



Eastleigh District Bulletin – February 2024

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Welcome back and very best wishes for 2024. I hope you have all survived the cold and dark and can begin to look forward to the lighter evenings, and hopefully spring should be just around the corner.

Your events team have been busy arranging new and interesting outings and events for the coming year. There is always something to look forward to with Eastleigh u3a. We will be celebrating our 20th anniversary in May. Plans are going ahead to make a special “do” at our May Open Meeting. Perhaps you might feel you can help with that, if so please speak to a member of the committee or in particular Sue Aburrow.

The events committee have not stopped working and researching in order to arrange events and outings which will be announced in due course. If there is anywhere you would like to go please step forward and ask a committee member, and likewise if you can think of a group which is not listed in the New Members Handbook or on the board please ask someone about it.

The committee is still looking for another member to join the team. Any member is welcome to come along to a committee meeting to see what we do and perhaps this might encourage you to join us. Thank you, Glenda Biggs – editor.



**To our new members who have recently joined us.
Carol Smith. Avril Roman and Jacky Wilson.
For help or information about membership please
contact our Membership Secretary Sue High at**



The Photography Group continues to meet once a month to share our photos which are all on the same topic. Lively debate often produces learning points that we all benefit from. If you are interested in joining please contact Elizabeth Mabb

**Sunday Carvery at Sherwoods Restaurant
Eastleigh Football Club**

Two course meal – soup and carvery £15.95
Desserts available at an additional £5.50 each

WELFARE



Speaker for 21st February
Jane Glennie
“Violet’s Titanic Escape”
The winter months tend to cause illness and general malaise when we might feel that we need a bit of cheering up. If you know of anyone who would like a card of just a chat, please let Glenda Biggs know and she will be pleased to send kind wishes.
Thank you.

Crib Group

We play this traditional pub game at the New Clock Inn in Fair Oak on the first Friday of the month. Some of us meet at 12 noon for lunch and some start playing at 4pm. Everyone is welcome, both beginners and experienced players. Please contact Sue High if you would like to join us.

Dates for 2024 at 12.30 pm
 25th February, 24th March, 28th April,
 26th May and 30th June



To reserve your place
 please contact Andy Payne



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Quiz Night
 on zoom during the winter months
 Every 2nd Thursday at 7 pm.
 If interested please contact Sue High

College Lunches
 At Eastleigh College
 The Avenue Restaurant.
 Midday

Meals are cooked by the students and only
 £16 for a 3 course meal
 with 4 choices per course.
 22nd February, 21st March, 18th April,
 16th May, 20th June



Skittles
 Tuesday 19th March
 At West Wellow Golf Club
 Please contact Jill Robertson

PAYABLE IN ADVANCE
 Please see Sue White
 To book at the open meeting





Creative Crafters

Meet on the fourth Friday afternoon at members' homes. We make items to donate to several different charities. The photo shows the Christmas tree at Brendon Care, Otterbourne, made from knitted and crocheted squares, many donated by our members.

We are always grateful to receive unwanted yarn to use for our charities.

*More details from
Gillian Spanner*

The Gardening Club

Meetings are on Second Wednesday of the month from 10.30 to 12 noon in the Grace Mears room, Fair Oak Village Hall. Why not come along and join this fun and vibrant group?

**For more information please contact
Sue Aburrow**



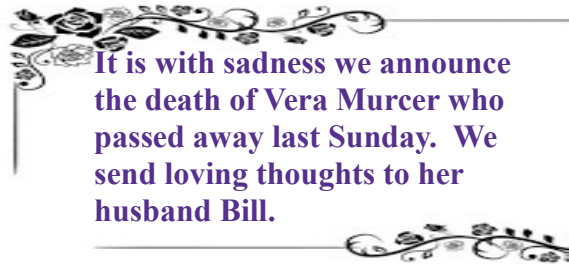
Hand Book Corrections

*Walking Group is called
"Happy Strollers"*

They meet 1st Wednesday at 10.15 am.

They meet at various locations.

Please contact Ann Beeching



It is with sadness we announce the death of Vera Murcer who passed away last Sunday. We send loving thoughts to her husband Bill.

Wine Appreciation

We now meet at lunch time on 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 o'clock.

We take turns to host the group and share the cost of the wine between us all. We usually taste three bottles of wine with some cheese and biscuits.

Next meeting TBA. If you are interested in coming along to enjoy a taste of the wine and cheese and to learn something about the wine we are tasting, such as the grapes, the climate, area, the grower and vineyard then please contact

Sue Aburrow



Ping Pong

We really need YOU to help keep this group going. We play once a month on the first Thursday at the Pavilion on the Park, in the Woodpecker Hall, from 10am to 12 noon.

There are a lot of benefits to be gained from playing ping pong including gentle exercise, balance, co-ordination as well as keeping the little grey cells active. We have plenty of fun and laughter as well as a cuppa and biscuits.

If you are interested please contact

Sue Aburrow

NEW PLAYERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Would you like to start a group for your favourite activity or hobby?

We are very lucky in EDu3a to have a wide choice of interest groups run by such wonderful dedicated Group Leaders. However, you may wish to try something different as well, perhaps a dancing group, learn a foreign language, visit the cinema.....there are so many choices. Or have you a favourite hobby you would like to share with others?

If you are interested in starting anew group, get in touch with me and we can have a chat, I can help you to set it up and will assist in any way I can.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Don't forget that you can find all the groups with contact details and when and where in the latest Handbook. Please feel free to join in and make the most of the friendship and fun which is available to you.

We would love you to volunteer, maybe helping with the refreshments, or putting out the chairs at the meetings.

But most of all



Everyone can play a part!

There are many ways to contribute; everyone can do something. It may be helping to co-ordinate an interest group, volunteering for the committee.

A u3a thrives because all its members are willing to step up and put in as much as they get out.

"By the members, for the members" is the u3a's mantra.

A u3a does not provide services for its members- members provide them for each other.

Visit us on Facebook

If you would like to be included in the group here is what you need to do....

Open your Facebook account (if you don't have one but would like one, I can help you with that).

In the blue bar near the top of the page (with the letter F) click on the white bar and type in:- Eastleigh u3a, then click the little magnifying glass at the end of the white box. The first thing that comes up should be entitled "groups", that's us. You will be asked for your membership number which is on your membership card. Then you will see the group rules. A blue bar should tell you to 'SEND TO ADMIN'. Click on this and I will get your request. I will check your number and if all is well, you will be approved and become a member of the Facebook group. This may take a little while as the Administrator cannot constantly monitor her messages. Please be patient. Once approved you are free to do as you please, make comments on photos, add your own stories and strike up conversations with other members. If you need help in getting started on how to use Facebook please contact me:-

*Facebook Administrator
Helena Matthews Golledge*

Live
Laugh
Learn