

## Charnwood u3a Local History Group Programme 2024

*Meetings at 2 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at Trinity Methodist Church, Royland Road, Loughborough, unless otherwise indicated below.*

- 26 February Tony Jarram: Loughborough Fortnight – Exodus to the Seaside
- 25 March Sue Griffiths: The History of My House
- 22 April Anthony Gimpel: Historic Villages in Charnwood
- 27 May NO MEETING (Bank Holiday)
- 24 June Visit to Swannington (Hough) Windmill (*see below for details*)
- 22 July Visit to Burton Walks – a guided tour by John Weitzel, Loughborough Grammar School archivist
- 26 August NO MEETING (Bank Holiday)
- 23 September Christine Harris: The Moss Family of Loughborough
- 28 October Lynne Dyer: The Pubs of Loughborough
- 25 November 1. Anne Speight: Votes for Women - Loughborough Suffragettes  
2.(after tea) Brenda Feeney: Rosebery School War Memorial
- 23 December NO MEETING
- 27 January '25 AGM, Review of 2024 and Member Participation Session

### **June Visit to Hough Windmill at Swannington:**

Tours round the windmill, plus a tour round the site to see evidence of coal mining going back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Doing both "tours" takes around 1½ hours. We would be split into 2 groups, one doing the windmill while the other does the mining bit, and then swap over.

Re accessibility, visiting the upper storeys of the mill involves climbing about 40 steep stairs. However people with limited mobility can access the ground floor, and there should be a tv screen that displays a slide show of the upper floors. The mining tour involves about a ½ mile walk over grass and rough tracks that could be muddy if wet. Car parking in June will be limited, so if people could car share, that would help.

For more details, see <https://swannington-heritage.co.uk/windmills/hough-mill-today/>