

Eastwood and District U3A

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The General Gardening Group held their August meeting at the home of Shirley Reynolds. The members looked at her vegetable garden and the plants in the borders, especially the salvias and hardy plants. They also enjoyed a wide choice of homemade cakes and refreshments that she had provided to raise money for the When You Wish Upon a Star charity. A raffle was also held with a lovely selection of prizes.

Shirley has managed to raise nearly £500 for the charity this month. She had been very moved by the presentation in July and was inspired to help the children achieve their wishes.

Message from the Chairman

I am writing this at the U3A Summer School in Cirencester. I am testing the water for us as I am our sole representative here.

I was unsure how I would cope with the whole process but have found it totally rewarding. Eleven of us are being taught Garden Design by the creator of one of the award winning show gardens at Malvern Show. We have touched on geology, soil testing, mathematics, principles of design, everything she covers in a City and Guilds course.

Others are learning Drama;

Music Appreciation; Romans in Britain; Swedish Film Noir; Singing; and much more. The accommodation is en-suite student rooms with tea and coffee making facilities; there are 3x3 course meals a day. There is entertainment and opportunities to socialise with U3A members from all over Britain.

So why not think about attending a Summer School? The East Midlands Summer School will be at Brackenhurst near Newark in 2016. Remember, you won't know what is waiting for you along the path until you turn the corner.

Members of the Eastwood and District U3A filled Plumpton Hall again for the August meeting. We had a very interesting talk by Stephen Flinders about 'Oud Ilson'. Stephen is a member of the Ilkeston Historical Society, and showed the meeting a wide variety of historical photographs of the development of Ilkeston, together with a most interesting and amusing commentary. Hopefully he will return to another meeting to present Part Two of the History of Ilkeston.



Dates for the Diary:

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

Wednesday September 2nd at 10 a.m. – Groups Display Day

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

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



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
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 has now moved to The Sun Inn

5 mile Walkers next meeting:

Tuesday 1st September. Meet in Morrisons' car park at **10.00 am**. Car share to Linby for circular walk to Newstead Abbey.

Veg Gardening next meeting:

Friday 4th September, 2 pm at 12 Newthorpe Common.

Coffee Mates next meeting: Wed 16th September, 11 am at Strelley Hall.

Bird Watching meeting: Thursday 17th September - Annesley Pit Top - Meet in the car park at 10.30 am.

Strollers meeting: Wed 30th September, 10.15 am. Meet at Greasley Church. We will follow the Coffin Walk to Colliers Wood then back to The Horse & Groom for coffee.

Social Outings

- *Friday 11th September. Port Sunlight Museum and Gardens . Meet at 9 am. , return to Eastwood for approx 7 pm.*
- *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. Places may be booked and payment made at the September open meeting.*

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

Coffee Mates August Meeting



Coffee Mates met at the home of Shirley Reynolds in August. They all thanked her for her hospitality and the large selection of cakes she had produced. Donations were made for the When You Wish Upon a Star charity.

Message from Michael Alton

Could I pass on my thanks to the members for the £140.00 raised in Donations and the £40.00 in Pledges for my participation in the Robin Hood Half Marathon for Macmillan Cancer Support on September 27th September. Thank you

Christmas Lunch



Three Ponds, Kimberley Road, Nuthall

Thursday 3rd December or Wednesday 9th December

£14.99 for 2 courses / £16.99 for 3 courses

Book your meal at the open meeting in September/October (Menu choice and full payment required)

Menu choices can be seen on the web site under *STOP PRESS*.

Items or suggestions for the newsletter? Deadline: Mon 14th Sept
Want to help make the web-site for Eastwood U3A?
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