

Update



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CONTACT DETAILS

Please note that for data protection reasons all Charnwood U3A member's 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

the username and password are given on your membership card

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 you will need the user name and password which are bottom left and bottom right on the back of your membership card.

A Welcome and a Thank You

Firstly, Welcome to Helen Reid who is the new Editor of our newsletter, Update. Please keep her busy with reports of your group activities, information and articles pertaining to our U3A.

And a big Thank You to Linda Lawson, our retiring Editor, who has so ably edited Update for the last several (9, I think) years. Linda well deserves to have some extra time to herself to enjoy new activities. Thank You, Linda.

Helen Davison, Chairman

Charnwood U3A AGM

You will by now have received notice of our AGM on **Wednesday 13th March**. This is **YOUR AGM** so please turn up to hear how we are doing and what we plan for the future. We have vacancies on the Committee and we always need volunteers, so please consider how you can help.

The AGM will be followed by a talk on "Robert Bakewell and Dishley Grange" given by local historian Ernie Miller, who will put us in the picture about a part of our local history that many will not know.

Helen Davison

Members & Group Leaders Meeting

The Spring Gathering of Group Leaders or their Representatives will take place on

2nd April 2019

at the Indoors Bowls Club on Browns Lane

If you want to find out about a specific group or just to see what's available, you'll be most welcome to drop in **between 10.15 am and 11.15 am** and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.



It's Quiz Time Again !

Another Inter U3A quiz is taking place on **Tuesday 26th March 2019** in Market Harborough. Charnwood needs a team of four, ideally with a reserve. However we can enter two teams.

Venue: Harborough Conservative Club, "Lilacs", Fairfield Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9QQ. There is a car park.
Time: 6.30 pm for 6.45 pm

Book your place and do Charnwood U3A proud

Contact: Graham Cooper, Charnwood U3A Committee,
by 11th March 2019

A Quiz for you now... *(answers in next month's Update Extra)*

- 1) If one travels to Birmingham from Loughborough via the A42 and M42, the only place in the country is passed where four counties meet at one point. Name the four counties.
- 2) What number do you dial from a BT telephone for the speaking clock?
- 3) With which rapper did Ed Sheeran provide vocals to briefly score a UK No.1 in January 2018?
- 4) She became the first American woman to earn an international pilot's licence and went on to stage the first public flight by an African-American woman in the US. What was her name?
- 5) Who was the first English ruling queen to be crowned?
- 6) In which year was the Technical Institute, forerunner of Loughborough University, established?
- 7) Mount Denali was previously named after which politician?
- 8) Who in October 2016 said to the US talk show host that he was looking forward to working in an office with corners?
- 9) Each of the four contestants in a round of Mastermind shakes hands with each of the other contestants once. How many handshakes are there?
- 10) Name the only country in the world to have three capitals.
- 11) Schubert's "Unfinished" symphony is well known. Which Russian composed a symphony also called "Unfinished"?
- 12) Name the only English county whose centre of administration is outside the county.
- 13) The Bennett family appear in which Jane Austen novel?
- 14) George Stubbs is best known for his paintings of what?
- 15) The Third Age Trust in the United Kingdom is loosely based on a model from which country?
- 16) In polo, what is the name given to a period of play in a match?
- 17) How many towns or cities in the United Kingdom have tram or light rail transport systems?
- 18) Which Nordic country does not consider itself to be Scandanavian?
- 19) Why is there no explosion if a match is lit in a closed room full of methane?
- 20) What is the smallest double digit prime number which, when its digits are reversed, produces another prime number where the difference between the two numbers is a square ?

Group News

Classical Music Enjoyment Group



meets this month on Wednesday 27th March 2 pm to 4 pm at Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club, Ingle Pingle, off Forest Road, Loughborough, when the programme will be given by Christine Mitchell and is entitled "Sibelius and Schubert".

Any enquiries concerning the Group to Martin Jones, Group Leader.

Walking Groups



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

Strollers & Amble Groups

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

Tuesday 6 Plus Walking Group

19th March
Sence Valley Forest Park, LE67 6NW. ref. SK403111
Leader: Malcolm

Enquiries to Mike Pearson.

Parish Walk Group

These walks are at a leisurely pace and cover about 3 miles. The group meets every third Thursday of the month.

Thursday 21st March:
Attenborough Nature Reserve. A flat walk of 3.7 miles to be led by Joan Murray around the nature reserve. Grid reference SK516340 or Sat nav postcode NG9 6DY. Car park £3.00

There are loos, a cafe and an RSPB shop at the start (and finish!). It will take about 25 minutes to get to the car park from Loughborough ready to start walking at 10.00 am.

If interested contact Elizabeth Steel.

Little Xtras

Little Xtras Thursday walks for March - 10.00 am start as usual

14th March - In the sun at Elvaston...
Meet at the Harrington Arms, Thulston nr Elvaston, SK409320; Postcode DE72 3EY
Leader - Mike Pearson

28th March - Ain't that the Ruth...
Meet at the Plough Inn, Main Street, Normanton on Soar, SK517230; Postcode LE12 5HB

If you are not walking but would like to join us for lunch please call ahead.

A mixture of fields and footpaths leading away from Normanton over to West Leake and back via Sutton Bonnington.

There is one section that has a few stiles - no I haven't counted them yet.

Leader - Ruth Grantham

Any questions, please contact Malcolm Otter.

'Les Sportives'

9.45 am meet for 10 am start
Thursday 14th March
Meet: Jolly Farmers, Iveshead Road, Shepshed, Leics LE12 9EP
Lead: Jill & Michael

...'Les Sportives' contd.

Thursday 28th March
Meet: Ferrer's Arms, B587, Lount, Ashby, LE65 1SD
Lead: Ann & Michael

Enquiries to Janet Butlin.

Saturday 5-ish Miles

2nd March, 10 am at Woodhouse Eves public car park. Leader Sue.

6th April, 10 am at Zouch car park. Leader Ruth.

Enquiries to Sue Griffiths.

10+ Mile Walk

2nd April. Leader: Mike Hill.
Walk will start at 10.00 am from Ravenstone.

Please park considerately in Hospital Lane SATNAV LE67 2AJ. Lunch will be at "Queen's Head" Heather. Walk will include Packington, Normanton le Heath, Sence Valley and Donington le Heath. Note if it's wet weather, it could be very muddy!

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

Items for Update

The deadline for publishing is normally the last day of the previous month. The deadline for the April issue of **Update Extra** will be **Sunday 31st March**. 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 or to Update Editor Helen Reid. See Update in Members Area for contact details.

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 link 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

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Thank you!

Dance Groups

The new sessions, for those who would like to learn the basic steps of **BALLROOM DANCING**, will begin on Friday 8th March at 11.45 am. To begin we will work for 45 mins and finish at 12.30 pm. As progress is made, we will be able to bring forward the start time to 11.30 am if desired. The class will take place in the Community Room in the Tesco store on Park Rd, Loughborough. There is no cost involved for this group. Everyone is welcome – apart from those who can already dance!

The above groups are very friendly and always welcome new members!! Enquiries to: Beverly Gillman.

LINE DANCE sessions will continue for 2 hours – including a refreshment break – commencing at 9.45 am at the same venue on Fridays.

The **SOCIAL DANCE** group will continue to meet in the hall of the Good Shepherd Church on Park Road from 2-4 pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. A small charge of £1.50 is necessary to cover the hire of the hall & the refreshments for these sessions.

Bits and Bobs

New Exhibition at Loughborough Library



There is a new exhibition on **Robert Bakewell of Dishley** in the recently opened **Local and Family History Centre in the Carnegie Library, Granby St, Loughborough**. This exhibition, which runs **from 6th March to 30th April**, with **free entry** during library opening hours* is presented by the Loughborough Library Local Studies Volunteers with the generous help of the Dishley Society and the Leicester Longwool Sheep Breeders Association.

This exhibition is especially timely, in view of the talk by Ernie Miller at our AGM meeting on 13th March (see page 1).

* Library opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10:00 am - 12:00 noon & 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Activity List

There is an up-to-date Group Activities sheet in the Members' Area of the Charnwood U3A website www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk.

