

Eastwood and District U3A

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



Councillor Keith Longden presented the group with a cheque for £250.

A busy October monthly meeting with the Ukulele group performing for the first time with a medley of popular songs. Councillor Keith Longden presented the group with a cheque from Nottinghamshire County Council which will be used to improve the P.A. system. Author Geoff Green then gave a very interesting talk about his love of, and work in the coal industry which had inspired the writing of his first novel.



Author Geoff Green, born in Cotmanhay, signing copies of his first novel 'All for Coal' which was available for members to buy.

Message from the Vice Chairman

Make the world a little friendlier. Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students to share their home life for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Young adults from many countries would love to have a short homely break and discover the real life of this country. Offering a Christmas invitation to someone who would otherwise be alone on a University campus can make a big difference. Learn about other cultures by welcoming a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier. To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.

Kimberley Brough
Deputy Chief Executive



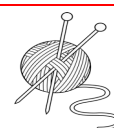
The Ukulele group played to an audience for the first time this month. They concluded their performance with the Eastwood U3A Anthem.



Congratulations to Mick Alton!!

He completed the Robin Hood Half Marathon in a time of 3 hrs. 28 m. 59 s. So far he has raised £929.

KNIT AID needs your spare wool, please bring it to the November open meeting.



Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday November 4th at 10 a.m. – Save the Children

Wednesday December 2nd at 10 a.m.– Community Choir & U3A Ukulele Band



Featured New Interest Groups

Now that the new 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 starting or started:

1. Board Games – Barbara Wigley
01773 762383 - 2nd & 4th Wed, 7.00 p.m. at the New Inn.
2. Cinema – currently no events.
3. Jazz Appreciation – Margaret Palfreyman-Biddulph Tel: 01773 787987.
4. Long Alley Skittles – contact Ken Pinder 01773 712934.

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

Group News:

Wine Appreciation at The Sun Inn.

Long Alley Skittles: Meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. at the New Inn, Newthorpe Common.

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tuesday 3rd November at 10.00a.m. Meet right hand corner Morrison's car park to go on to Cossall/Strelley. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

Coffee Mates meeting: Wed 18th November at the Nuthall Inn.

Bird Watching next meeting: 19th November at Erewash Meadows / Flashes. Meet 10.30 at the Stoney Lane, Brinsley entrance.

Strollers walk: Wed 28th October at Shipley Park. Meet in the car park near the visitors centre at 10.15 am. Christmas lunch as arranged on 25th November. No more walks until Spring.

Veg Gardening next meeting: Will not meet in the dormant period. Fuddle at Andrea's on 4th December.

Social Outings

- *Tuesday 8th December. Birmingham Christmas Market – £10 per person. Leave Eastwood at 1 pm from Morrisons' bus stop, Mansfield Road, Eastwood.*
- *Christmas Lunch at the Three Ponds, Nuthall. Dates are 3.12.15 or 9.12.15. Menu choices on web site under STOP PRESS. If you have put your name down meals must be paid for by 4th November meeting. A few places still available.*
- *Please put names forward at the 4th November meeting for a possible visit to Meadowhall & Cinema in January.*

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 Parnaby on 01773 765 735

The Family History Group visit Ilkeston Library

Members of the Family History Group enjoyed an informative visit to the Local Studies Section of Ilkeston Library. The library houses all kinds of materials relating to Ilkeston and the surrounding villages as well as some records relating to Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and the North Midlands.



The Long Alley Skittles Group.

They met on Wednesday 7th October at The New Inn. Thirteen members turned up and divided into two teams to play 5 legs. They are finding that there is more to the sport than first thought but practice does improve your technique. It was a very sociable and fun evening.

General Gardening Group

The General gardening group meeting on 19th November will visit Rueban Shaw's Garden Centre to view the Christmas decorations followed by a meal at the Horse & Groom. This will be the last meeting this year and the group will reconvene in March 2016. Contact Hazel Clifford.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 16th Nov.
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
Contact Philip Hartlev: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org