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

**Newsletter June 2019**

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

**Life as an Author – Holding on Tight – World Water Speed Record Attempt**

A presentation by **Nigel MacKnight**

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

“Three be the things I shall have till I die:

Laughter and hope and a sock in the eye.” (Dorothy Parker, 1893-1967)

**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 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.

**Community Save a Life Scheme:** This is a FREE online national training scheme designed to teach everyone basic life-saving skills. It can be accessed by visiting the following website: [www.virtual-college.co.uk/prepared](http://www.virtual-college.co.uk/prepared).

**Just Go Holidays:** Interested in organising a coach holiday? Just Go Holidays offer tailor-made group travel at home and abroad. They have long experience of organising excursions with varied pick-up points. If interested visit www.justgoholidays.com.

**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

Please note that we now have a Facebook page which members can access via our website home page. In addition, news items and photos can be emailed to Sandra Morrey at sandra@morrey.biz

**Your Executive Committee Members**

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

**Vice Chair and Publicity:** Currently vacant

**Treasurer:** Richard Davis, richarddavis803@gmail.com

**Business Secretary:** Cherry Brandon, c.brandon2@ntlworld.com

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**Group Coordinator:** Michael Groves, grovesfamily@hotmail.com

**Outings Coordinator:** Joan Mayhew, joanmayhew@hotmail.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, 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.

**REQUEST:** As a matter of courtesy, would members of Interest Groups please advise their Group Leaders/Contacts in advance whether or not they are able to attend scheduled meetings.

**Potential New Interest Group**

It has been suggested that there might be interest in a **‘Sunday Singles’ Group** meeting for Sunday lunches, cinema visits or other social activities. Many U3As run similar friendship groups and these have proved popular with single members. If you would be interested, please email Cherry Brandon at c.brandon2@ntlworld.com. If there is sufficient interest, we will arrange an initial meeting to gather ideas and discuss the way forward.

**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 June:** Italian Group

**Current Interest Groups**

**Art Appreciation.** We meet on the 3rd Wednesday morning of the month. Venues usually rotate through members’ homes. There is **no meeting** **in June** so we meet next on **Wed 17 July** at 6 The Paddocks, Edwalton when we will discuss ‘Laura Knight, Part 2’. For further information, please 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 meetings will be on **Tues 11 June** (‘Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine’ by Gail Honeyman at Sheila Golledge’s home) and on **Tue 9 July** (‘Mrs Palfrey at The Claremont’ by Elizabeth Taylor at Pat Brunger’s home). For further information, please 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

**Chatterbox Group**. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am in The Meadow Covert. The next meeting is on **Wed 12 June**. 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 Rd, West Bridgford. The next meeting is on **Mon 3 June** when we will hold a workshop on ‘Folk Art Embroidery’, led by Sheila Golledge. On **Mon 1 July** the topic will be ‘Jewellery 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 June**. For further information, contact Sue Harding at susan.harding66@outlook.com

**Family History Group.** Meets at the Willow Tree pub on the 1st Monday of the month at 2.00 pm. The next meeting is on **Mon 3 June**. Do come along if you are searching for your ancestors. 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 at 11.00 am in The Meadow Covert pub on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. On **Wed 19 June**, the theme will be ‘Les Stereotypes contre Realité’. 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. The next meeting is on **Thurs 6 June** when we visit Norwell Nurseries with an 11.00 am start. Other trips planned are a member’s garden (note 18 July date) and Darley Park (1 Aug). New members are welcome to join us. For further information, please contact the new coordinator, Fiona Steele, on 0115 981 2780 or at fionasteele23@hotmail.co.uk

**History.** We study many aspects of History and welcome suggestions from members. Normally, we meet at 2.00 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Willow Tree pub. However, our next meeting will be in the morning of **Mon 10 June** at the Pitcher and Piano pub in the Lace Market. The usual reminder will be sent out prior to the meeting. Due to size constraints, the group is now full but, if you are willing, you could start up a new group. Contact Patricia Gammons (Liaison/Coordination) for further information

**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 the Willow Tree pub. This is served by buses 5, 6 and 7. We meet next on **Thurs 6, Fri 14, Fri 21 and Thurs 27 June.** The course book is the DK 15 Minute Italian (ISBN 978-4093-7759-7, price £7.99 or, with CD, £25.00), plus any phrase book you can pick up from a charity shop (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 each 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 20 June** at The Goose at Gamston, near Morrisons. 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. We meet next on **Fri 7 June** 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 events:

**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 9 July 10.30 am:** Framework Knitters Museum, cost £6. A 2-hour guided tour with an introduction. Tea/coffee for £1.50.

**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.

**Tues 5 Nov 10.30 am:** Glass Making Workshop, Tollerton, cost £22. Make a Christmas decoration, fused glass bowl or coaster. No places but sign up as a reserve.

**Tues 3 Dec 10.30 am:** Drive On for 50+ Years, cost £5. Via East Midlands Road Safety Team will deliver road safety education, information and an awareness session for over-50 drivers. Many things alter with age and this event is designed for those who may have gained their licence many years ago. It is delivered in a relaxed and light-hearted manner with activities, advice and a quiz to prolong and enhance your driving. We all need updating. Local venue to be announced.

**Interested in Future Visits?** The Outings Team is considering visits to places further afield. Would this appeal to you? 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, cost £35?

**Painting.** We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am at the home of Josephine Cutts. We meet next on **Thurs 20 June** for the topic of ‘Fish’. This group is presently full with a short waiting list to join. 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 Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall. Each session, we allow 8 photos per person to permit more in-depth discussion. The next meetings are on **Mon 17 June** (theme ‘Churches and Church Windows’). For further information, contact Stan Darling at stan@darlings.org

**Science.** We meet at 2.00 pm on the 3rd Wed of the month in Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall. There is a charge of £2 per group member to cover the cost of hiring the hall. Our next meeting is on **Wed 19 June** when we will be looking at using data to assess how well our NHS is performing and suggesting key areas for improvement. This will be a round table discussion rather than a formal presentation If you are interested in attending, please contact John Todd on johnh.todd@yahoo.co.uk or 0115 914 7074 or 07590 571945

**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 17 June**. This is friendly, social group and 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 meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2.15 pm at the home of Josephine Cutts. The next meeting is on **Thurs 27 June** when members will finish reading parts from ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’. For further information, please contact Josephine Cutts at etndil@icloud.com

**Singing for Fun Group.** This group normally meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month but will meet next at 10.00 am on **Tues 25 June** 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.** Meets on the 2nd and 4th Mon of the month at 11.00 am in the Meadow Covert. The next dates are **Mon 10 and 24 June**. Currently, we study Unit 10 of Pasos 1 Spanish Beginners Course, covering modes of transport, buying train tickets and aspects of the Spanish railway network (RENFE). We will also consider holidays and plans using the Future tense. 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 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! Please note that there will **no group walk in June**. It is hoped that walks will resume on **Tues 16 July**. For further information, please contact Jean Hudson at egdu3awalks@gmail.com or on 07865 663118

**Wine Tasting Group.** Meets at 2.00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month in Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Village Hall. We meet next on **Wed 26 June**. 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 June**, the topic will be ‘The Card’. Due to size constraints, the group is now full. For further information, contact Pauline Barrett at tollertonpolly220@gmail.com

**Are you a trombone player? Would you like to like to play swing, blues, jazz, rock ‘n’ roll in a band?** Belvoir Big Band based in Harby ([www.belvoirbigband.co.uk](http://www.belvoirbigband.co.uk)) is looking for you! If you are interested, contact their secretary Jon Jayes at jjayes999@btinternet.com

**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 | Fiona Steele | fionasteele23@hotmail.co.uk |
| **History** | 2nd Mon 2.00pm | Pat Gammons | Pat Gammons |
| **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 |
| **Science** | 3rd Wed 2.00pm | John Todd | johnh.todd@yahoo.co.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**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 Group |  |  | 6th Writing for Fun6th Gardening |  |
| **1st pm** | 3rd Family History Group | 4th Bridge |  | 6th Italian | 7th Music Appreciation |
| **2nd am** | 10th Spanish |  | 12th Chatterbox |  |  |
| **2nd pm** | 10th History  | 11th Book Club11th Bridge |  | **13th Monthly Meeting at GCH** | 14th Italian |
| **3rd am** | 17th Craft Project Group | 18th Walking Group no meeting  | 19th Art Appreciation no meeting19th French19th Science | 20th Painting Group |  |
| **3rd pm** | 17th Photography for Fun17th Scrabble | 18th Bridge |  |  | 21st Italian |
| **4th am** | 24th Spanish | 25th Singing for Fun |  | 27th Lunch Club at the Goose at Gamston |  |
| **4th pm** |  | 25th Bridge | 26th Wine Tasting | 27th Italian27th  Shakespeare Play Reading |  |
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