

# Eastwood and District U3A

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*Members of the 'How do they do it?' Interest Group had a fascinating tour of The Blue Monkey Brewery with one of their brewers. This is a small independent brewery that has been at Giltbrook since 2010. They were given a brief history of the business and the brewing process was explained to them. Members enjoyed tasters of the products and a buffet after the tour. Vouchers for a similar tour can be bought from the brewery shop.*



The Social group had a very successful trip to Mansfield. The meal they had at 'And Why Not?' was excellent and they thoroughly enjoyed the play 'Stepping Out'. This led to the group suggesting a tap dancing group next for U3A!

Dave Goodwin, the Education and Conservation Officer at the Nottingham Group of the RSPB, gave a fascinating and informative talk about his observations of the bird life near the inner city area of Stonebridge Farm, Nottingham. He spoke in detail about over 50 birds and illustrated it with his fantastic photography.

## Message from the Chairman

Our U3A has grown rapidly over two years, to the point where our current premises – Plumtre Hall - will soon be too small to hold all those members who come and enjoy our monthly members' meetings.

Your Executive Committee has been aware of the problem for some time and has been seeking out other venues which should not only match our current facilities but will enhance your U3A meeting experience.

Watch this space!



### The Past and Present Group

They had a very enjoyable trip to Charles Hanson's Auction House where Bargain Hunt was filming. The group were very close to the action. This was followed by a lovely lunch at Sudbury Prison. All had a great day! Photo shows the group with Bargain Hunt expert David Harper.

**April Monthly meeting: - Refreshments Rota: -** Pat Collins, Chrys Millington, Andrea Sadler.

**Meet & Greeters Rota: -** Julie Arbuthnott, Jean Turner, Freda Todd.

**If you are unable to attend ring Barbara Wigley on 01773 762383**

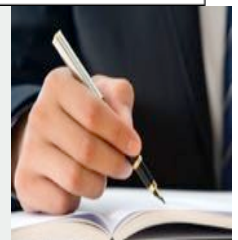
### Dates for the Diary:

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

Wed April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. – Bob Wildgust "Theatre Life in Nottingham"

Wed May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. – Stephen Flinders "Oud Ilson" Part 2.

Wed June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m. - Annual General Meeting and surprise guest.



## 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](http://www.eastwoodu3a.org)

### New Groups proposed for 2016

Radio Waves, Creative Writing, Tuneless Choir and Walking Football.

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

### Group News:

**5 mile Walkers:** next walk Tues 5<sup>th</sup> April. Meet 10 am at the top right hand corner Morrison's Car Park to go on to walk at Linby. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

**Nature Conservation:** next meet Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 at 65 Raglan St. A talk & discussion about hedgehogs.

**Coffee Mates:** next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April, 11am at Trowell Garden Centre, meet Sainsbury's car park for car share. Ring Andrea 0115 9382299 for more details.

**Bird Watching:** next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> April Skylarks site. (Wildlife Trust reserve.) Adbolton Lane, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU. Map reference. SK619390. Meet at 10.30 on the lane. Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762383.

**Past & Present:** next visit April 28<sup>th</sup> to BBC Radio Nottingham studios. May 12<sup>th</sup> Thornton's Chocolates. **Contact David & Joanna to book a place on 01773 570346 or email**

[davidandjoannakeeling@sky.com](mailto:davidandjoannakeeling@sky.com)

**Pub Pals:** next meet on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm at the Stag Inn, Kimberley.

**Strollers:** next walk Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April at Bulwell Hall Park, off Sandhurst Road. Meet 10.15 am in the bottom car park – next to the Nottingham City Golf Club pavilion. Contact Val Kennerell on 01773 712269.

**General Gardening:** next meet Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2 pm at Derby Garden Centre, Little Eaton. Amberline bus Route.

**Vegetable Gardening:** next meet 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2 pm. Contact Barbara Moore 01773 770929.

## Social Outings

- *April 25<sup>th</sup> – Haddon Hall and Arkwright's Masson Mill. This will include a short film, tour of the museum and riverbank. Then on to Haddon Hall. Full cost will be £20, please give name to Sandra or Joan.*
- *May 11<sup>th</sup> – Visit to Lea Gardens, a woodland garden planted with a unique collection of highly acclaimed rhododendrons, azaleas, kalmias and other species from around the world. Then on to Matlock for a few hours. Cost £15 per person.*
- *Proposed visits – June to Bridlington, July to the Holocaust Centre.*

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

### Notification of 2nd AGM

The second Annual General Meeting of Eastwood & District U3A will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 in Plumtre Hall at 10 am. The nomination form for all committee members will be on the notice board at the next 2 monthly meetings.

The majority of the Executive committee are willing to stand for re-election but there will be at least 3 additional positions vacant. All candidates need to be nominated by a non-executive member.

If you are acting as a proposer/seconded please ensure that the individual is willing to stand. All nominations must be received before 12 noon on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### Bowling Information

The Brinsley outdoor bowls club will be open next season. They are having open days, so all of you who would like to try a game please go down on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April at 1-30 to 2pm. There will be experienced bowlers there to help you start. Normal prices are £3-00 per go, usually 2 hours (or less if you want).

The outdoor season starts about Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Looking forward to seeing all bowlers new and old.

Regards John Stanger.

### Family History Group

Are you interested in learning more about your family history but are unsure of how to proceed? The Family History group would be happy to help you get started on your search and provide advice. We meet on the fourth Monday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Sun Inn. The next meeting in April will be about Military History.

**Ukulele Group:** Anyone interested in joining the Ukulele group as a beginner? Please contact Judith Queripel on 01773 788047 who is hoping to start a session for beginners again. Eastwood U3leles meet at St Mary's Church, Eastwood, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1 pm.

### Travel pass changes

Did you know that the Council is changing how to renew your concessionary travel pass? You now need to go online or call them about a month before your pass expires, they will not contact you. To find out more visit [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/communitytransport](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/communitytransport) or call 03005008080

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?

Contact Philip Hartley: [newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org)