**Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A (EGDU3A)**

**Newsletter December 2018**

**Thurs 13 Dec, 2 pm – Monthly Meeting at Gamston Community Hall, NG2 6PS**

**Wildlife in Sherwood Forest**

A presentation by photographer, **Barbara Meyer**



\*\* To be followed by a **Christmas social event for all members** \*\*

\*\*There’ll be drinks and Christmas fare\*\*

\*\*If you have friends who might be interested in joining our U3A, bring them along\*\*

*Our Motto is ‘Live, Laugh and Learn’ – but most of all LAUGH!*

*“Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning do to do afterward.” (*Kurt Vonnegut*)*

**Our Monthly Meetings**

Held on the **2nd Thursday of the month** **at 2.00 pm in Gamston Community Hall (GCH)**.The Hall is near Morrisons supermarket and a short walk from the stop at Morrisons for buses 5, 7 and L/shopper. There are no August meetings at GCH.

**Planned Speakers for 2019**

**Thurs 10 January:** Speaker **Sandy Leong**. Theme **‘A nice cup of tea – a potted history’**.

**Thurs 14 February:** Speaker **Mike Storr**. Theme **‘Masters of Mirth – the Sequel’**. An account about Music Hall.

**Thurs 14 March:** Speaker **Edward Hammond**. Theme **‘Hannibal – Rome’s Greatest Adversary’**.

**Thurs 11 April:** Speaker **Phil Cooper**. Theme **‘The Silk Road in Western China’**.

**Thurs 9 May:** Our AGM Meeting with speaker **Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance**. Theme **‘Saving Lives Every Day’**.

**Thurs 13 June:** Speaker **Nigel MacKnight**. Theme **‘Life as an author + Holding on tight + World Water Speed Record Attempt’**.

**Thurs 11 July:** About **Tuxford, a traditional stone-ground windmill**. With a chance to buy grains and cakes.

**Thurs 8 August:** There is no monthly meeting at GCH but there will be an informal coffee get-together at 2.00 pm in The Meadow Covert pub for anyone interested.

**Did You Know?**

**Edwalton Church Christmas Tree Festival 1-2 Dec:** For the weekend festival, our past chair, Chris Shaw, assembled and decorated a fabulous Christmas Tree.

**Riviera Travel:** EGDU3A members with a membership card who book a holiday via Riviera Travel can benefit EGDU3A itself. When you pay the cost of your holiday, EGDU3A will receive 10% of the purchase price. Tel 01283 742300 and mention Edwalton, Gamston and District U3A when booking. Brochures are available from [www.utariviera.co.uk](http://www.utariviera.co.uk). See Mike Brandt (Membership Secretary) for a membership card.

**Broadway Cinema:** U3A members can enjoy special rates at The Broadway Cinema for their Silver Screen Showing each Thursday at 10.30 am or 1.30 pm unless shown otherwise. Show your U3A membership card and the price is £4.50 including tea or coffee and a biscuit. See Mike Brandt for a membership card.

**Legal Helpline:** U3A members can access a 24 hour Legal Helpline by phoning 0344 770 1040 and quoting U3A Legal Helpline.

**EGDU3A Website**

Our website (<https://edgamu3a.weebly.com>) provides information and pictures about the monthly meetings, how to join, range of interest groups and other matters. Our Webmaster, Steve Barrett, would welcome comments, ideas, photos, group updates, etc. Please contact Steve at stevebar555@yahoo.co.uk or edgamu3a.weebly.com

**Your Executive Committee Members**

**Chair:** Currently vacant

**Vice Chair and Publicity:** George Golledge, gosh.golledge@ntlworld.com

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**Refreshments:** Sue Ambler, sue.ambler@icloud.com

**Past Chair:** Chris Shaw, chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com

**Your Interest Groups and Events**

If you have ideas or would like to start an Interest Group, please contact Mike Groves (Groups Coordinator) at a meeting or at grovesfamily@hotmail.com. If there is something, e.g. general equipment, that you need for your group, please let Mike Groves or Richard Davis (Treasurer) know so that we can plan appropriate funding.

**Science Group Update**

Thanks to all members who completed questionnaires about a possible Science Interest Group. The response is such that we are taking it forward by setting up a Working Party.

**Refreshment Duty Rota at Monthly Meetings**

Interest Group members take turns to manage ‘tea and biscuits’ at our monthly meetings in GCH. For the next meeting, responsibility falls as follows:

**Thurs 13 Dec:** Bridge Group

**Current Interest Groups**

**Art Appreciation.** We meet on the 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. Venues usually rotate through members’ homes. The next two meetings are at 6 The Paddocks, Edwalton: on **Wed 19 Dec** for follow-up discussion of the Harold Gilman Exhibition at Djanogly Gallery and **Wed 16 Jan** for some reviews of The Nation’s Favourite Paintings. For further information, contact Roy Townsend at roy.townsend@btinternet.com

**Book Group.** Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.30 pm in a member’s home. New members are welcome. On **Tues 11 Dec**, we meet at Bill Kelly’s house for ‘Forty Acres’ by DA Smith. On **Tues 8 Jan**, we meet at Pat Deakin’s house for ‘Where My Heart Used to Beat’ by Sebastian Faulks. For further information, contact Roy Townsend at roy.townsend@btinternet.com

**Bridge Group.** Meets at 2.15 pm every Tuesday in a member’s home. New members (seasoned players or beginners) are welcome. Come along, you don’t need a partner. For further information, contact Ann Widdowson at annwid62@gmail.com

**Craft Group.** Meets on the 1st Monday of the month, usually at 10.00 am in The Holy Spirit Social Centre, Victoria Road, West Bridgford. On **Mon 3 Dec**, the topic is ‘Making Christmas Decorations and Table Centres’, led by Fiona Steele. Topics for 2019 will include: jewellery making, folk art embroidery, card making, quilting, calligraphy and yarn making. For further information, contact Prue Brandt at pruebrandt@hotmail.com

**Craft Project Group.** We are affiliated to the Craft Group but have our own agenda. We meet at 10.00 am on the 3rd Monday of the month at the home of a group member. The next meeting is on **Mon 17 Dec**. For further information, contact Sue Harding at susan.harding66@outlook.com

**Family History Group.** Meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 2.00 pm. The next meeting is on **Mon 3 Dec** at 4 Bowness Close, Gamston NG2 6PE, tel 0115 945 5025. Feel free to contact Paul Hudson or myself with any queries about Family History. For further information, contact Ann Widdowson at annwid62@gmail.com

**French.** This is a small group of learners and competent speakers seeking to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. We meet usually at 11.00 am in The Meadow Covert pub on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. On **Wed 19 Dec**, we will have a social occasion and meet for lunch at Le Mistral in town. For further information, please contact Terry Mayhew at terry.mayhew@nottingham.ac.uk

**Gardening.** We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at members’ homes or other locations. We next meet on **Thurs 6 Dec** at 2.30 pm at Moors Nursey for coffee and mince pies. For further information, please contact Beverley Clare at bevclare.bc@gmail.com

**History.** We study many aspects of History and are open to requests from members. Local history, The War and Education are of particular interest. We meet usually at 2.00 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Willow Tree pub. However, on **Mon 10 Dec**, we will meet at Edwalton Church Meeting Rooms at 2.00 pm for a Christmas Celebration and chat. For further information, contact Paul Hudson at phudson8@aol.com

**Italian.** We are a mix of beginners and improvers meeting normally on the 1st and 4th Thursday and 2nd and 3rd Friday of the month at 2.00 pm in area 5 of The Willow Tree pub. This is served by buses 5, 6 and 7. However, this month we meet only on **Thurs 6 Dec**. Please let me know if you are coming. The course book is the DK 15 Minute Italian (ISBN 978-4093-7759-7, price £7.99 or, with CD, £25.00), plus whatever phrase book can be picked up from a charity shop (We have an inside man in Oxfam – both DK and Berlitz are good). For further information, contact Chris Shaw at chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com

**Lunch Club.** A great opportunity to meet socially over lunch at a different venue once a month. Come and join us. Pay for yourself on the day. At each venue, we decide a date and place for the next meeting. If you need a lift, let us know. The next meeting will be at noon on **Fri 14 Dec** at The Willow Tree pub. For further information, contact Mike Groves at grovesfamily@hotmail.com

**Music Appreciation.** We meet on the 1st Friday of the month at 2.30 pm in the home of a group member. Items are provided by the host and by members’ suggestions. The next meeting is at the home of Chris Shaw on **Fri 7 Dec** when we will watch a short opera (with subtitles) from the Cav & Pag pair. For further information, contact Chris at chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com

**Outings Group.** Please sign up at one of our monthly meetings to join an outing. For further information, contact Joan Mayhew at joanmayhew@hotmail.com. Planned trips:

**Mon 17 Dec 7.00 pm**: Christmas Dinner Pub Quiz at The Meadow Covert. Sign up, choose meal and pay £15 (two courses) or £17 (three courses) by Mon 10 Dec.

**Tues 8 Jan 10.00 am:** Red Cross Basic First Aid Course at Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall. Free! A session stripped of technical jargon on how to deal with common problems, e.g. breaks, bleeds, head injuries, falls. Boost your confidence to help someone when it’s needed. 2 places left!

**Wed 27 Feb 11.00 am:** Wollaton Hall tour, about 1 hr, cost £10. Guided tour of Hall, Prospect Room, Roof Walkway, Tudor Kitchen and more. Not suitable for those with mobility issues. Tea/coffee/lunch possible to order but cost is extra.

**Thurs 28 Mar 10.00 am:** Glass-making session at Tollerton Studio. Make your own bowl, coaster or light catcher under expert tuition. All materials provided. Cost £22.

**Tues 30 April 1.30 pm:** Bell Foundry, Loughborough, £10. The world’s largest working bell foundry whose bells are found all over the English-speaking world!

**Interested in Future Visits?** The Outings Team is considering visits to places further afield but would like to know if this would appeal to members. Please sign up (without commitment) at the next Monthly Meeting if you would be interested in visiting the following sites in Staffordshire: National Brewery Museum (Burton-on-Trent), Amazon Warehouse (Rugeley) or Gladstone Pottery (Stoke-n-Trent)

**Painting.** We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am at the home of Josephine Cutts. There is no December meeting so we meet next on **Thurs 17 Jan** when the topic will be ‘Curving’. For further information, please contact Josephine Cutts at etndil@icloud.com

**Photography for Fun.** We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in Gamston Village Hall. Each session, we now allow 8 photos per person to permit more in-depth discussion about their merits. But we remain committed to enjoying our photography. The next meeting (**Mon 17 Dec**) will feature images of ‘Water – flowing, still, splashing’. A number of photos by group members can be seen on the Special Interest Section of the EGDU3A website. For further information, contact Stan Darling at stan@darlings.org

**Scrabble.** We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from at 2.00 pm at a member’s home on a rota basis. Our next meeting is on **Mon 17 Dec**. This is a real social event and we welcome new members! We play for fun and no record is kept of scores or wins. For further information, contact Sue Brittain at suebrittain@hotmail.co.uk

**Singing for Fun/Chatterers Group.** Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am in The Meadow Covert. The next meeting is on **Wed 12 Dec**. Please try and come. For further information contact Chris Shaw at chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com

**Beginners’ Spanish Level 2.** We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 11.00 am in the Meadow Covert. The next dates are **Mon 10 Dec and Mon 24 Dec**. Currently, we cover Unit 9 of Pasos 1 Spanish Beginners Course (both the Student and Activity book). This deals with inviting people to join in various activities and to accept or refuse the invitations, giving reasons. We will advance to cover how you feel (healthwise and emotionally), explain problems, give advice and talk about future plans. For further information, please contact Janet Fishel at janetfishel@yahoo.com

**Stamp Collectors’ Group.** Meets occasionally at the home of John Todd. For further information, or to join, contact John Todd at johnh.todd@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 914 7074

**Walking Group.** Meets for a 4-7 miles walk, usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. There will be no walk in December so the next is likely to be on **Tues 15 Jan**. We meet at 10.00 am outside Gamston Community Hall for car share. Please get in touch if you intend coming. New members are welcome to come along for an enjoyable walk and meet new friends. For further information, contact Jean Hudson at egdu3awalks@gmail.com or on 07881 850123.

**Wine Tasting Group.** Meets at 2.00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month in Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall. There is no December meeting so we meet next on **Wed 23 Jan**. Details of the wines to be reviewed and sampled will be supplied beforehand. Our group is very much centred on the “Live, Laugh and Learn” approach without getting too serious. For further information, contact Richard Davis at richarddavis803@gmail.com or on 0115 981 2970

**Writing for Fun.** We meet at 10.30 am on the 1st Thursday of the month at the home of a group member. On **Thurs 6 Dec**, the topic will be ‘A Song Title of Your Choosing’. Due to size constraints, the group is now closed. For further information, contact Pauline Barrett at tollertonpolly220@gmail.com

**Unable to attend our planned Red Cross Basic First Aid Course at HP&G Village Hall on Tues 8 Jan?** If so, there is a FREE online national training scheme, called the ‘Community Save a Life Scheme’, designed to teach everyone basic life-saving skills. It can be accessed by visiting www.virtual-college.co.uk/prepared

**Summary Information about Interest Groups**

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| **Group** | **Meetings** | **Leaders** | **Contacts** |
| **Art Appreciation** | 3rd Wednesday am | Roy Townsend | roy.townsend@btinternet.com |
| **Book Club** | 2nd Tuesday 2.30pm | Roy Townsend | roy.townsend@btinternet.com |
| **Bridge** | Every Tue 2.15pm | Ann Widdowson | annwid62@gmail.com |
| **Crafts** | 1st Monday 10.00am | Prue Brandt | pruebrandt@hotmail.com |
| **Craft Project** | 3rd Mon 10.00am | Susan Harding | susan.harding66@outlook.com |
| **Family History** | 1st Mon 2.00pm | Ann WiddowsonPaul Hudson | annwid62@gmail.comphudson@aol.com |
| **French** | 3rd Wed 11.00am | Terry Mayhew | terry.mayhew@nottingham.ac.uk |
| **Gardening** | 1st Thursday pm | Beverley Clare | bevclare.bc@gmail.com |
| **History** | 2nd Mon 2.00pm | Paul Hudson | phudson8@aol.com |
| **Italian** | 1st and 4th Thurs and 2nd and 3rd Friday 2.00pm | Chris Shaw | chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com |
| **Music Appreciation** | 1st Fri 2.30pm | Chris Shaw | chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com |
| **Outings** | See Newsletter | Joan Mayhew | joanmayhew@hotmail.com |
| **Painting** | 3rd Thurs 10.00am | Josephine Cutts | etndil@icloud.com |
| **Photography for Fun** | 3rd Mon 2.00pm | Stan Darling | stan@darlings.org.uk |
| **Scrabble** | 3rd Mon 2.00pm | Sue Brittain | suebrittain@hotmail.co.uk |
| **Singing for Fun** | 2nd Wed 11am | Chris Shaw | chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com |
| **Spanish** | 2nd + 4th Mon 11.00am | Janet Fishel | janetfishel@yahoo.com |
| **Stamp Collecting** | Occasional | John Todd | johnh.todd@yahoo.co.uk |
| **Walking 4-7 miles** | 3rd Tue am | Jean Hudson | egdu3awalks@gmail.com |
| **Wine Tasting** | 4th Wed 2.00pm | Richard Davis | richarddavis803@gmail.com |
| **Writing for Fun** | 1st Thurs 10.30am | Pauline Barrett | tollertonpolly220@gmail.com |

**Diary Summary of This Month’s Events and Interest Groups**

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| **Order of** **Day in** **Month** | **Monday**3rd,10th,17th,24th | **Tuesday**4th,11th,18th,25th  | **Wednesday**5th,12th, 19th,26th | **Thursday**6th,13th,20th,27th  | **Friday**7th,14th,21st,28th |
| **1st am** | 3rd Craft Grp |  |  | 6th Writing for Fun |  |
| **1st pm** | 3rd Family History | 4th Bridge |  | 6th Gardening6th Italian | 7th Music Appreciation  |
| **2nd am** | 10th Spanish |  | 12th Singing for Fun  |  |  |
| **2nd pm** | 10th History  | 11th Book Club11th Bridge |  | **13th Monthly Meeting and Christmas Social at GCH** | 14th Italian - no meeting today14th Willow Tree Lunch Club |
| **3rd am** | 17th Craft Project Group | 18th Walking Group – no meeting today  | 19th Art Appreciation19th French | 20th Painting Group - no meeting today |  |
| **3rd pm** | 17th Photography for Fun17th Scrabble17th Christmas Pub Quiz | 18th Bridge |  |  | 21st Italian - no meeting today |
| **4th am** | 24th Spanish |  |  |  |  |
| **4th pm** |  | 25th Bridge | 26th Wine Tasting - no meeting today | 27th Italian - no meeting today |  |

**Can you suggest a Worthy Recipient for an A3 Printer!** A Professional Hewlett-Packard printer for up to A3 size paper is available for free to a worthy cause. If you know a club, charity or other cause that might be interested, please contact George Golledge at gosh.golledge@ntlworld.com