was Brigando 2014 from Sunday Times Wine Club. A very red fruit nose with a hint of apple acidity which carried on thro' to the mouth with hints of strawberries and enough acidity to go with lamb or Bolognese sauce. Good length for a Rosé too!

June Monthly meeting: Refreshments Rota: Shirley Reynolds. Diana Pidgeon. Irene Schofield.

Meet & Greeters Rota: Audrey Measures. Ron Madeley. Margaret Turner.

If you are unable to attend ring Barbara Wigley on 01773 762 383

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

Wed June 1st at 10 a.m.

Annual General Meeting and surprise guest.

Wed July 6th at 10 a.m.

Simon Brown – Wollaton Hall Artefacts Officer.

Wed Aug 3rd at 10 a.m.

Rosemary Beney - Velocipedes



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: Began this month – see photo on front page. Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762 383
The Theatre Group: see report (right). Contact Val Simons 01773 710 518

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 7th June. Meet 10.00 am top right of Morrisons car park to walk at Attenborough. 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 June 7th. A guided tour of Historic Belper.

Contact David & Joanna to book a place on 01773 570 346 or email davidandjoannakeeling@sky.com

Pub Pals: next meet on Mon 16th June, 7pm at The Gate Inn, Awsworth.

Coffee Mates: next meet on Wed 15th June at 44 Ragland Street, Hilltop. Coffee Morning for Marie Curie.

Strollers: next walk Wed 29th June at Highfields Park, Nottingham University. Meet at the D H Lawrence Pavilian café near the South entrance car park at 10.15 am.

Vegetable Gardening: next meet 1st July at 48 Mansfield Road, Eastwood at 2.00 pm.

Social Outings

- **June 16th** visit to Bridlington. The Bird Watchers will take the coach on to Bampton Cliffs. It will depend on the weather how long the coach will stay at Bampton. Meet at Morrisons car park at 9.00 a.m.
- **July 27th** to the Holocaust Centre and Gardens, Laxton; £17 per head incl.
- **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.

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

We all had a great outing on Monday. We had a guided tour of the museum at Masson Mill which was very informative and fascinating. Haddon Hall is in a beautiful setting; the guides were great; the building was impressive and the undulating flagstone floors and steps gave us a good workout.

Well done Joan and Jill for organising the day.

Janet Kirk

Notification of 2nd AGM

The second Annual General Meeting of Eastwood & District U3A will be held on 1st June 2016 in Plumtre Hall at 10.00 a.m.

The Past and Present Group recently undertook their first of three visits to Radio Nottingham and the East Midlands Television Studios. They were made very welcome and had a comprehensive tour of both studios, sitting in during a live radio broadcast. They had a long talk with the "Weather Girl" whilst sitting on the famous red settee used by the tv announcers. It really was a fascinating insight as to how programmes are produced. Everyone came away with a "goody bag" to remind them of their visit. It was greatly enjoyed by all members. We would certainly recommend the tour to everyone lucky enough to get on a visit.

Their next visit is a guided tour of Old Belper on June 7th - a few places are still available. On July 14th the group members will be having a guided tour of Strelley Hall and Church followed by Afternoon Tea.

The Theatre Group will be meeting regularly on the first Thursday of the month, 2.00 p.m. at DunnLite in Eastwood, to organise theatre visits.

On the 4th May some members went to The Government Inspector at the Nottingham Playhouse. This was taking advantage of the Playhouse's Hothouse scheme. Tickets were just £7. The play itself was extremely funny, with sign language and subtitles used brilliantly throughout, and superb acting. Everyone who went had a great time.

The next trip will be to the Nottingham Theatre Royal on 26 June to see Guys & Dolls. The contact for the group is Val Simons tel. 01773 710 518 or email valsimons@btinternet.com

Charity Concert: There will be a spectacular concert in the grounds of Strelley Hall on 10th July to raise money for Maggie's Centre at Nottingham City Hospital. Gates will open at 4 pm, music start at 6.30 pm. Cost £15. Further information on Maggie's web site. Anyone interested in making a party to attend, contact Joan on 0115 938 3042.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 13th June, 2016.

Want to help make the web site for Eastwood U3A?

Contact Philip Hartley: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org