

News & Views


 Newsletter

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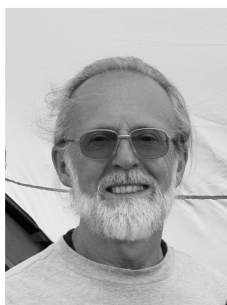
Details of Groups can be found on the Charnwood u3a website: www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk under 'Our Groups' menu.

Welcome

...to the February edition of News & Views, the newsletter of Charnwood u3a. We hope you'll find it both entertaining and informative. The content is written by members, and details for sending contributions can be found at the end of this newsletter.



A View from the Chair



At this time of the year, my visits to the allotment are mainly to collect winter harvests. Having remembered to protect them from bugs and beasties, the leeks have been plentiful and should last out for at least another month. We are also supplementing shop-bought veg with our own kalettes, cabbages, kale and parsnips – although the latter will soon start putting out new shoots, whilst the roots grow increasingly 'woody' and less nice to eat.

Looking forward, I am hopeful that the purple sprouting broccoli (well netted to keep the pigeons at bay!) will be plentiful but, failing that, I can be sure the chard will soon be putting on new growth to help us weather the 'hungry' months, whilst the 2022 crops are getting started.

What this means is that spring will soon be with us – but not until February (often the coldest month of the year) is out of the way. Already snowdrops and hellebores are in bloom, and the bowl of hyacinths, given to us at Christmas, is now filling our conservatory with its scent.

During the second half of January we have enjoyed some welcome sunshine and, from this, the gradual lengthening of daylight has been noticeable. Throughout the month this had increased by about 3 minutes a day. That doesn't sound very much, but it means that since New Year, our 'day' has lengthened by nearly 1½ hours. This will increase further, by just under 2 hours, during February and, whilst it will probably still be cool (sounds better than 'cold!'), we will start turning our thoughts towards doing things outdoors – including, of course, u3a activities!

Recognising that we cannot live our lives wrapped in cotton wool forever, many of us have also returned to indoor meetings and, provided we all behave sensibly and with consideration to others, I am hopeful that this trend will continue.

Last week alone, I took part in 5 indoor group meetings – all well attended. Some members chose to wear face coverings whilst others had taken lateral flow tests before arriving. For the next few months, I can see this being the 'new normal'.

Also, over 80 members attended the January monthly meeting – not far short of pre-lockdown numbers.

Of course, I understand, there will still be some of you who are nervous about meeting face-to-face. Zoom is going to be with us for a while yet!

Mike Hood, Chair, Charnwood u3a, chair@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Our Monthly Meetings

The monthly meetings of Charnwood u3a are on the second Wednesday afternoon, 2.15 for 2.30 pm in Emmanuel Church, Forest Road in Loughborough. The main car park for the church is spacious and to the west of the church. There is a very small parking facility adjacent to the church but please only use that if the main car park is too far away. Our monthly meetings are free to all, and we welcome prospective new members attending a meeting as a 'taster'.

Last month, the Head of Conservation at the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, John Clarkson, gave an interesting and informative talk about the Trust, followed by a good interactive Q & A session. It seems he'd have liked to have given more detail about the work of the Trust had time permitted. Following the talk, a member asked about the references given and the speaker has kindly provided the key ones:

<https://livingplanet.panda.org/en-gb/>

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/03/1088212>

Ceballos et al., **Accelerated modern human-induced species losses: Entering the sixth mass extinction**, *Sci Adv* 2015

<https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/uk-biodiversity-indicators-2021/>

<https://nbn.org.uk/stateofnature2019/reports/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/oct/15/uk-miss-most-biodiversity-targets-conservation>

<https://www.anthropocene.info/great-acceleration.php>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/final-report-the-economics-of-biodiversity-the-dasgupta-review>

<https://www.footprintnetwork.org/our-work/ecological-footprint/>

If anyone wishes to join the Trust, they can do so at <https://www.lrwt.org.uk/join>

Our Next Meeting Wednesday 9th February

“Now what did you say?”

Our speaker at the February monthly meeting is **Sarah Bardill**. She is a qualified audiologist with her own local business. Sarah will survey all types of hearing difficulties including one sided hearing defects, the relationship between hearing and age, as well as current and possible future cures and treatments.

If you have any comments on this or other talks or suggestions for future speakers, please contact me at programmesecc@charnwoodu3a.org.uk or 01509 213675. I shall wear a badge at the meeting.

Graham Cooper
Programme Secretary



To attend this 'hybrid' meeting:

If you wish to attend the meeting in person, no pre-booking is required - just turn up on the day, with your Cu3a membership card. **Please note:** do not arrive before 2 pm.

Important: Please ensure you follow the guidance in the **Risk Assessment** for the meeting at:

https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/siteb/pdfdocsPrint/Risk_Assessment_monthly_meeting.pdf, which includes wearing a face covering whilst moving around inside the church.



Alternatively, if you wish to attend via Zoom, you will need to pre-register by **Monday 7th February** by completing the registration form available from the February monthly meeting page on our website at:

<https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/MonthlyMeetingRegistration.html>

- please do not do this if you intend joining in person.

An invitation to join the Zoom meeting will then be emailed before the meeting to all those who have pre-registered for this.

AGM - 9th March 2022

At the March monthly meeting we will be holding our AGM. Do you wish to propose a motion (requiring a vote), or a topic for inclusion in Any Other Business? If so, please let the Business Secretary know at secretary@charnwoodu3a.org.uk **no later than 8th February 2022**.

Full details of the meeting, including supporting papers, will be sent out mid-February.

As a first for Charnwood u3a, this AGM will be a Blended Meeting, i.e. you may attend in person or via Zoom. This is an important occasion, so I hope to see many of you there.

Mike Hood
Chair, Charnwood u3a

EDI – Eat, Drink and Inform?



Not a bad idea, but before we get to that, let's talk about Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Did you know that Cu3a has an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) policy? That sounds impressive, so we do hope you are all duly impressed. But what do you understand by EDI and why is it important not only to have a policy, but to make sure it's more than just words on paper?

Well, we want to make sure that Cu3a works for everybody, whatever their age, gender and sexual orientation, and regardless of race, religion or socio-economic status. Additionally, we need to ensure that we cater for the needs of those with any kind of disability. Pursuing these aims will help Cu3a remain vibrant and relevant across our whole community.

Easier said than done? Possibly, but it's up to all of us to make sure we succeed (and here's where eating and drinking and informing have a role to play). Would you be interested in getting together to discuss how we can make our policy work? A coffee morning would be an ideal way to exchange views and raise any issues, major or minor, either via Zoom (bring your own cake) or in person (cake, or at least decent biscuits, supplied).



If you would be interested in attending such a meeting, please contact Pam Upton at secretary@charnwoodu3a.org.uk or 07974 946 007, stating whether you'd prefer a Zoom or face-to-face meeting, or whether you'd be willing to attend either - or even both! Please tell us in confidence if you'd like a specific issue addressed or a question answered; your anonymity would be preserved at the meeting.

Our policy is available at:

https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/pdffdocsMain/Equality_Diversity_Inclusion_Policy.pdf

Please do take a look, as it is up to all members to make sure it works.



Hilary Knowles
Helen Reid
Pam Upton

Group News

Local History

The Local History group is offering an open invitation to Charnwood u3a members to a Zoom talk given by Tony Jarram. This will be on **Monday 7th February at 2 pm**. If you would like to join this Zoom session, please email Anne Speight on LocalHistory@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Tony's talk covers the background of how 'The Brush' came into being and the variety of things that were produced on their Loughborough site. Tony is very passionate about the subject as both his grandfathers, his father and he himself worked for the company.



Fitness, Friendship and Fun! The new SCOTTISH DANCING GROUP begins

Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022

10am, Loughborough Baptist Church, Baxter Gate

For vaccinated members, no partner necessary, soft soled shoes.

For more details contact Sue Ronald: ScottishDancing@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Travel Group

Members of the Travel Group were delighted to meet together once again at our January meeting, where they were treated to an entertaining photo presentation of their last trip to Southern Ireland in October. The room at Gorse Covert Community Centre was packed - but with lots of air coming through open doors to keep everyone safe and healthy.



The Jurassic Coast

Everyone is eagerly looking forward to our trips planned for this year to Dorset, Puglia, Orkney and East Yorkshire - with the Working Party already busy planning more exciting trips for 2023.

So far, 33 people are going to DORSET, but there are several twin and double rooms still available.

The holiday runs from **24th - 29th April**, with a packed itinerary including visits to Corfe Castle, Kingston Lacy, Sherborne Castle; a train trip to Swanage; a boat trip along the Jurassic Coast and a coach tour of Hardy country.

If anyone is interested, **time is running out** to take up those spare places. The price is **£559 for 5 nights/6 days**, with half board accommodation in Bournemouth.

For more information, please contact: Ann Maddocks (Group Leader) Tel: 01509 842377

TravelGroup@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

More Group News

Pilates



Would you like to improve your core strength, posture, mobility and flexibility? If so, have you considered Pilates? Charnwood u3a have three Pilates groups which meet weekly at Gorse Covert Community Centre and are taught by Jo Greene, who is a highly qualified Chartered Physiotherapist and Pilates instructor.

A vacancy has arisen in Pilates 1 which meets each Friday afternoon at 1.30 pm. This class is probably more appropriate for those who are not complete beginners, so if you have done some Pilates or Yoga in the past and want to restart (or think this class could be suitable for you) please contact Ros Fleming (email: Pilates1@charnwoodu3a.org.uk) for further details.

If you are interested in Pilates but can't manage Friday afternoon, perhaps Pilates 2 (Tuesday 9.30 am) or Pilates 3 (Tuesday 11.15 am) might be suitable? These groups are currently full but vacancies occasionally occur. Please contact Lynne Peebles (email: Pilates2@charnwoodu3a.org.uk) if you would like more information or to add your name to the waiting list.

Ros Fleming

Parish Walks

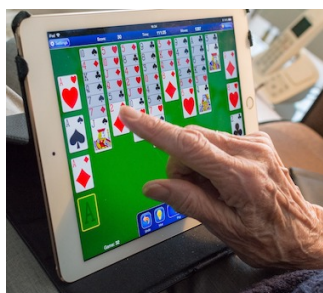
We had a very pleasant walk led by Anne Maccabee from Morrisons in December which included the lakes near the old AstraZeneca buildings, quite rural in nature considering how close we were to town.

We walk at a very gentle pace avoiding hills, stiles and if possible, mud, but boots are always recommended. If anyone would like to join us, just let me know by emailing ParishWalking@charnwoodu3a.org.uk



John Harries

Calling iPad Users



For a few years now there's been a successful Mac Users Forum, which offers help and support mainly to users of iMacs and MacBooks.

Now it seems there are a substantial number of our Cu3a members who would like similar help and support using their iPads, especially when that's what they use and they have neither a PC nor a Mac. If that's you, do please get in touch, by email to agimpel@btinternet.com.

Even better though, would someone like to offer to host such a group?

Anthony Gimpel

Do you have anything to report on the activities of your Group, or ideas for a potential new Group? Whether it's an appeal for new members, a report of previous meetings or trips or notifying the wider Cu3a membership of spare places on upcoming trips or meetings, or anything else you think might interest our readers, please send the details to the Editor at: newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

February 2022 Meetings

Below is a provisional timetable for February. Members should check with the relevant Group Leaders for details of times/dates/places of their meetings. Email addresses for Group Leaders can be found on the relevant group page of our website, via: <https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/siteb/GroupsAlpha.html>

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Feb 09.30 Pilates 2 10.00 10+ Walks 10.00 Spanish 11.00 Table Tennis 2 11.15 Pilates 3 14.00 Canasta 1 14.00 Sing4Pleasure	2 Feb 10.00 Classical Greek 10.00 German 10.00 Golf 10.00 JigsawBookEx 10.00 Mini Tennis 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Sustain Planet	3 Feb 10.00 Sci Tech 2 10.00 Spanish Conv 10.30 Amble/Strollers 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Indoor 14.00 French Conv	4 Feb 09.00 Badminton 10.00 German Adv 10.00 Line Dance 10.00 Mah Jong 10.00 Table Tennis 7 10.30 Photography 10.30 Tai Chi 11.00 Table Tennis 5 12.00 Lunch Club 1 12.00 Table Tennis 6 13.30 Pilates 1 14.00 Book Group 2
7 Feb 09.30 Yoga 10.00 Latin 11.00 Table Tennis 1 14.00 Local History	8 Feb 09.30 Pilates 2 10.00 EngParCh Zoom 11.00 Table Tennis 2 11.15 Pilates 3 14.00 Canasta 1 14.00 EngParCh F2F	9 Feb 10.00 Committee 10.00 Golf 10.00 Mini Tennis 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.30 MonthlyMeet	10 Feb 10.00 Les Sportives 10.00 Thurs 6 Milers 10.30 Amble/Strollers 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Indoor 14.00 Making Music	11 Feb 09.00 Badminton 10.00 Classical Civ 10.00 Line Dance 10.00 Mah Jong 10.00 Needlecraft 1 10.00 Table Tennis 7 10.30 Tai Chi 11.00 Table Tennis 5 12.00 Table Tennis 6 13.30 Pilates 1
14 Feb 09.30 Yoga 10.00 Poetry 1 11.00 Table Tennis 1 14.00 Archaeology 14.00 Chess	15 Feb 09.30 Pilates 2 10.00 6+ Walks 10.00 Spanish 11.00 Table Tennis 2 11.15 Pilates 3 14.00 Canasta 1 14.00 Philosophy 2 14.00 Sing4Pleasure	16 Feb 10.00 German 10.00 Golf 10.00 Mini Tennis 10.00 Poetry 2 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Family History 14.00 Italian Conv	17 Feb 10.00 Parish Walks 11.00 Table Tennis 4 13.00 French Conv 14.00 Bowls Indoor 14.15 Scrabble 4 18.30 Supper Club 2	18 Feb 09.00 Badminton 10.00 German Adv 10.00 Line Dance 10.00 Mah Jong 10.00 Table Tennis 7 10.30 Photography 10.30 Tai Chi 11.00 Table Tennis 5 12.00 Table Tennis 6 13.30 Pilates 1 14.00 Art Apprec'n 15.00 Mac Users
21 Feb 09.30 Yoga 11.00 Table Tennis 1 13.00 Quiz group 14.00 Gardening	22 Feb 09.30 Pilates 2 11.00 Table Tennis 2 11.15 Pilates 3 13.30 ETHEL 14.00 Canasta 1 14.00 Philosophy 1	23 Feb 10.00 Golf 10.00 History 3 10.00 Mini Tennis 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Classical Music	24 Feb 10.00 Les Sportives 10.00 Thurs 6 Milers 10.30 Amble/Strollers 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Architecture 14.00 Bowls Indoor 14.00 Making Music	25 Feb 09.00 Badminton 10.00 Line Dance 10.00 Mah Jong 10.00 Needlecraft 1 10.00 Table Tennis 7 10.30 Tai Chi 11.00 Table Tennis 5 12.00 Table Tennis 6 13.30 Pilates 1 19.30 Wine Apprec'n
28 Feb 09.30 Yoga 11.00 Table Tennis 1 14.00 Chess 14.00 Local History				

PLUS on Saturdays: Saturday Walks; Days of Interest Lunch (26th February)

For more information, visit our **website** (<https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk>) for the interactive calendar which is regularly updated, with direct links to the group pages for more details. Please send details of any amendments to the Editor at newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk for inclusion in future months' calendars.

Teamprint – 40 years on



Over 40 years ago, Teamprint was set up to provide a low-cost printing service for churches. This soon expanded to include community groups, mainly in the Charnwood area, and has been of considerable benefit to many magazines and publications which have circulated in our communities. At its height, the printroom operated 3 digital printing machines producing mainly black on white or coloured paper 5 days a week.

Over the years, the number of magazines has declined, both as electronic ways of sharing information have increased and the all-essential local volunteers to create the magazines have decreased. This has been particularly noticeable with the Covid pandemic, and whilst some magazines have restarted regular editions, Teamprint finds itself in a position to take on new work, either on an occasional or a regular monthly basis.

We are wanting Teamprint to continue, but it does

depend on having the work to do to be viable. Our production costs are low, being the cost of materials plus a contribution towards the overheads of maintaining the printroom. As we are all volunteers, there is no labour charge involved in our work.

We continue to operate 2 digital printers and a commercial inkjet printer for colour images on covers and fliers; together with equipment to collate, staple and fold publications (such as *News & Views*). The regular volunteers operate the printroom as the need arises, and we can usually turn round the jobs we get in within a few days.

If you think we may be able to do some work for you or your group, please contact us by email in the first instance at teamprint.261425@outlook.com and we will get back to you.

We are also looking for more volunteers if you would be interested in joining us.

Thank you

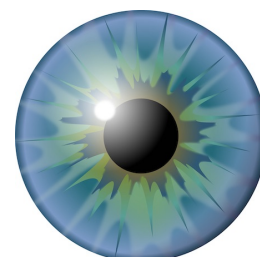
Adrian Speight, Teamprint Leader

Vision Research: Can You Help?

Samantha Tyler is a PhD Researcher in the Department of Neuroscience, Psychology and Behaviour at the University of Leicester, researching into visual perception across the lifespan. As well as looking at healthy ageing, she will look at any vision changes associated with Alzheimer's disease.

She is currently looking to recruit adults aged 65-80 WITHOUT Alzheimer's disease to participate in an in-person study at the University of Leicester with strict COVID measures in place. The study will last 2 hours and participants would receive £20 for their time plus travel expenses (with valid receipts) of up to £10.

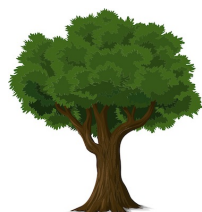
Interested? Samantha is happy to discuss this further with you and provide more information about what is involved in the study. Just send her an email at slt47@leicester.ac.uk and she'll get back to you to chat either via email or by phone if you wish.



Buy a Tree for our 40th Anniversary

The u3a has purchased a large tract of land in the Brecon Beacons, which it intends to fill with new trees.

The target is to plant **over 5,000 trees through the planting season up to March 2022**. We can all buy trees for this simply on the computer, and you'll get your own certificate. Don't you think that it's splendid to plant trees to give out oxygen, take in carbon dioxide, to look at, provide habitat for wild birds and animals, and perhaps somewhere to walk? Don't you agree that this will be totally GOOD THING for our future environment? Please support this, and spread the word amongst your friends and family.



To buy a tree, go to the u3a brand centre at: <https://u3abrand.org.uk/>. You'll need to register to set up an account (or login if you already have one). Once registered, you'll be taken to a screen where you can click on 'u3a 40th Anniversary Woodland – Individual Trees' to see more details of the scheme. Follow the instructions to purchase one or more trees (£7.50 for one tree, discounts for multiple purchases).

Diana Harvey

Siblings, Who'd Have Them?

It was 1970. I was 17 and my younger brother Martin was 15. Our father worked at Heathrow for British Airways, with heavily discounted air fares as a perk.

That summer, Martin was keen to take advantage of the cheap flights by taking a trip into Europe, even though our parents had neither the holiday time nor the funds for such. "I know..." says Martin, "...Peter can take the two of us". This was the last thing I wanted! Martin and I were having 'differences of opinion' on a fairly regular basis and there was no way I wanted to be responsible for his behaviour away from parental control. After a determined campaign by Martin, I found myself planning the itinerary for a trip to Germany.

The outline plan was for flying visits to Berlin, Munich, Heidelberg, Worms and Frankfurt over 10 days. Simple eh? What could possibly go wrong?!

We were slow checking into the Berlin Youth Hostel Association (YHA); we'd not used these before and my German was barely better than their non-existent English. We made our way upstairs to our dorm where we met people from several countries. One was a French guy with a battered VW Beetle. At breakfast the following morning he offered to drive us to see the infamous Checkpoint Charlie and the Berlin Wall. We couldn't resist the offer, especially since he offered a free lift to the airport too. We had a good look around and then headed off to the airport where we caught our flight to Munich.

On arrival at Munich we made our way to the YHA, to find a huge queue. Only after queueing for 30-40 minutes did we realise we'd left our cards at the Berlin YHA! We explained the situation to the staff but they wouldn't let us in and suggested we asked the police if they could do anything. The local police were helpful but said it would take a few days to get our YHA cards back, and suggested it would be quicker for us to join the German YHA. Unfortunately by now they were closed until 8:30 the following morning. The police directed us to a general hostel.

By the time we got to our beds we were both feeling rather tired. I suggested we had a short rest before going out to eat. I dozed off only to wake up about an hour later with no sign of Martin. I rushed outside

and wandered around the general area trying to catch a sign of him. Obviously this was futile, so I went back to the hostel and waited. I gave myself an hour before considering going to the police. Fortunately, Martin reappeared before this in time for me to blow my top at him! It turns out that he'd popped into a local cinema to watch a dubbed-in-German version of "A Man Called Horse".

The following morning we got to the German YHA office at 8:30 and waited in the rain until they opened at 10. Wet and bedraggled, we joined the German association. As we were British, it cost twice the normal rate - had we been American it would have been three times as much!



With our new membership cards in hand, we trudged off to the Munich YHA, joined the queue and finally got into the building to a pair of beds on the sixth floor. The building had no lifts, with all the washing and toilet facilities in the basement.

That evening we went to a local tavern for food and drink. Being mature, sensible teenagers, we'd intended to consume only a modest amount of alcohol. Er, well that was the plan. It lasted about an hour, during which we got chatting to a chap from Liverpool who was also staying at our hostel.

However Martin was enjoying the local beer a little too much and the beer waitresses appeared very friendly! My new friend from Liverpool and I started to get concerned about Martin's increasingly beer-fuelled boldness. With some difficulty, we persuaded him that we'd had enough lubrication and should head back to the hostel.

On the way back, Martin decided we were too slow, so off he went at twice our speed. As we were slowly walking up the stairs at the hostel, on the fourth floor we met Martin heading down - he'd got to our sixth floor room only to realise he was feeling the effect of the beer and needed the loo in the basement! I left him to it and headed to my bed. The following morning I found Martin still dressed, half in his bed, half on the floor - he'd got back from the loo dash only to collapse there and flake out for the night.

[to be continued: have you guessed the punchline?]

Peter Reid

Readers' Comments

This new section features your comments on anything in the previous issue of News & Views. Thanks go to the contributors below for sending us their thoughts. We hope to make this a regular feature, so please keep your comments coming!

Hilary Knowles commented on the Members' Stories '*Mind Your Language*' piece:

"I particularly enjoyed the American demanding ham and rejecting jambon. It rang a bell with me regarding a famous quote I remember hearing many years ago - my favourite anti-foreign-language American quote - where a similar ignoramus declared, "If English was good enough for Jesus, then it's good enough for me!"

The same article also evoked memories for **Janice Newbold**, who writes:

"My mind was taken back over sixty years. Upon leaving school I went to work in Russell Smith department store, which was on both sides of the High St (long gone, fifty-two years ago*). I was placed in the fabric department; opposite was the Manchester department: bed linens, towels, tea towels, tablecloths etc. Nearly all of the goods were made in Manchester, coming in huge sacks. We had to undo the string to save and roll the sack up to return.

I went to Australia in 2000 and went in a department store, and there was the Manchester counter. I only ever knew it as that name. I bought a tea towel with a map of Australia printed on it. Made in Hong Kong. Today I suppose the name has gone like all the big shops."

* *Editor's note: the former Russell Smith buildings are now occupied by Poundland and the Loughborough Building Society. (See <https://www.pressreader.com/uk/loughborough-echo/20150925/282080570639786>)*

David Fell enjoyed reading the piece '*Ethel Gets Recombobulated*' and offered the following comments regarding the word 'fungible':

"I was discussing this with my daughter (an economist). Dictionaries seem to differ in their definition from that cited in the article:-

fungibles - *npl* movable effects which are consumed by use, and which are estimated by weight, number and measure. (Chambers Concise 1997).

fungible - *n (often plural)* movable perishable goods of a sort that may be estimated by number or weight, such as grain, wine, etc.
fungible issue - *n finance* a bond issued by a company on the same terms as a bond previously issued by that company, although the redemption yield will probably be different. (Collins XII ed 2014).

fungible - *adj. law* (of goods contracted for without an individual specimen being specified) replaceable by another identical item; mutually interchangeable. (Google 02/01/2022)

The last one seems to be similar to the definition in the article, but the Collins citation seems to imply no guarantee of equivalence. Clearly Ethel is irreplaceable!"



Please send your comments on the contents of this (February) issue of News & Views to the Editor by 27th February 2022 for publication in the March Issue. Email newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk, or if you don't have email, please send your comments to the Editor's postal address given on the last page of the printed newsletter. If you prefer to remain anonymous, that's fine, just indicate this in your message.

Quiz Time: (answers in next month's News & Views)

- 1) Which Australian won the Wimbledon men's singles title in 1967, 1970 and 1971?
- 2) Which French historian said "England is an empire; Germany is a nation... a race. France is a person"?
- 3) Which phrase, which could be used ahead of a rocket launch, is GLOSSY METALS an anagram of?
- 4) Which United States pop "legend" launched her own fragrance *Truth Or Dare* in 2012?
- 5) A word can be placed between the words below which has the same meaning as the words either side. What is it? VIOLIN.....SWINDLE
- 6) Butterscotch is made from what two ingredients?
- 7) What word can be placed in front of the five words below to make five other unhyphenated words? BREAD FALL HAND AGE LIST
- 8) In what industry does a skiver work?
- 9) Which 1381 rebellion is also known as The Great Uprising?
- 10) Which Italian rock band won the 2021 Eurovision Song Contest with their *Zitti e buoni*?
- 11) Which Prime Minister is played by Jeremy Irons in the 2021 film *Munich: The Edge of War*?
- 12) What is unusual, possibly unique, about the Symphony No.37 by Mozart?
- 13) In *The Skye Boat Song* who is born to be king?
- 14) Who was the late Labour MP and leader who was MP for North Lanarkshire and Monklands East?
- 15) Which old structure stretches for 73 miles in England?
- 16) As at February 2022, who is the newest Liberal Democrat MP?
- 17) What Palladian house started in 1736 is about five miles south of Wakefield?
- 18) By changing one letter in each word below, which familiar saying can be created?
AN SHE ODE LAND
- 19) What, in the context of USA law, does DEA stand for?
- 20) Which imminent Royal events are linked with the number 78?



Poetry Corner

HIDDEN HISTORY

You may view history close and clear
In industry of yesteryear.
'Mid Chartists, Luddites, Factory Acts,
And muck and brass, and plain hard facts
You may discern, if long you look,
Lives not in any history book.
The constant lure of smoke and wealth,
The battleground of work and health.
Victories by one man, hard won,
To found a company for his son;
A son's devoted imitation
Of Father - killed by automation!

Through minutes, ledgers, books of wages,
You may chase progress through the ages.
You may walk hand in hand with Time,
And count men's wealth success or crime.
Behind accounts of sold and bought
Half hidden facts provoke the thought
"Rights? Or wrongs?" We cannot say,
Can only learn our yesterday.

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New Dementia Support Service in Loughborough

7th February sees the opening of the new **Loughborough Remember Me Café** at the **Gorse Covert Community Centre, Maxwell Drive, Loughborough**.

It will be provided by the Royal Voluntary Service Leicestershire Dementia Support Group. Its aim is to bring together people living with dementia, their carers, families and friends to provide support in a relaxed and friendly environment, with refreshments provided.

A supportive group, providing information and advice, with fun and engaging activities for all, the Remember Me Café will run weekly on a Monday from 10 am to 12 pm.

To book a place or for further information, please contact:
leicestershiredementiasupport@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk
 Tel: 07815515227 or 07815462007



News from the National u3a



Poetry Competition

2022 brings in a new Poetry Competition. The theme is 'new' and poems must be no longer than 16 lines and rhyme. Entries need to be submitted before **Friday 25th February**. See <https://tinyurl.com/yzutvv83>.

Free On-Line Events this Month include:

- **Egyptology: The Valley of the Queens** with Neil Stevenson: Friday 18th February, 2 pm.
- **UK Marine Wildlife** with the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust: Wednesday 23rd February, 2 pm.
- **Geometric Abstraction** with Irene Kyffin, u3a in London: Thursday 24th February, 2 pm

For details of these and other upcoming free on-line events offered by the National u3a, including how to book, go to: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

National u3a Newsletter and More:

To register to receive the latest National u3a newsletter, go to: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/newsletter> where you will find a link to previous issues (also see our Cu3a website under 'News' - National u3a Newsletters...).

The u3a National programmes page at <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes> has more learning initiatives to get involved with, and the u3a learning blog **Sources** <https://sources.u3a.org.uk>, has stories from members about their u3a groups and updates about national projects.

Obituary: Bill Wrigley

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Bill Wrigley on 21st January. Bill was a longstanding member of the Science and Technology 1 group, and Russell Taylor offers the following tribute:

Pam Smith, Chris Brown and I were the originators of Scitech but Bill Wrigley was a close advisor and made many valuable suggestions for trips and speakers. His scientific and general knowledge were phenomenal. He loved one to one discussions, the more obscure the subject the better. He was an original thinker: as a new idea emerged the more palpable his excitement which always made being in his company a stimulating experience. Furthermore he and Margaret used to lead walks in the early days of U3A.

In the true sense of the word he was a gentleman, very affable and with a ready smile. Margaret was a huge loss to him. I and many others will miss him.

Items for News & Views

Do you have an announcement, story, poem - or even a short comment - to share with your fellow Cu3a members? All contributions are very welcome, and we can preserve your anonymity if you prefer that your name does not appear in the newsletter.

In general, there is a limit of around 500 words per item, and photos are very welcome.

To enable the newsletter to be compiled in time for delivery to members at the start of each month, the deadline for receiving items will normally be the last day but one of the previous month. The deadline for the **March** issue of **News & Views** will be **Sunday 27th February (12 noon)**.



Please send your contributions to the Newsletter Editor at: newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

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.

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

News & Views is sent to all Charnwood u3a members by email link (or, for those without email, by post) before the monthly meeting. It is also available to read on the Charnwood u3a website each month at www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk under the News menu.

Thank You!

Helen Reid
Newsletter Editor
Charnwood u3a



Contact Details for Committee and Group Leaders

Names and photographs of the Committee and their generic email addresses ending @charnwoodu3a.org.uk are available on our website under Contact Us - Committee Contacts.



The names and generic email addresses of Group Leaders for each group can be found on that group's dedicated website page, accessed via Our Groups - Groups Listed...

Telephone numbers of Group Leaders can be accessed from the Members area of the website, using login details previously supplied.

Note: Where personal contact details appear in News & Views, these are included with permission.

Committee Meetings

Don't forget that members are always welcome to attend any of our Committee meetings on the **second Wednesday of the month** (10 am - noon), by prior arrangement, as observers. If you would like to attend one of these meetings and see what we do, please contact our Chair on chair@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Some other useful u3a web addresses:

National u3a: <https://www.u3a.org.uk>

The Association of East Midlands u3as: www.eastmidlandsu3as.org.uk

Leicestershire and Rutland Network: www.landru3a.org.uk

Beacon system: <https://beacon.u3a.org.uk>

