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

**Newsletter February 2019**

**Thurs 14 Feb, 2 pm – Monthly Meeting at Gamston Community Hall, NG2 6PS**

**Masters of Mirth – the Sequel**

A presentation about Music Hall by **Mike Storr**

*Our Motto is ‘Live, Laugh and Learn’ – but most of all LAUGH!*
“The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.” (Mark Twain)

**Our Monthly Meetings** are 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 is no August meeting.

**Planned Speakers for 2019**

**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.

**Thurs 12 September:** Speaker **Emma Sheardown** (World ParaDressage Champion). Theme **‘There’s no Such Word as Can’t’.**

**Thurs 10 October:** Speaker **Kay Gugliotta.** Theme **‘Chalk to Fork Heritage and Future’** – focussing on agricultural societies and county shows in Nottinghamshire.

**Thurs 14 November:** Annual Open Meeting. An opportunity to see what EGDU3A has to offer and to recruit new members.

**Thurs 12 December:** Speaker **David Skillen.** Theme **‘Knitters, Nailers and Traitors’** – about Belper and the Industrial Revolution.

**Did You Know?**

**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

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

**Your Interest Groups and Events**

If you have ideas or would like to start an Interest Group, 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. For example, a new group could obtain funding for an invited speaker if their first meeting is open to all members.

**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 meetings, responsibility falls as follows:

**Thurs 14 Feb:** Family History Group **Thurs 14 Mar:** French Group

**Watch Out for New and Up-Coming Interest Groups!**

**Shakespeare Play Reading Group.** This will be led by Josephine Cutts. A start-up meeting was held on 24 Jan to decide on a format and suitable dates. For further information, see below or contact Jo at etndil@icloud.com

**Science Group.** This group will be led by John Todd supported by Carol Shuttleworth and Sam Porter. They plan to hold a start-up meeting at 2.15 pm on **Wed 20 March** at Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall for prospective members to decide on practical issues such as venue, dates and topics. Anyone interested in attending should contact John on johnh.todd@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 914 7074.

**Current Interest Groups**

**Art Appreciation.** We meet on the 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. Venues usually rotate through members’ homes. The next meeting should be on **Wed 20 Feb** at 6 The Paddocks, Edwalton but, 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. The next meeting should be on **Tues 12 Feb** but, please check with 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

**Chatterbox Group**. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am in The Meadow Covert. The next meeting is on **Wed 13 Feb**. Please try and come. For further information contact Chris Shaw at 0115 974 5512 or chrisshaw20038@hotmail.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 4 Feb**, we focus on ‘Quilling’, led by Chris Sutherland. 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 18 Feb**. 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 4 Feb** at The Willow Tree pub. 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 20 Feb**, the session will be led by John Wilkinson on a topic to be decided. For further information, please contact Terry Mayhew at terry.mayhew@nottingham.ac.uk

**Gardening.** We meet usually on the 1st Thursday of the month at members’ homes or other locations. We meet next on **Thurs 7 Feb** to visit a garden called ‘The Beeches’ (The Avenue, Milton, Newark NG22 0PW) to view snowdrops, hellebores, daffodils, crocuses, fritillaries, anemones and cyclamen. Cost £5 including refreshments. Adjacent is the Newcastle Mausoleum offering a visit and talk. For further information, please contact Beverley Clare at bevclare.bc@gmail.com

**History.** We study many aspects of History and welcome suggestions from members. Local history, The War and Education are of particular interest. We meet at 2.00 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Willow Tree pub. Our next meeting is on **Mon 11 Feb** when Mike Groves and Maura Roche will talk about the Chartists and Fergus O’Connor. 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. We meet next on **Thurs 7 and 28 Feb** and **Fri 8 and 15 Feb**. 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 **Thurs 21 Feb** at The Ferry Inn, Wilford. 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. There is no February meeting so we meet next on **Fri 1 March** at a venue to be decided. For further information, contact Chris Shaw 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:

**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. No places left!

**Mon 1 April 7.00 pm:** Pub Quiz at The Meadow Covert. Sign up/pay no later than one week before.

**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!

**Tues 21 May 10.30 am:** Museum of Timekeeping, near Newark, cost £10.

**Thurs 6 June 11.00 am:** Norwell Nurseries, near Newark, cost £6.50. Guided tour of gardens featured in list of ‘Gardens to visit in 2019’. Rare and unusual herbaceous perennials, national collection of over 140 hardy chrysanthemums and of Astrantias. Gardening group outing but all welcome.

**Mon 24 June 2.00 pm:** Thrumpton Hall, cost £17.50. Tour of private house and free time to explore gardens. Includes tea/coffee, biscuits.

**Tues 2 July 10.30 am:** Framework Knitters Museum, cost £6. A 2-hour guided tour with a tea/coffee introduction.

**Tues 2 Sept 11.00 am:** Derby Sewage Works and Water Treatment, Spondon, free guided tour of the site! Find out what happens to waste water when you flush the toilet and how water is cleaned ready to be returned to the river.

**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-on-Trent). What about a Great Central Railway ‘fine dining’ trip?

**Painting.** We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am at the home of Josephine Cutts. We meet next on **Thurs 21 Feb** when the topic will be ‘Winter’. For further information, please contact Josephine Cutts at etndil@icloud.com

**Photography for Fun.** We enjoy our photography and meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall. Each session, we allow 8 photos per person to permit more in-depth discussion. Our January meeting featured an excellent selection of images relating to Coffee, Cakes, Tea and Mugs. The next meeting (**Mon 18 Feb**) will have pictures, posters and displays on the theme of ‘Strange sights, odd and/or intriguing sculptures’. For further information, please 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 rotational basis depending on commitments. Our next meeting is on **Mon 18 Feb**. This is friendly, social group and, though each wants to win, the main aim is simply to enjoy ourselves. We keep no records of winners or losers and there is no league. New members are always welcome! For further information, contact Sue Brittain at suebrittain@hotmail.co.uk

**Shakespeare Play Reading Group.** We plan to meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.15 pm at the home of Josephine Cutts. The emphasis will be on reading from Shakespeare plays but other playwrights may feature. The inaugural meeting takes place on **Thurs 28 Feb** when members will read parts from ‘Macbeth’. If members cannot attend, please let Josephine know. For further information, please contact Josephine Cutts at etndil@icloud.com

**Singing for Fun Group.** This group will restart at 10.00 am on **Tues 26 Feb** at Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall with coffee and biscuits. No auditions, just come along and enjoy! For more 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 11 Feb and Mon 25 Feb**. 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. The stamp collecting group has not met recently. We welcome anyone who wants to show us their collection. We are not experts so meetings are very relaxed. 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 at 10.00 am on the 3rd Tuesday of the month outside Gamston Community Hall. New members are welcome, so come along to enjoy a walk and meet new friends! On **Tues 19 Feb**, there will be a 5 mile walk from West Bridgford to Ruddington and back. For further information, please 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. W meet next on **Wed 27 Feb**. 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 7 Feb**, the topic will be ‘An Error of Judgement’. Due to size constraints, the group is now closed. For further information, contact Pauline Barrett at tollertonpolly220@gmail.com

**Did you miss the Red Cross Basic First Aid Course at HP&G Village Hall held on Tues 8 Jan?** Remember, 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 Wed am | Roy Townsend | roy.townsend@btinternet.com |
| **Book Club** | 2nd Tue 2.30pm | Roy Townsend | roy.townsend@btinternet.com |
| **Bridge** | Each Tue 2.15pm | Ann Widdowson | annwid62@gmail.com |
| **Chatterbox** | 2nd Wed 11am | Chris Shaw | chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com |
| **Crafts** | 1st Mon 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 Thurs 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 Fri 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 |
| **Shakespeare Play Reading** | 4th Thurs 2.15pm | Josephine Cutts | etndil@icloud.com |
| **Singing for Fun** | 4th Tue 10.00am  | Chris Shaw | chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com |
| **Spanish** | 2nd and 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 10.00am | 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**4th,11th,18th,25th | **Tuesday**5th,12th,19th,26th  | **Wednesday**6th,13th, 20th,27th  | **Thursday**7th,14th,21st,28th  | **Friday**1st,8th,15th, 22nd  |
| **1st am** | 4th Craft Grp |  |  | 7th Writing for Fun |  |
| **1st pm** | 4th Family History | 5th Bridge |  | 7th Gardening7th Italian | 1st Music Appreciation – no meeting  |
| **2nd am** | 11th Spanish |  | 13th Chatterbox |  |  |
| **2nd pm** | 11th History  | 12th Book Club12th Bridge |  | **14th Monthly Meeting at GCH** | 8th Italian |
| **3rd am** | 18th Craft Project Group | 19th Walking Group  | 20th Art Appreciation20th French | 21st Painting Group |  |
| **3rd pm** | 18th Photography for Fun18th Scrabble | 19th Bridge |  |  | 15th Italian |
| **4th am** | 25th Spanish | 26th Singing for Fun | 27th Wollaton Hall Tour |  |  |
| **4th pm** |  | 26th Bridge | 27th Wine Tasting | 28th Italian28th Shakespeare Play Reading |  |