

# Update



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## CONTACT DETAILS

Please note that for data protection reasons all Charnwood U3A members' personal contact details have been removed from this version of Update.

Visit the password-controlled Members Area of our website and click on Update to get access to these contact details.

[www.charnwoodU3A.org.uk](http://www.charnwoodU3A.org.uk)

using the username and password supplied.

## Welcome

**A warm welcome** to our **new members**. We hope you will soon be involved in U3A activities and making new friends. To access the members' area of our **website** [www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk](http://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk) you will need the user name and password which have been supplied to you.

**Please come along to our monthly meeting (2:30, 2nd Wed of month, see below) and someone will be there to welcome you!**

## Monthly Meetings at Emmanuel Church

Paul Newsham is not our local MP but he stood in well for Nicky Morgan in November with a very entertaining talk on "What my mother and father told me" although I was puzzled as to where looking for faces in trees came into that. Even so, the audience loved it.

## Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th December 2019

### LSU Sings: Loughborough University Student Union Choir



Many of our members have asked us to book this young choir because their reputation is so high. They will present a full programme of "Songs for Christmas" but there will be an opportunity for you to get involved with a final sing-a-long through some Christmas music at the end.

Mince pies may be available.

## Looking Ahead: Meeting on Weds 8th January 2020

### "Barrow to Baghdad and Back"

We begin the new year with a visit from **Philip Caine** on 8th January.

Philip spent many years in post war Baghdad working with the American coalition and a further three years running oil services companies in Dubai and Iraq.

Philip retired in 2015 and began writing as a hobby. To date he has published five Jack Castle adventure novels all based on his experiences in the Middle East and two more general "thrillers". It should be an exciting ride.



The monthly meetings at Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, at 2.30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, are open to all members at no extra charge. The Church is accessible by bus and there are car parks nearby.

**We would appreciate it if you could arrive after 2.00 pm to avoid interference with the preparations for the talk.**

Neil Rowbotham, Programme Secretary

## New System for Distributing Update



Those of you who receive Update by email will have noticed a difference in the way you received your copy this month. We are trialling a new system of electronic delivery via Beacon, our new administrative system. The email sent to each member includes direct links to the members' and public versions of Update as PDFs on our website. To access the members' version, you will be prompted to enter the new Charnwood U3A username and password (you can then save these for future access). The public version is accessible without login details on clicking the link, but this version excludes personal contact details.

### Feedback invited!

Please contact me at [newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk) with your comments, not only on the delivery method but also on the content and presentation of Update in general. Remember, it is **your** newsletter, we want to make it interesting, relevant and accessible to all our members!

Helen Reid, Update Editor

## Christmas Quiz:

- 1) Where did Jimmy Boyd see his Mommy kissing Santa Claus?
- 2) Who is the patron saint of repentant thieves?
- 3) On which day is Christmas day celebrated in the Russian Orthodox Church?
- 4) What is special about the match between Preston North End and Aston Villa in December 1889?
- 5) How many gifts did my true love send to me over the Christmas period?
- 6) How are flying fish linked to Christmas?
- 7) Which space crew issued a Christmas message in 1968?
- 8) Whose wife Nance died on Christmas Day?
- 9) Who manufactured the first Christmas crackers?
- 10) What seasonal drink is traditionally made from mulled ale, curdled cream, roasted apples, eggs, cloves, ginger, nutmeg and sugar?
- 11) Which saint's day is celebrated on December 26th?
- 12) Which Christmas tradition was started by Sir Henry Cole in 1843?
- 13) Who was home alone for the Christmas holiday?
- 14) When was the first Royal Christmas Message?
- 15) What does 'Epiphany' mean in religious terms?
- 16) From which area of France do santons originate?
- 17) Which pop group first wished it could Christmas every day?
- 18) What did Protestant Germans post Reformation introduce into their homes instead of the Catholic crib?
- 19) What is a 'stirrup cup'?
- 20) *What you will* is the alternative name of which Shakespeare play?



**(answers in next month's Update Extra)**



## Group News

### Classical Music Enjoyment Group



meets this month on **Wednesday 18th December** (N.B. note **3rd Wednesday**) 2pm to 4pm when the programme will be "A Christmas Bring Your Own". Meeting as usual at Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club, Ingle Pingle, off Forest Road, Loughborough. Any enquiries concerning the Group to Group Leader, Martin Jones.



### Walking Groups

In the first instance, please contact the Walking Groups Co-ordinator Elizabeth Steel.

#### Parish Walk Group

##### Thursday 19th December:

The next walk will be led by Rob Harding from the rear of the car park behind the Bradgate Pub, Newtown Linford, beginning at 10:00 as usual. Enquiries to John Harries.

##### Saturday 5-ish Miles

##### 7th December: 10:00

Woodhouse Eaves car park. Leader: Sue.

##### 4th January: 10:00

Swithland Wood South car park. Leader: Sheila.

Enquiries to Sue Griffiths.

##### Tuesday 6 Plus Walking Group

**17th December:** Melbourne, Castle St C/Park (200m from the Hall). SK388251. Postcode DE73 8DY.

Leader: Sue.

Enquiries to Mike Pearson.

#### 10+ Mile Walking Group

##### 7th January:

Leader: Mike Pearson.

The walk will start from the larger car park at East Leake Leisure Centre SATNAV LE12 6QN. For directions, from the centre of East Leake, take the Gotham Road towards Gotham and Nottingham and at the first roundabout take the third exit (turn right) into Lantern Lane. The Leisure Centre entrance will be on the right hand side. Follow the driveway and the larger car park is on the right hand side. Use the Leisure Centre toilets.

The route will take in Bunny and Wysall (Lunch at the Plough) and the return route veers towards Wymeswold before turning away towards Costock.

Enquiries to Peter Mill.

Any new members must make contact prior to joining a walk.

#### Little Extras

There will be only one Little Extras walk in December, since the 4th Thursday coincides with Boxing Day.

Start as usual promptly at 10:00 for this pre-festive jaunt.

##### 12th December:

##### Festive Foray

Meet at Bradgate Arms Pub. Grid Ref 555109; Postcode LE7 7HG 6 miles around Bradgate Park. Leader: Mary Otter.

Enquiries to Malcolm Otter.

##### 'Les Sportives'

Details of walks will be e-mailed out to members.

Enquiries to Janet Butlin.

#### Strollers & Amble Groups

Details of walks notified by e-mail. Enquiries to Chris Brown.



## Items for Update

The deadline for publishing is normally the last day of the previous month.

The next issue of **Update Extra** will be published in January and the deadline for items is **Tuesday 31st December**. There is a limit of around 500 words per item, and photos are welcome.

The Editor reserves full editorial rights as to length and suitability and the Editor's decision is final. Update Extra is published quarterly.

Please send your contributions to: [newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk) or to Update Editor Helen Reid.

Please make sure you include your contact details with your item, and try not to leave it until the last minute if at all possible.

Update is sent to all Charnwood U3A members by e-mail or by post before the monthly meeting. It is also available to read on the Charnwood U3A website each month at: [www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk](http://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk)

(you will need the user name and password which have been supplied to you).

Thank you!

## Group Leaders Beacon Training

### Attention all GROUP LEADERS:



We have arranged more induction sessions for the BEACON system. If you have not yet attended one, please book with Helen Davison: [chairman@charnwoodu3a.org.uk](mailto:chairman@charnwoodu3a.org.uk)

*Booking is essential.*

#### Dates for January 2020 are:

Monday 13th 2.30pm  
Wednesday 15th 10am  
Monday 20th 2.30pm  
Friday 24th 10am

All sessions take place at Loughborough Library, Granby Street, Loughborough.

## Bits and Bobs

### Heritage Research Volunteers Required

Artreach Leicester together with the Churches Conservation Trust are seeking volunteers to undertake research into the Grade I listed Medieval Church of All Saints, Leicester (*pictured right*). Full training will be given.



Deadline for applications is Saturday 21 December.

Visit <http://artreach.biz/heritage-research-volunteers-leicester/> for full details.

## Happy Christmas Everyone!



*Pictured:*  
(left) Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Parish Church, Loughborough, 30 Nov - 1 Dec 2019;  
(right) Charnwood U3A Christmas tree at the festival.

