

# Eastwood and District U3A

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Peter Graves entertained us with his stories about some embarrassing cases of mistaken identity he had made during his working life.



Members of the newly formed Pub Pals enjoy their evening get together at The Hayloft, Giltbrook. They were also busy planning further meetings for the year ahead. Their next meeting will be at The King of Prussia, Heanor Market Place.

## Message from the Chairman

Plans are in place for future trips and visits, with interesting and varied speakers booked for our monthly meeting over the next twelve months. We are so fortunate to have such enthusiastic members, willing and able to arrange these events for us. I want to take this opportunity to thank them, and everyone else who gets involved. These people are the life-blood of our U3A and keep the wheels turning. Please consider what role you can play, and contact any one of the Executive Committee to offer your services. Our next big event is the AGM, which will take place at the start of the June monthly meeting. Our U3A Constitution states that all members of the Executive Committee must resign at the AGM and are eligible for re-election for only a limited number of years. We hope to introduce a means of succession planning by asking our U3A members to 'shadow' various committee roles and sit in on committee meetings. If you are interested, please let a Committee member know.

We have reached a milestone, with 30 interest groups active. Well done to all concerned.

## Past & Present Group

The group recently had a fascinating guided tour of the Rolls Royce Heritage Site in Derby. They saw engines ranging from the old "piston" type to the modern jets.

A Blue Streak rocket was viewed along with its nuclear warhead. They sat in the cockpit of a Canberra Bomber and our photo shows them in front of a Spitfire. The tour lasted nearly 3 hours, but, like the engines, time seemed to "fly by".



There will be a variety of U3A merchandise available to buy at the main monthly meetings. Items like key rings, lanyards, pens, and pencils.

**March Monthly meeting: - Refreshments Rota: -** Jane Reeves, Paul Webb and Sue Rowlett.

**Meet & Greeters Rota: -** Margaret Turner, Betty Awefowesbi and Sue Parkin.

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

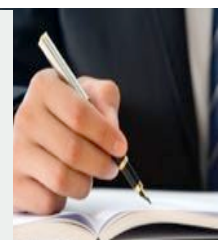
## Dates for the Diary:

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

Wed March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. – Dave Goodwin "Work of the RSPB."

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.



## 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 starting or started:

1. Nature Conservation - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 10 am at 65, Raglan Street, Eastwood. Contact Anne Ryan 01773 789612.
2. Pub Pals – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7.00 pm, meeting place will vary. Contact Yvonne Carey 01773 712530
3. Geology – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2.00 at the Sun Inn. Contact Linda Dring 01773 770138.

New groups for 2016 - Radio.

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 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Meet 10 am at the top right hand corner Morrison's Car Park to go on to walk at Shipley Park. Contact Roger Reynolds on 01773 788169.

**Coffee Mates:** next meet 16<sup>th</sup> March, 11am at Shabbylicious, 166 Derby Rd Stapleford. **Ring Andrea** 0115 9382299 **if you're unable to go (exact numbers are needed) also for car share.**

**Bird Watching** next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> March at Aldercar Flash (Erewash Meadows) Meet 10.30 Stoney Lane, Brinsley by the Wildlife Trust sign. Contact Barbara Wigley 01773 762383.

**General Gardening:** next meet Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> March 2 pm at the car park, Felley Priory, Underwood.

**Pub Pals:** meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 7pm. Contact Yvonne Carey 01773 712530.

**Strollers:** next walk Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Shipley Park. Meet 10.15 at the visitor's centre car park. Contact Val Kennerell on 01773 712269.

**Vegetable Gardening:** next meet 1<sup>st</sup> April. At 2 pm, 163 Main St, Newthorpe.

**Past & Present:** next visit on April 28<sup>th</sup> to BBC Radio Nottingham studios. **Contact David & Joanna to book a place on 01773 570346 or email [davidandjoannakeeling@sky.com](mailto:davidandjoannakeeling@sky.com)**

## Social Outings

- *Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Palace Theatre in Mansfield to see a comedy play called Stepping Out. A meal at the restaurant next door called 'And Why Not?' before the show. The cost for the bus, meal and theatre is £34. Meet at Morrisons' bus stop 4.30pm, the meal is booked for 5.30pm.*
- *March 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Imperial War Museum & Bletchley Park with Skills, cost £99. Balance should be paid.*
- ***April 25<sup>th</sup>** (corrected date) – 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, names & deposits will be collected at the March meeting. 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 3 monthly meetings.

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.

### New Radio Waves Interest Group

Ray Dring is interested in starting a radio group, for radio hams and anyone interested in radio waves in all its forms.

This could include Ham Radio and CB, SWLing, also other aspects of AM/FM radio, DAB, Free view, satellite and Internet digital broadcast radio, air band, weather satellite monitoring and use of scanning radios.

Also possibly: the history of radio; the war years; building a crystal set; the pirates in the sixties and the impact they had on broadcasting in the UK; visits to radio related historic sites and museums.

### Nature Conservation Group

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am, we will hold the first meeting of the Nature Conservation group. It will be held at 65, Raglan Street, Eastwood, Notts., NG16 3GU. This is an exciting opportunity for the U3A to make a difference to the biodiversity of our local environment. We will have a mix of raising awareness, and practical projects for encouraging wildlife to be a part of our gardens and streets. Meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 10.00am. The kettle will be on. Anne looks forward to seeing you.

*Wine group recommendation: From Tesco a Picpoul de Pinet from southern France was a typically refreshing white, a lemony fruit nose with lemon acidity on the tongue with hints of pear and apples. Quite a mouthful with a long dry finish. Great for any seafood or sat in the sun. Excellent value at £6. Cheers!*

*Can your group pass on a recommendation from what you've been doing for example a visit, a book, a gardening tip? Let the Newsletter team know.*

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.  
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?  
Contact Philip Hartley: [newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org](mailto:newsletter@eastwoodu3a.org)