

Eastwood and District U3A

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



The U3A open meeting in September took on a different format. The Interest Groups, some of which have now been established for a year, put various displays on show. The Interest group coordinators, Jim and Lorna Stirland, helped to organise the morning with the members of the interest groups. Members were very intrigued by the various activities that had been completed in the different groups and many questions were asked. It was a very good way to celebrate the success of the U3A group since it began last year.

Message from the Vice-Chairman

I don't often cry. But on the news programme they were talking about a huge wall that they are building around Hungary, to keep the migrants out. Then they interviewed an 18-year-old guy. He'd been helping his grandmother by pushing her in a wheelchair all the way from Afghanistan. There are fewer people left who remember the Second World War. I was born at the very end of it but remember the rationing and the bombed out buildings. I suppose, in England, I would count as a third generation immigrant but there was little to distinguish me from my neighbourhood friends except that I went to a Catholic school. At school, I remember, there were kids from Italy, Ireland and especially Poland.

So many people had been displaced by war and invasions but eventually all the kids became integrated even if their parents spoke strange English.

Something has to be done to help all of these new migrants, escaping from horrific conflicts. I don't know what but as most of us got help at some stage of our ancestry we could try.

Wine Appreciation Group

The Wine Appreciation Group now meets at The Sun Inn. John Slater, who is able to share his expert knowledge with them about the wines they taste, leads the group. Over recent months they have tasted a variety of wines from cheap supermarket brands to more expensive bottles. The wines usually have a common theme so the group can compare and contrast their opinions. This month they tasted a variety of Rosé wines to celebrate the summer.



Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday October 7th at 10 a.m. – Geoff Green, Author

Wednesday November 4th at 10 a.m. – Children in Need

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 762 383 - 2nd & 4th Wed,
7.00 p.m. at the New Inn.
2. Cinema – Chrys Millington
07986 037 871
3. Jazz Appreciation – Margaret
Palfreyman-Biddulph Tel: 01773
787987.
4. Keyboard – no contact yet.
5. Long Alley Skittles – no
contact yet.

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

Group News:

Wine Appreciation at The Sun Inn.

Long Alley Skittles: first meeting Wednesday 30th September at 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. at the New Inn, Newthorpe Common.

Veg Gardening next meeting: 2nd October at 163 Main Street, Newthorpe.

5 mile Walkers: next walk Tuesday 6th October at **10.00 a.m.** Meet right hand corner Morrison's car park to go on to Newstead & Annesley Country Park. Contact Sue & Barry on 01773710772.

Bird Watching next meeting: 15th October, meet 9.30 at Percy Street, to car share to Idle Valley Nature Reserve.

Coffee Mates next meeting: Wed 21st October, Madhatters tea room.

Strollers walk: Wednesday 28th October at Shipley Park. Meet in the car park near the visitors centre at 10.15 a.m.

Social Outings

- *Thursday 22nd October. Scottish Highland Heritage holiday – 6 days .*
- *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 can be booked & paid for at October open meeting. Dates are 3.12.15 or 9.12.15. Menu choices and further details can be found on web site under STOP PRESS.*

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

Social group outing to Port Sunlight.



On a lovely sunny day, we visited Port Sunlight Village. After a coffee break we browsed around the shop. We entered the museum to see the exhibits detailing the history of soap making. Lord Lever founded the village, building homes, a school, a church and also providing healthcare for his workers.

We watched a short film explaining what life was like for some of the people who worked and lived in the village. There was the opportunity to visit the Lady Lever Art Gallery dedicated to Lord Lever's wife Elizabeth. We toured the village on the bus with our 'Sunlight' guide who pointed out the different styles of architecture and places of interest en route including the magnificent war memorial in the centre of the village. We had time to wander around and some who visited the church were lucky enough to hear the organ being played. There was time to squeeze in tea and cake at the garden centre before boarding the bus. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting day and thanks go to Joan and Jill for all their hard work arranging the trip.

Strollers Group Christmas Lunch

The Strollers group will be holding a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 25th November at Bulwell Hall Park Golf Club. The menu will be a Roast beef dinner or a Vegetarian option, with a choice of two sweets and coffee for £8.50. No walk that day. Meet at 12.00 for 12.30 p.m. meal start. £5.00 deposit to be paid by 4th November. Tel : Christine Smith on 01159273111

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 19th October
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
Contact Philip Hartley: newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org