

Eastwood and District U3A

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



Twenty eight members of the Social Group had an enjoyable visit to Beauvale Priory on Thursday October 9th.

Anne Whyte, the owner, explained the history of the site.

This was followed by afternoon tea in the Gatehouse.

Message from the Chairman

I was so pleased that the Nottinghamshire Chairman presented our U3A with a certificate of full membership of the Third Age Trust.

As the days get shorter and colder it gets harder to leave a warm house in the evenings. This is the reason most of our interest groups and activities are scheduled to start in the morning or afternoon. There is nothing better than meeting with those who share your interests and researching and discussing topics on an equal level. If you have not yet found an interest group that meets your needs why not talk to the Group Co-ordinators about getting one started?

Apple Computing Interest Group

The Apple Computing Interest group was one of the first interest groups to start and 14 people met at the beginning of August. It was quickly apparent that there was a big range of experience and knowledge in the group and so it was split into a beginners and an intermediate group that would meet on alternating weeks.

Each group works at its own level and joins in project work such as photographs or even developing web pages.

There's always time to answer questions and solve individual problems.

Contact Philip Hartley on 07764801060 for details.



The Strollers Group followed the Erewash Canal on the September walk. Next walk will be in Shipley Park on Oct 29.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday November 5th at 10 a.m. – Air Ambulance

Wednesday December 3rd at 10 a.m. – Tony Hatton, Xmas Number 1s

Wednesday January 7th at 10 a.m. – Mick Newbold, Not Just a Spare Part



Interest Groups

1. Spanish – Paul Turville,
07971 549 229
2. Apple Computing – Philip
Hartley, 07764 80 10 60
3. Craft, Textiles – Pat Collins,
01773 787 806
4. Bridge – Barbara Wigley,
01773 762 383
5. Strollers – Val Kennerell,
01773 712 269
6. Walks, 5 miles – Roger
Reynolds, 01773 788 169
7. Vegetable Gardening – Barbara
Moore, 01773 770 929
8. Book Group – Eileen Benton,
01773 770 346
9. Poetry – Jenny Ball/ Freda
Hallsworth 01773 861502
10. Local History – Eileen Benton
01773 770346
11. Photography – Rose Hobbs
01773 789346
12. Bowls – John Stanger 01773
787183
13. General Gardening – Hazel
Clifford 01773 715956
14. Jewelry Making – 1st meeting
in ASDA Community Room on
Thursday 23rd Oct. 2-4 p.m.

Other groups are planned before Christmas and are looking for contact members to coordinate them: Practical Art; National Trust; Discussion; Family History; and "How do they do it". Are you interested in doing this? Contact Lorna or Jim Stirland on 07 977 415 072.

Social Activities

Next Event

*Made in Mansfield Exhibition at Mansfield Museum
Thursday 6th November*

Black Cat bus– leaves 10:30 from Morrisons . Contact Joan Morley on 0115 938 3042 for further details.

Poetry Group



The Poetry Group meets at the Library at 12.30 on the third Friday of the month. This month our theme was WW1 poets, followed by something much lighter. We heard and read the poems of Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, Banjo Patterson, John McRae and many others, all of them giving us much to contemplate.

As a transition into something

lighter we heard Roger McGough's poem 'Let Me Die a Youngman's Death' – far more amusing than it sounds! This was followed by poems about, among other things, getting old (and becoming eligible for the pension); plastic surgery (and its drawbacks); as well as the monologue made famous by Stanley Holloway, 'Albert and the Lion'.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 17th Nov

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

**Contact Janet O'Neil, Membership Secretary on 07 961 832 864, membership@eastwoodu3a.org
Or any Steering Committee member by email: EastwoodU3A@gmail.com**