

News & Views



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Welcome

...to the August 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.



25th Anniversary Picnic in the Park

As announced in last month's *News & Views*, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Charnwood u3a, we are holding a picnic for all our members and their families:



Place: Queens Park, Loughborough
Date: Sunday 7th August
Time: 2 pm - 6 pm



There will be displays of some of our groups' activities, with music, a large cake and hopefully lots of fun. Please bring along a picnic and help us celebrate. Apart from the cake, it's a 'bring your own' event. The more members who can be there the better, for what should be a very enjoyable afternoon (let's hope the weather stays dry!)

**Also
This
Week:**

South Asian Heritage Event in Loughborough

This Family Funday - including lots of activities (as indicated on the poster on the right) - is taking place on **Thursday 4th August from 10 am to 2 pm at the Sikh Community Centre**, 32 Clarence Street, Loughborough, LE11 1DY.

For further information, please contact:

contact@hkpmarketing.co.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'. If you will need any assistance at the meeting, please contact our Chair in advance on chair@charnwoodu3a.org.uk.

Our Next Meeting Wednesday 10th August

'Sir Malcom Sargent, Our Local Musician' with Sam Dobson

We resume our monthly meetings after the July break with a talk on a musician we all knew....Malcolm Sargent. The talk is given by Sam Dobson, a friend of mine who, until recently, chaired the East Midlands branch of the Elgar Society.

Sam will take us through the life history of this local conductor (he was from Stamford) who was a very early conductor of Leicester Symphony Orchestra.

Sam Dobson has a long and close association with the orchestra and his wife is a cellist in it. He will also allude to the often uncomplimentary names Sargent was given... Flash Harry for instance. Malcolm Sargent will always be remembered for his 'stewardship' of *The Last Night Of The Proms*.

Coinciding with this monthly meeting, the Music Enjoyment Group of our u3a will be present in the foyer before and after Sam's talk. A number of the group's members (me included when not hosting our guest) will be on hand to answer queries.



Malcolm Sargent in 1941,
Bristow Marley Photo Studio,
Wellington, New Zealand

I would like to take this opportunity in the newsletter to welcome any speaker or subject suggestions from our 900 plus members. Talks can be given on virtually any subject but partisan politics and partisan religion are a "no no".

Do please contact me with either particular subject areas or actual possible speakers. My contact details are on the website. I serve our members and I wish to fulfill or exceed expectations. Also make mention of the monthly meetings to anyone of retirement age, member or non member. We have had a number of non members attending, some of whom have joined as a result. The monthly meeting of Charnwood u3a is the only formal chance to meet other members who are not in your groups.

Graham Cooper
Programme Secretary

To attend this 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 do not arrive before 2 pm.**



If you are unable to attend in person and would like to follow the meeting online (via YouTube), please go to the meeting page on our website at:

<https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/siteb/MonthlyMeetingAug2022.html>

where full details of how to join will be given.

View From The Committee (Part 1):



**Business
Secretary:
Pam Upton**

One day, in that blithe and careless phase, a few months before Covid locked us in and forced us to learn a new language called 'Zoom', the call came out for new Committee members. I'd joined a Spanish group in the hope of extending my repertoire beyond 'Vino blanco por favor' and before I could say 'No comprendo', not only was I elected to Committee, but had agreed to be Business Secretary!

Before you think I was frogmarched into the role by arm-twisting ex-commandos, Cu3a Committee actually turned out to be a thoroughly nice lot – people who just want to do their bit to make sure the u3a keeps going.

So, as Business Secretary, what is my 'bit'? 'Organisation' is the key word – and I admit I do like to be organised. That means making sure we're up to date with what used to be paperwork (hooray for computers!), including licences and insurances. Monthly tasks mainly concern Committee meetings: preparing the agenda and papers and circulating information from National Office and Region. Then, once a year, we send in our Annual Returns to the National Office and Charity Commission. And, of course, there's the AGM...

The important thing is, I don't fly solo. The Committee work as a team, with lots of liaising, especially between the Chair and Secretary. The role is an important one – all u3as have to have a Secretary – but I still have plenty of time to enjoy life as a Cu3a member. And now, when I'm in Spain, I can even order food to go with my vino blanco!



**Chair:
Mike Hood**

It was early 2020, and Helen Davison announced that, at the March AGM, she would be standing down as Chair. This had great significance; without a Chair Charnwood u3a would be unconstitutional and therefore unable to continue!

Time passed and, with nobody else showing any interest, I volunteered to enter the lion's cage. My biggest concern was having to be MC at the monthly meetings, which was way outside my usual comfort zone. I needn't have worried - Covid came to my rescue! Talking to a few heads on a computer screen proved much less daunting than standing in front of 100+ members at Emmanuel Church, trying not to look too stupid. By the time we finally returned to 'proper' meetings, my concerns had greatly abated.

As Chair, my only other regular 'fixed' responsibility is to chair the Committee meetings. Just think of Sophie Raworth and the recent Sunak/Truss TV debate - i.e. trying to make sure the discussion stays on topic, without (too much) interruption and talking over each other. This just calls for a firm hand - oh, what power! Fortunately I have been blessed with a very good Committee and any disagreements are resolved quickly and amicably.

What else do I do? Well, my phone numbers and email address are available to all and I am happy to offer an 'open door' and a 'listening ear' to any member with issues and concerns.

If I have gained nothing more from the past 2+ years, I can at least now put names to a few more faces!

Next month, two more Committee members will be telling you about their roles, with more to come over the following months. Meanwhile, role descriptions of all the current Committee members can be found on our website at:

<https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/siteb/CommitteeContactsNew.html>

Group News

English Parish Churches

From Heaven to Earth: Music and instruments from the time of the medieval angel minstrels in the ceiling of All Saints Church Loughborough.

One of the treasures of All Saints Parish Church Loughborough is its late medieval angel roof. The angels hold musical instruments of that period, so it is locally a unique entry to the world of late medieval music. The English Parish Churches Group has therefore organised a concert to be given by the York Waits.

Concert of Medieval Music by the York Waits Group

Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Steeple Row, Loughborough

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions, £6 under 12's)

Use this link to access the ticketing page: <https://bit.ly/3ALzqnx>

Church website - <https://allsaintsloughborough.org.uk/whats-on/york-waits-concert>



Parish Churches Group Meeting: All Cu3a members are welcome at All Saints Church at 2.00 pm in the afternoon when the English Parish Churches group will meet and the Waits Group will demonstrate and talk about their replica instruments. Donation of £2.

York Waits Group takes its name from the ancient city band of York, the earliest evidence for which we find in 14th century records. Before they turned to music full time the waits had been night watchmen and, although their guard duties diminished, they continued to keep the night watches in the weeks leading up to Christmas, playing at various points to mark the hours and wake the citizens. In York, as in many towns, they were employed by the Lord Mayor as the city's own band of musicians, paid and liveried by the Corporation to play on public occasions. The band is known to have been in continuous existence for at least five hundred years until abolition in 1836.

Today's York Waits have revived the band as it was in its heyday in the 16th century, playing a wide repertoire of period European music as well as their own arrangements of popular dance and ballad tunes.

Ethel has an offer you can refuse



Oh dear, I'm so very sorry...

If it were up to me...

Love to, but...

Quel dommage...

Ethel has always struggled to turn down an invitation, especially if it involves food. Then she learned at her last group meeting that she was behaving quite normally - not in being a greedy pig, but in finding it difficult to say 'No'.

That said, she has had to say no to ETHEL's August meeting, since she hopes to be sitting in sunny Spain sipping sangria under a sombrero. (Ethel doesn't actually care much for sangria, but she likes alliteration.)

However, the meeting IS going ahead and, by popular request, Graham North will be leading a session on **Nonsense Verse**. What's more, because some members are following Ethel's lead and going on holiday (No, folks, so very sorry, etc, but we're not sharing a charabanc), there will be spaces available. So if you're at a loose end from **10-12 am on Tuesday 23rd August**, bring your funny bone (and any favourite examples of nonsense verse) to the Community Room in Park Road Tesco.

Just let Ethel know if you're coming, so she can keep an eye on numbers – if she can see through that gorgeous Mediterranean sun glare!

Ciao for now. Oops, wrong language – must polish up my Spanglish!

ETHEL@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Pam Upton

Roving Reporters

Gardening Group Kickstarts Summer

The Gardening Group kicked off this summer with a fantastic trip to the **Malvern Spring Show** at the Three Counties Show Ground, Malvern, on 6th May. We were blessed with lovely warm sunshine, and the group and many other u3a members enjoyed a variety of specialist plant stands, garden paraphernalia, and a huge variety of places to refresh ourselves! New to the show this year was an indoor area of antiques and bric-a-brac. The indoor arena was packed with foods from local artisan bakers, cheese makers, beer and spirit distillers, displaying all the best of British fare. Show gardens were a feast for the eyes, especially the ones created by schoolchildren to mark the Queen's Jubilee. Celebrity gardeners were talking to audiences, and there were demonstrations of planting and also cooking. It really is a show to suit all interests.



Display garden at Malvern



Quorn Memorial garden with crown in flower bed created for Queen's Jubilee

The Group's next outing was in June. Another fabulous hot day where members visited the **Quorn Memorial Garden**. Jane Hollingsworth, organiser of the Quorn gardening group who looks after this beautiful garden, spoke very knowledgeably about the specimen trees and plants that give the space delightful colour and shape. The group then visited the garden of group member Irene Goodrich. This small, modern and beautifully designed garden is full of memories, with delightful planting, a rose walk, water features, summer house, and ingenious use of brick paths and artificial grass. All these cleverly placed features created an interesting, intimate space. For such small areas of grass, it made perfect sense to use Astro Turf as it keeps its colour, unlike the straw we now have for lawns! The garden was designed by Claire Jones of Waltham on the Wolds. To end, the group visited Ann

Brown's garden. This is a very well established, large garden that runs down to the river, with large flower beds, natural planting, chickens, and grass paths that weave their way through colourful beds of flower and veg. This garden is open on the Yellow book scheme. A visit is recommended!

To cap off July, the group went on the long-awaited trip to **Trentham Gardens**, Stoke on Trent. It just happened to be the hottest day of the year with temperatures hitting 38C! Armed with water, hats and sun cream, the group was led on a short tour by staff members, who spoke about the Italian Gardens and long borders. The designers were Tom Stuart-Smith and Piet Oudolf, both winners at Chelsea. The prairie style planting stood up to the heat well, with lots of grasses that caught the breeze in the Rivers of Grass area.

A long rose walk featuring David Austin Roses, was full of scent. Because of the heat, a walk round the lake to Kings Wood, Trentham Monkey Forest, and Monument Walk, was too much! The show gardens were very interesting with sensory planting and wildlife areas to encourage insects. Trentham had a Fairytale Fairy Trail with 21 beautifully created fairies (*like that shown on right*), designed by Robin Wight, and a giant dandelion installation by his daughter Amy Wight.



Alongside the huge gardens is the Shopping Village, selling a very large, diverse array of clothing, gifts, whisky, with cafes, music shop..... too much! This really is a garden to keep visiting at all times of the year. The gardeners were looking at ways to cope with changes in climate and seasons. The River Trent floods the garden too, so planting has to manage this. It's been a busy 3 months for the group, with membership being bolstered by members who joined us at Malvern. A big thank you to our trip organisers, refreshment providers, and local coach companies who got us there safely and in comfort.

Roving Reporters Continued...

Travel Group Trip to Orkney 10th-15th July 2022

The first day of our Orkney holiday was eventful to say the least. At Manchester airport, we found ourselves in a long, slow-moving check-in queue and the Loganair plane delayed. After unnecessary Security again at Inverness, we eventually arrived at Kirkwall airport. We collected our cases, (all except for one whose case was still in Inverness) and our coach took us to the hotel. We'd finally arrived!

On the Monday morning, we met Paul, our guide for the day. Our first stop on Orkney was the Italian Chapel, a beautiful Roman Catholic chapel constructed from 2 Nissan huts by Italian POWs, during the Second World War. We were lucky enough to meet relatives of one of the POWs who return each year to pay their respects. The internal walls look like real bricks but were exquisitely painted by Domenico Chiocchetti in the trompe-l'œil style.

We then went on to the Orkney Fossil & Heritage Centre on the Isle of Burray. We crossed islands via the Churchill barriers, finally visiting the Smiddy at St Margaret Hope. Arriving back in Kirkwall, we had time to explore before meeting Paul for a walking tour of the town.



Group pictured on the Isle of Burray

On Tuesday, our guide was Kinlay, a 6 ft 7 in, ginger bearded Orcadian who took us on a full day excursion to the island of Hoy. After a 20 minute ferry crossing, we went to the Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, a reminder of Orkney's wartime past. From there, we went to the newly opened Scapa Flow Museum, where we spent an interesting 2 hours. Our next destination was the RNLi museum where we heard the tragic story of the Longhope Lifeboat crew who lost their lives trying to save a Liberian cargo ship, caught in a storm in 1969. The crew was comprised of family members from the small community of Longhope. We returned to Kirkwall after a thought provoking day.



On Wednesday, we had a free day. People chose a variety of activities: a visit to Broch of Gurness, an Iron Age Fort; going to find puffins with the Orkney trike tour (*see picture on left*); visiting places in Kirkwall e.g. St Magnus Cathedral, the Bishop's Palace, Orkney Museum and the Orkney Distillery and Visitors' Centre and an Orkney chair-maker.

On Thursday, Kinlay was our guide again. In the morning, we visited the Standing Stones of Stenness, dating back to 300 BC; the Ring of Brodgar, thought to be Bronze Age; Skara Brae, one of Europe's best preserved prehistoric settlements and Skail House, home of the laird who discovered the settlement and which also featured in the Bond movie, Skyfall!

After a short time for lunch in nearby Stromness, we visited the archaeological excavation of Ness of Brodgar, which has revealed a massive complex of Neolithic buildings, artwork, pottery and other artefacts.

On Friday, we spent a final morning in Kirkwall before leaving for the airport for our journey home via Aberdeen and Birmingham.

Many thanks to Avril and Heather for organising such a lovely trip.

Judith Sismey
Sue Mears

Roving Reporters Continued...

Days of Interest July Trip

In July, on a very hot and sunny day, we had a most enjoyable visit to the Cotswolds.

Firstly we visited Snowhill Manor, the home of Charles Wade – a great collector of all sorts of things. The beautiful Cotswold stone house was filled with, amongst lots of other things, Samurai armour, Chinese cabinets, looms, clocks, religious icons, tools, model houses, hats, dresses and coats plus paintings. His aim was to preserve things of beauty and craftsmanship that were about to be lost. The house became so packed with his collection that he had to move to an annex, which was comparatively empty.

All this was set in beautiful countryside and some very pretty gardens. The weather was so bright and sunny that it was difficult to imagine it ever being a snowy hill, as the name suggests.

In the afternoon we made the short trip to Broadway, a beautiful Cotswold village. There we were able to meander around the village, take lunch or have an ice-cream and visit the numerous quirky shops.

We also enjoyed the air conditioning on the coach during the return journey.



Pictured on right and above: Enjoying ourselves at Snowhill

Pictured on left: At Broadway



If you are interested in joining the Days of Interest group, please contact Pauline May at ppc.wat@ntlworld.com, 01509 552834 or 07455 167929 for details.

Visit to the Islamic Foundation

A number of members visited the Islamic Foundation in Markfield in July. It followed the visit of their Chief Executive, Farooq Murad, to our monthly meeting in June and his invitation (through me) to visit the Foundation.

Farooq hosted us all and we started our tour in their Mosque, where we were shown the iconography. The icons were explained to us by Farooq and there were many questions. We moved onto their library where most books were either in Arabic or English but also a number in quite exotic languages (Somali?). Arabic is not always the main language in Islam dominant countries.



The Mosque at the Islamic Foundation. Photo copyright The Islamic Foundation.

We all retired to tea, cakes and biscuits where several of the staff in the Foundation joined us. They engaged in animated conversations with groups of us, always willingly answering questions.

My thanks to Farooq and his staff for their time and commitment. This and Farooq's earlier talk at Emmanuel Church was, I believe, the educational element of u3a in its simplest sense.... informal learning and enjoying doing it.

Graham Cooper

August 2022 Meetings

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 Aug 09.30 Yoga 11.00 Table Tennis 1 13.30 Canasta 2 15.00 Current Affairs	2 Aug 09.30 Pilates 1-3 10.00 10+ Walks 10.00 Spanish 10.45 Pilates 1-3 11.00 Table Tennis 2 14.00 Canasta 1	3 Aug 10.00 German 10.00 Golf 10.00 Mini Tennis 10.00 Scottish Dance 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Scrabble 2	4 Aug 10.00 Spanish Conv 10.30 Amble/Strollers 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Outdoor	5 Aug 09.00 Badminton 10.00 Line Dance 10.00 Mah Jong 10.00 Table Tennis 7 10.30 Tai Chi 11.00 Table Tennis 5 12.00 Lunch Club 1 12.00 Table Tennis 6
8 Aug 09.30 Yoga 10.00 Poetry 1 11.00 Table Tennis 1 13.00 Quiz group 14.00 Chess	9 Aug 09.30 Pilates 1-3 10.00 Scrabble 3 10.45 Pilates 1-3 11.00 Table Tennis 2 14.00 Canasta 1	10 Aug 10.00 Committee 10.00 Golf 10.00 Mini Tennis 11.00 Table Tennis 3	11 Aug 10.00 Les Sportives 10.00 Thurs 6 Milers 10.30 Amble/Strollers 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Outdoor 14.00 Making Music	12 Aug 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
15 Aug 09.30 Yoga 11.00 Table Tennis 1 13.30 Canasta 2 14.00 Gardening 14.00 Painting	16 Aug 09.30 Pilates 1-3 10.00 6+ Walks 10.45 Pilates 1-3 11.00 Table Tennis 2 14.00 Canasta 1 14.00 Philosophy 2	17 Aug 10.00 German 10.00 Golf 10.00 Mini Tennis 10.00 Poetry 2 10.00 Scottish Dance 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Italian Conv 14.00 Scrabble 2	18 Aug 10.00 Parish Walks 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Outdoor 14.15 Scrabble 4 18.30 Supper Club 2	19 Aug 09.00 Badminton 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 14.00 Art Apprec'n 15.00 Mac Users
22 Aug 09.30 Yoga 11.00 Table Tennis 1 14.00 Chess 14.00 Local History	23 Aug 10.00 ETHEL 10.00 Needlecraft 2 10.00 Scrabble 3 11.00 Table Tennis 2 14.00 Canasta 1 14.00 Philosophy 1	24 Aug 10.00 Golf 10.00 Mini Tennis 11.00 Table Tennis 3 13.00 History 14.00 Classical Music	25 Aug 10.00 Les Sportives 10.00 Thurs 6 Milers 10.30 Amble/Strollers 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Architecture 14.00 Bowls Outdoor 14.00 Making Music	26 Aug 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
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PLUS at Weekends: Picnic in the Park 25th Celebration: 7th Aug; Saturday Walks; Sunday Lunch Club (14th August); Days of Interest trip to Althorp House (20th August)

For more information, visit our **website** (<https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk>) for the interactive calendar. Please send any amendments for future calendars to the Editor at newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Notice Board: For information about upcoming events in the local area, and other matters that might be of interest to you, do keep an eye on the Noticeboard page on our website at: <https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/NoticeBoard.html>



Charnwood u3a member Mick Voss has submitted an appeal for volunteer drivers for the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, including a brief outline job description:

I have been doing this volunteering for 2 years now, but we are short of Drivers, so I am making this appeal on behalf of LPT Voluntary Transport.

Volunteer Driver's role:
Collect an NHS Patient from their home in your own vehicle and drive them to their clinic for their appointment (none are disabled). All PPE is provided and an induction is given. A vehicle fuel allowance is paid relating to mileage, and the commitment required is 1 day per week (excluding your personal holidays).

If you have the time and think this is something that you may enjoy doing and would like more information you can phone me or message me on 07751541121

Mick Voss

Volunteer Drivers needed!

Do you enjoy driving and meeting people?

Are you friendly, caring and reliable?

Are you able to give up some of your own time?

We are looking to recruit volunteer drivers to join our friendly dedicated team to help with various tasks including transporting patients to appointments around Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. All volunteer driving will take place on weekdays.

Mileage expenses will be reimbursed.

If you or someone you know is interested, we'd love to hear from you!



Contact us:
 07392316770
lpt.voluntarytransport@nhs.net
leicspart.nhs.uk/involving-you/volunteering

u3a East Midlands Region Late Summer Quiz

A reminder about the u3a regional Zoom quiz to be held on Monday 19th September, as advertised in last month's News & Views. Early booking - to u3alatesummerquiz@gmail.com - is advised as the places are being filled quickly. For further details, please see page 11 of July's News & Views.

THE LATE-SUMMER QUIZ
MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2022
 Starting at 7:00pm Finishing around 9:00pm



Charnwood Orchestra

Charnwood Orchestra will be performing popular works at **Holy Trinity Church, Barrow on Soar on 24 September 2022**, with the concert starting at **19:30**.

The orchestra will perform:

Haydn Overture: 'L'isola disabitata'

Schubert Entr'acte and Ballet Music from 'Rosamunde'

Hummel Trumpet Concerto

Mendelssohn Symphony No.4 'Italian'

Solo Trumpet will be performed by Anthony Thompson.

The Orchestra will be conducted by Nic Fallowfield.

Tickets (£14 adults, £12 concessions, £5 18s and under or NUS members) will be available via the Orchestra website www.charnwoodorchestra.org.uk, and / or may be reserved via email tickets@charnwoodorchestra.org.uk Tickets will also be available via Taylor's Florist, 17 High Street, Barrow upon Soar LE12 8PY



the Charnwood Orchestra
Music Director
Nic Fallowfield



**Saturday
24th September 2022
7:30pm**

**Holy Trinity Church
Church Street
Barrow upon Soar LE12 8HP**

Conductor Nic Fallowfield
Trumpet Anthony Thompson

Haydn Overture: 'L'isola disabitata'
Schubert Entr'acte and Ballet Music from 'Rosamunde'
Hummel Trumpet Concerto
Mendelssohn Symphony No.4 'Italian'

Tickets:

- The Orchestra website
- tickets@charnwoodorchestra.org.uk
- Taylor's Florist, 17 High Street, Barrow upon Soar LE12 8PY
- Members of the Orchestra
- At the door, cash payments only

£14.00 (£12.00 concessions)
£5.00 -18s and under or NUS members

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Next Concert: 26th November 2022 - please see website for details
www.charnwoodorchestra.org.uk

News from the National u3a



Free On-Line Events this Month include:

- **The Art of the Goldsmith** with Anton Prudon, Tues 16 August, 10 am
- **Cu3a Radio podcasts** - this month featuring disco dancing, robot programming and a Bus Pass group's explorations - see <https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/u3a-radio-podcast> for links
- **Laughter Yoga Workshops** with Judith Walker, Edinburgh u3a, 2nd Weds of every month, 10 am
- **Going Back to the Moon - NASA's Artemis Space Programme** with Siân Cleaver, Fri 19 Aug, 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 National u3a newsletter regularly, go to: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/newsletter> where you will find a link to recent issues (also see our Cu3a website under 'News' - National u3a Newsletters...).

The u3a National programmes page has more learning initiatives to get involved with, from logic puzzles and mathematical challenges to sharing photos of nature, art and craftwork - to name but a few. Go to <https://www.u3a.org.uk/learning/national-programmes> for details.

Also, the u3a learning blog **Sources** has more articles you may find of interest at <https://sources.u3a.org.uk>.

Poetry Corner

The Lost World

(Serranía Huanchaca is *the* Lost World described to Conan Doyle by Percy Fawcett)

A Civil Servant though I be,
My life requires no fantasy
Each year civilisation fades,
And with the chopping of the blades,
I reach again that fabled land,
Engraved by Conan Doyle, whose hand
Saw the pterodactyls fly
Against the Lost World's painted sky.
Month after month I toil up here,
With faithful Indians for cheer,
With Percy Fawcett's spirit free,
Within whose company I see
The vista when the day is clear
The forest of Bolivia.

Written in hammock on Serranía
Huanchaca, 1981

Martin Litherland



The writer and members of his crew on the Lost World tableland wrapped up for a polar wind, called a surazo.

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

- 1) On what date in July did the 1966 World Cup Final take place?
- 2) By what name is the singer Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie better known?
- 3) What is the easternmost point in the UK?
- 4) Which is the oldest continuous legislature in the world?
- 5) Which is the highest point in Leicestershire?
- 6) What is the family name of the Duke of Rutland?
- 7) What fruit are Russet, Pippin and D'Arcy Spice all types of?
- 8) Herdwick sheep are the native breed of which part of the UK?
- 9) In which play does a character sing about *The Rain in Spain*?
- 10) What nationality by birth was Marie Curie?
- 11) What is President Biden's wife's name?
- 12) Which self-deprecating donkey is a friend of Winnie-the-Pooh?
- 13) Which British athlete is the present men's 1500m champion?
- 14) Which country began imposing the Berlin Blockade on June 24, 1948?
- 15) Which role was played by Helena Bonham Carter in the third and fourth seasons of *The Crown*?
- 16) Table Bay forms the harbour of which South African city?
- 17) Which flower is the national flower of Spain?
- 18) Who was the author of *The Little Prince*?
- 19) *The Hay Wain* is a painting depicting which Suffolk river?
- 20) In which year was Prince Charles invested as Prince of Wales?



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.

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 **September** issue of **News & Views** will be **Tuesday, 30th August (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.

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Thank You!

Helen Reid
Newsletter Editor
Charnwood u3a



Committee and Group Leaders' Details

Names, photos and generic email addresses ending @charnwoodu3a.org.uk of all the current Committee members - along with links to their role descriptions - can be found on our website at:

<https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/siteb/CommitteeContactsNew.html>

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.

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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>

