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

**Newsletter December 2018**

**Thurs 10 Jan, 2 pm – Monthly Meeting at Gamston Community Hall, NG2 6PS**

**A Nice Cup of Tea – A Potted History**

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A presentation by **Sandy Leong**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!***

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

*“With mirth and laughter let old wrinkles come.”* (William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice)

**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 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?**

**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](mailto:stevebar555@yahoo.co.uk) or edgamu3a.weebly.com

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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, please contact Mike Groves (Groups Coordinator) at a meeting or at [grovesfamily@hotmail.com](mailto: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**

The Working Party set up to introduce a new Science Interest Group plans to meet on **Tues 15 Jan**.

**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 10 Jan:** Craft Project Group

**Current Interest Groups**

**Art Appreciation.** We meet on the 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. Venues usually rotate through members’ homes. The next meeting is on **Wed 16 Jan** at 6 The Paddocks, Edwalton 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 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 7 Jan**, we will be holding a yarn workshop including knitting and crochet. Members are welcome to bring along any personal projects and any advices can be exchanged. On **Mon 4 Feb**, we hope to focus on ‘Quilling’. 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 21 Jan**. 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 7 Jan** 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 16 Jan**, the topic will be ‘My Recent Trip to India’, led by Babli Lodh. 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. For further information, please contact Beverley Clare at [bevclare.bc@gmail.com](mailto: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. On **Mon 14 Jan**, Edwina Hillyard will talk about ‘William Morris and the times’. 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 3 and 24 Jan** and **Fri 11 and 18 Jan**. 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 17 Jan** at The Poppy & Pint pub, Lady Bay. 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 on **Fri 4 Jan**. 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](mailto:joanmayhew@hotmail.com). Planned trips:

**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. No 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.

**Sat 2 Mar 2.30 pm:** West Bridgford Dramatic Society, Studio Theatre, Stamford Rd is holding a production of the comedy ‘Mr Wonderful’ by James Robson. There are 10 tickets available at £8.50 each.

**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!

**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. 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 are committed to enjoying our photography and meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2.00 pm in Gamston Village Hall. Each session, we allow 8 photos per person to permit more in-depth discussion about their merits. Our December meeting featured an excellent selection of images on the theme of ‘Water’ and we welcomed several new members. The next meeting (**Mon 21 Jan**) will feature images of ‘Coffee and cake, tea mugs, etc’. For further information, contact Stan Darling at [stan@darlings.org](mailto: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 21 Jan**. 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

**Singing for Fun/Chatterers Group.** Members wish to restart the Singing for Fun Group. Anyone interested, please come along to the Meadow Covert on **Mon 14 Jan** and/or **Tue 22 Jan** at 11.00 am or email Chris Shaw at chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com to discuss how we might proceed. Although Chris is happy to lead the singing, it needs more than one person to manage the sessions and need not be the same people each time.

**Chatterbox**. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am in The Meadow Covert. The next meeting is on **Wed 9 Jan**. Please try and come. For further information contact Chris Shaw at 0115 974 5512 or 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 14 Jan and Mon 28 Jan**. 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 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on **Tues 15 Jan** for a walk of about 5 miles. We meet at 10.00 am outside Gamston Community Hall for car share. If you have a bus pass, bring it in case. 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](mailto: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 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 3 Jan**, the topic will be ‘My Favourite Poem’. Due to size constraints, the group is now closed. For further information, contact Pauline Barrett at [tollertonpolly220@gmail.com](mailto:tollertonpolly220@gmail.com)

**Unable to attend the Red Cross Basic First Aid Course at HP&G Village Hall 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 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 Widdowson  Paul Hudson | [annwid62@gmail.com](mailto:annwid62@gmail.com)  phudson@aol.com |
| **French** | 3rd Wed 11.00am | Terry Mayhew | terry.mayhew@nottingham.ac.uk |
| **Gardening** | 1st Thursday pm | Beverley Clare | [bevclare.bc@gmail.com](mailto: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**  **Chatterbox** | Mon 14th, Tue 22nd  2nd Wed 11am | Chris Shaw  Chris Shaw | chrisshaw20038@hotmail.com  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**  7th,14th,  21st,28th | **Tuesday**  1st,8th,  15th,22nd | **Wednesday**  2nd,9th,  16th,23rd | **Thursday**  3rd,10th,  17th,24th | **Friday**  4th,11th,  18th,25th |
| **1st am** | 7th Craft Grp |  |  | 3rd Writing for Fun |  |
| **1st pm** | 7th Family History | 1st Bridge |  | 3rd Gardening  3rd Italian | 4th Music Appreciation |
| **2nd am** | 14th Spanish  14th Singing for Fun | 8th Red Cross Basic First Aid Course at Village Hall | 9th Chatterbox |  |  |
| **2nd pm** | 14th History | 8th Book Club  8th Bridge |  | **10th Monthly Meeting at GCH** | 11th Italian |
| **3rd am** | 21st Craft Project Group | 15th Walking Group | 16th Art Appreciation  16th French | 17th Painting Group |  |
| **3rd pm** | 21st Photography for Fun  21st Scrabble | 15th Bridge |  | 17th Lunch Club at The Poppy & Pint | 18th Italian |
| **4th am** | 28th Spanish | 22nd Singing for Fun |  |  |  |
| **4th pm** |  | 22nd Bridge | 23rd Wine Tasting | 24th Italian |  |