

News & Views

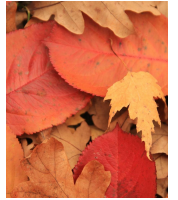


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Welcome

...to the September 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.



Picnic in the Park

On a glorious Sunday afternoon in August, over 100 of our members met in Queens Park in Loughborough to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Charnwood u3a. There was delicious cake (see left and below right), and plenty of shelter from the sun under the trees and the gazebo (pictured below left) kindly lent by our Chair. There was a display by the Loughborough u3a Craft group who will be joining us in 2023, and some members enjoyed line dancing (see foot of page).



(Above) Line dancing led by group leader Bev Gillman
 (Left) Part of the display by Loughborough u3a's Craft group.

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.

Last month, Sam Dobson told us an interesting story of the early life and career of Malcolm Sargent (before he became a 'Sir!'), and along the way we enjoyed listening to some of the music he'd conducted.

Our Next Meeting Wednesday 14th September

'Scottish Dancing' with Sue Ronald

Where in the World?



You'll be surprised where one can find Scottish Country Dancing! It's not necessary to have Scottish heritage, or wear a kilt, or say *Lang may yer lum reek*¹ with a Scottish accent when wishing a friend a long and prosperous life. People of all ages in different countries and continents have discovered the joy of dancing to wonderful Scottish reels and jigs and slower, uniquely Scottish strathspey music.

At the Monthly Meeting on September 14th Sue Ronald, group leader of our recently formed Scottish Dancing group, will challenge you to identify different dance locations around the world. Enjoy the music and watch dancers as they incorporate aspects of their own dance culture into their presentations. Feel free to *blether*² with your friends and fellow Cu3a members as you discuss where six different dance videos were filmed, and if you're feeling *canty*³ try an easy dance or two in the foyer before your cuppa!

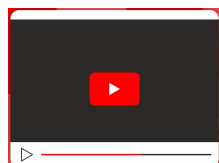
¹ This Scottish saying means Long may your chimney smoke, which loosely translates to 'May you live long and keep well', or 'May you have good fortune in the future'. Perhaps Mr Spock of Star Trek fame said it even better as 'Live long and prosper'.

² Blether (verb) = chat at length, talk foolishly – Scottish form of blather.

³ Canty (adjective) = lively, brisk, in good spirits – Scottish & Northern English dialect.

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/MonthlyMeetingSep2022.html>
where full details of how to join will be given.

Looking Ahead:

At our meeting on **12th October**, we welcome **Master Beekeeper Dave Bonner**, who will talk to us about keeping bees. Further details will appear in next month's *News & Views*.

Details of further planned speakers and topics will appear in future editions of *News & Views* and also on our website (<https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/>) under the 'Our meetings' menu - Monthly Meeting...





View From The Committee (Part 2):

Treasurer:
Bob Pyatt

When I was young, my ambitions were to be either a musician or a professional layabout, but despite the predictions of one or my teachers I became neither!

After a full and varied career, I retired and later joined the u3a. Our previous Chairman was very persuasive, so somehow I ended up as Treasurer on the Charnwood Committee. I understood it would not be too arduous (then) and I have occupied the role since 2019.

There have been some very significant changes in that time, both in the “edicts” issued by the Third Age Trust regarding finance, and in banking requirements. I recognise that my popularity rating may have been dented during implementation of these changes, but I would like to thank members and the Group leaders affected for their forbearance and good humour.

We have survived unprecedented difficulties, and I know from experience of comparable organisations that we are in good shape.

Now where did I put that abacus.....?



Newsletter
Editor:
Helen Reid

On a walk with the Parish Walking group in autumn 2018, I got chatting with the then Newsletter Editor, and before I knew it I'd volunteered to 'shadow' her with a view to taking over the following spring.

After a few months 'learning the ropes' - and helping to stuff envelopes - I edited my first newsletter in March 2019, coincidentally at the same time as joining the Committee, and I've produced the newsletter every month since then.

During the first lockdown, it seemed an important means of communication with members, so I merged the short (4-page) monthly 'Update' with the longer quarterly 'Update Extra', to become a single 10-12 page monthly magazine, with a makeover to *News & Views* from June 2020.

I can honestly say that I really enjoy putting the newsletter together each month. I try to make the presentation attractive and the content clear, and I hope members enjoy reading it. It's easy for most members to access online, and for the minority who can't it is available in printed copy - but only in black and white due to the high cost of colour printing!

Remember, your newsletter is only as good as members' contributions, so keep them coming in!

Membership Renewals

The end of this current membership year is 30 September 2022. I will be sending out emails/letters during the first few days of September. The normal membership fee is £15 but this has been discounted to **£10** per person.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the AGM, the monthly newsletter, *News & Views*, will be sent via email, and members who have no email address can decide whether to pay **£10** and not receive the newsletter by post or opt to pay **£15** and receive the newsletter by post.

(Note: Black and white printed copies will be made available at each Main Monthly Meeting)

If there are two members living at the same house and you are opting to receive the newsletter by post, only one of you needs to pay the **£15** and the other need only pay **£10**.

Last November, we saw the introduction of bank charges for each cheque that is banked. Currently, this is between 30p and 40p per cheque. We are encouraging all members to pay their membership fee via BACS. The instructions for this will be in your email/letter. We appreciate that it may not be possible for all members to do this and so I am still happy to receive some cheques.

Garry Rigby (Membership Secretary)

Group News

Painting Group

The painting group still have places available. If you enjoy painting, please come and join us on the 3rd Monday of the month in Tesco community room, 2 pm till 4 pm.

We are a mixed ability group who enjoy painting and learning from each other. There is a monthly theme challenge you can have a go at, or simply bring in your own subject to work on. The sessions are free of charge for Charnwood u3a members.

If you are interested in joining us, please email painting@charnwoodu3a.org.uk.



Some of our paintings from last month's workshop are shown here.

Angela Cantrill



Saturday Walks

Please consider joining us on the 1st Saturday of the month. We don't travel more than a 30 min drive from Loughborough. We cater for all levels of ability and our walks are less than 5 miles.

People are encouraged to lead a walk of their own or a mapped route can be supplied from our library. We try and make them stile free and as flat as possible.

The details of the walks will be emailed to members when each 3-month programme has been decided on. Walks start at 10:00 am and we are usually finished by 12ish.

Remember that you can be in more than one group.

Programme 2022:

- 3rd September- Queniborough; Leader Derek
- 1st October - Woodthorpe; Leader Mick
- 5th November- West Leake; Leader Mick
- 3rd December-Quorn; Leader Mick

For any questions about our friendly group please contact Mick Voss on 0775 154 1121 or email SaturdayWalks@charnwoodu3a.org.uk



More Group News

Indoor Bowling

**Begins Thursday 22nd September
at Charnwood Indoor Bowls Centre
2 – 4pm**

Gentle exercise with a group of
friendly members

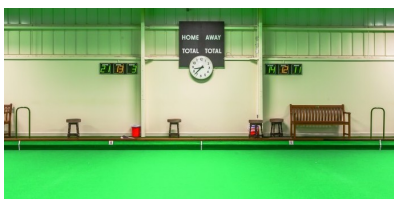
Bowls and tuition available for beginners

Flat-soled shoes required

3 free sessions for new-comers

Easy car parking - reduced cost 80p

For further information contact
Ray Holmes 07803728506
or BowlsIndoor@charnwoodu3a.org.uk



Social Dance

At the Social Dance Group we enjoyed:

- Folk Dance – from many countries
- Ballroom dance – basic ballroom steps
- Modern Sequence Dances
- Old Time (now known as Classical sequence!!)
- Line Dances
- Western Partner Dances
- Jiving



All dances were kept at a simple standard, so that all members could manage all the dances: thus, no previous experience is required. There was no requirement to take part in the entire session: sitting and enjoying the music is equally acceptable. A refreshment break was always taken during the session.

We stopped meeting when Covid struck! However, I would be happy to restart the group if sufficient of you were interested. If you think you'd like to join, please send me a message to: beverly.gillman@gmail.com or ring 01509 264593 and leave a message.

Bev Gillman

ETHEL

As announced in last month's *News & Views*, ETHEL's August meeting was on nonsense verse, led by Graham North, who sent in the following, in the style of the subject matter:

He thought he saw a polar bear
Upon a glassy sea.
He looked again and found it was
A book of poetry.
“And all such nonsense is”, he said,
“a total mystery!”

He thought he saw a barrister
Practising at law.
He looked again and found it was
The local Tesco store.
“And here is Ethel too”, he thought,
“How could you ask for more?”

He thought he saw an elephant
Eating a cream bun.
He looked again and found it was
A Lewis Carroll pun.
“This U3A looks like”, he mused,
“Just oldies having fun.”

Graham North
(after Lewis Carroll)

Singing For Pleasure

After having August off to get over the heat, the Singing for Pleasure group will be in full voice again from **Tuesday 6th September** in the **Good Shepherd Hall**.

We sing a range of music from *The Saints Go Marching In* to *Yesterday* with plenty of songs from shows such as *Oliver* and *The Sound of Music* thrown in. The music is fairly simple, mainly unison with occasional rounds and the odd simple harmony to keep our brains ticking over.

New members are always welcome. No special skills are necessary, not even a requirement to sing in tune. As our name implies, we just sing because we love it. Do come and join us, you might love it too!

For more information please contact Brenda Cox on 0116 431 7731 or email SingingforPleasure@charnwoodu3a.org.uk



Roving Reporters

Days of Interest August Trip

Our August trip was primarily to Althorp House, the seat of the Earl of Spencer and Princess Diana's childhood home, but we began the day at the Heart of the Shires Shopping Village, where many of us ate lunch.

Althorp House, which is actually built of redbrick, is hung with stone coloured external tiles – an early form of cladding? It is full of pictures – mainly historic portraits. This is despite many having been sold in the past to settle family



debts. Included within the historic portrait collection are a couple of contemporary pictures commenting on British contemporary life – they make a startling contrast. The library is particularly atmospheric, despite

many of the books being sold off by the 'Red Earl' in the 1890's. One of the latest acquisitions was a carpet with the current Earl's children's initials woven in. Once again the sun shone and many of us were able to enjoy a walk around the ornamental lake and look at the island where Princess Diana is interred.



We have some spare places on our September, October and November trips, which are now open to all u3a members.

Our **September** trip is to the **Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Nostell Priory**. The Yorkshire Sculpture Park is set in the 18th Century Bretton Hall Estate and the park holds over 100 world-class sculptures and installations. See sculpture in the landscape. In the afternoon we move on to the National Trust property Nostell, a Georgian treasure house with landscaped gardens, parkland and the stables courtyard.

The trip departs from Tesco Extra car park on Saturday 17th September at 8:30 am. We leave Nostell Priory at 4:00 pm. The cost of the trip is £24 per person for National Trust members and £36 for non-members.

Our **October** trip is to **Oxford** - the City of Dreaming Spires, famous the world over for its University and its place in history. With its mix of ancient and modern, there is plenty to do. Options include visiting one of the many historic buildings, colleges, museums or just pottering through the town admiring the buildings, people watching and perhaps a bit of shopping.

The trip departs from Tesco Extra car park on Saturday 15th October at 8:30 am. We leave Oxford at 3:30 pm. The cost of the trip is £17 per person.

Our Christmas trip in **November** is to **Blenheim Palace**. It will be decorated for Christmas, with the theme of The Kingdom of the Snow Queen. In addition there will be a Christmas market, featuring many designer/ maker craft traders – allowing us to do some early Christmas treat shopping.

The trip departs from Tesco Extra car park on Saturday 19th November at 9:00 am. We leave Blenheim at 4:00 pm. The cost of the trip is £44.50 per person including entry fee.

If you are interested in joining us on any of the trips or if you wish to join the group, please contact Pauline May at ppc.wat@ntlworld.com, 01509 552834 or 07455 167929 for details.



Henry Moore bronze at Yorkshire Sculpture Park. (Chemical Engineer, CC BY-SA 4.0 via Wikimedia Commons)

More Roving Reporters

10+ Walking Group

Ten members of the group enjoyed a lovely 11 mile walk on the 2nd August led by Mike Pearson.

Parking at the National Trust Ilam hall car park, we walked towards Thorp Cloud, along Dove Dale, past Lover's Leap and then to Reynard's Cave. We had a picnic lunch at Wetton church before returning along the Manifold trail, where we came across huge Charolais bulls in a farm at Rushley, finally finishing in Ilam park.

New members are always welcome. If interested, please email Walk10plus@charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Mike Hill



Loughborough University Events

Emerging Islamic Studio Ceramics: Inspired by Alhambra (الحمراء)

An exhibition by ceramic artist and researcher Zelal Basodan, drawing inspiration from The Alhambra to explore what defines Islamic art. **Mon 5th – Wed 14th September , 11am – 2pm** (weekdays only), Martin Hall Gallery (Shirley Pearce Square), Loughborough University. Free entry. See <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/news-events/events/emerging-islamic/> for details.

In Praise of the Fallows: A guided tour with FRAUD

Join artist duo FRAUD (Audrey Samson and Francisco Gallardo) and their collaborator, farmer Stuart Rose, for a guided walk in rural Nottinghamshire with visits to a series of historic dovecotes and the openfield farming system at Laxton. **Saturday 10th September, 9:45 am - 6 pm**. Cost of £5 includes coach travel from Loughborough University (Wolfson Cafe) and light refreshments. For more details, see: <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/news-events/events/in-praise-of-the-fallows/>

Looking through a different lens: light and images from Antarctica



Online seminar on Thursday 8th September, 1 - 2 pm, with Jean Brundrit, Visiting Fellow from the University of Cape Town, South Africa, where she teaches photography. For details, see: <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/news-events/events/looking-through-a-different-lens/>

For more upcoming Loughborough University events, see <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/news-events/events/>

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>

September 2022 Meetings

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1 Sep 10.00 Sci & Tech 10.00 Spanish Conv 10.30 Amble/Strollers 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Outdoor 14.00 French Conv	2 Sep 09.00 Badminton 10.00 German: RTC 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 13.30 Pilates 1
5 Sep 09.30 Yoga 10.00 Latin 11.00 Table Tennis 1 13.30 Canasta 2 14.00 Chess 15.00 Current Affairs	6 Sep 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	7 Sep 09.30 Golf 10.00 Classical Greek 10.00 German 10.00 JigsawBookEx 10.00 Mini Tennis 10.00 Scottish Dance 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Scrabble 2 14.00 Sustain Planet	8 Sep 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	9 Sep 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
12 Sep 09.30 Yoga 10.00 Poetry 1 11.00 Table Tennis 1 13.00 Quiz group 14.00 Digital Imaging	13 Sep 09.30 Pilates 2 10.00 Scrabble 3 11.00 Table Tennis 2 11.15 Pilates 3 14.00 Canasta 1	14 Sep 09.30 Golf 10.00 Committee 10.00 Mini Tennis 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.30 Monthly Meet	15 Sep 10.00 Parish Walks 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Outdoor 14.00 French Conv 14.15 Scrabble 4 18.30 Supper Club 2	16 Sep 09.00 Badminton 10.00 German: RTC 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
19 Sep 09.00 Gardening trip 09.30 Yoga 11.00 Table Tennis 1 13.30 Canasta 2 14.00 Chess 14.00 Painting	20 Sep 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	21 Sep 09.30 Golf 10.00 German 10.00 Mini Tennis 10.00 Poetry 2 10.00 Scottish Dance 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Family History 14.00 Italian Conv 14.00 Scrabble 2 14.00 Travel Group	22 Sep 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	23 Sep 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
26 Sep 09.30 Yoga 11.00 Table Tennis 1 14.00 Digital Imaging 14.00 Local History	27 Sep 09.30 Pilates 2 10.00 ETHEL 10.00 Needlecraft 2 10.00 Scrabble 3 11.00 Table Tennis 2 11.15 Pilates 3 14.00 Canasta 1 14.00 Philosophy 1	28 Sep 09.30 Golf 10.00 History 10.00 Mini Tennis 11.00 Table Tennis 3 14.00 Classical Music	29 Sep 11.00 Table Tennis 4 14.00 Bowls Indoor	30 Sep 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 Table Tennis 6 13.30 Pilates 1

PLUS at Weekends: **Saturday Walks** (3rd Sept); **Sunday Lunch Club** (11th Sept); **Days of Interest trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park & Nostell** (17th Sept).

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

Upcoming Local Events

Red Hill Allotments Open Day

The Red Hill Allotments in Birstall will be holding an Open Day on **Saturday 10th September 12.00-4.00** (their first for three years). Many years ago Cu3a held a Gardening Group meeting at the site and since then some members have always come along to the open days.

Tea & cakes and other refreshments will be available, with plants, fruit and vegetables for sale. Entry is free and it's a lovely site just to walk around. Post code is LE4 3BA, but the actual entrance is on the A6 Loughborough Road. The Loughborough - Leicester Skylink conveniently stops opposite the site (at the Red Hill Circle stop) and there is also plenty of parking in nearby side roads.



Loughborough Flower Lovers Club

Loughborough Flower Lovers Club celebrates its 70th anniversary this year and would love to welcome visitors to share an evening demonstration by celebrated NAFAS national demonstrator **Nick Grounds**.

On **Thursday September 15th 2022** he will present a floral demonstration entitled **"The Materialist"**.

The event will be at Amherst School, Gray Street, Loughborough (formerly Our Ladies Convent School) with doors open at 7pm. Tickets are just £5 and after the demonstration all the beautiful displays are given as raffle prizes!

Wheelchair access (please advise) is available and there is a car park on site.

If you would like to attend, need more information or tickets please send a message to Lynne Peebles on 07954 411363 or by email to lpeebles@ntlworld.com



Friends of Charnwood Museum

Thursday 22nd September – The Rutland Mosaic with Jim Irvine

Jim Irvine is the finder of the mosaic, and his illustrated talk will be centred around the work he did to discover it, as well as looking at the detail on the mosaic and the archaeological digs over the last couple of years. See <https://charnwoodcouncil.bookinglive.com/friends-of-charnwood-museum/the-rutland-mosaic>

This talk is at **Charnwood Museum beginning at 7.30 pm**, with tea and coffee available from around 7.00. Please use the evening entrance on Granby Street. Tickets are £3 per person and booking is now live via the Charnwood Museum website Events page or by clicking on the link above.

Guided Tour of The Generator

Sunday, 11th September 11 am - 5 pm. Learn about the history of the building and education and training in Loughborough. Examine architects' plans and discuss future uses of the building. The Generator Hall will become the multimedia arts venue that the community of Loughborough and the wider area needs. The building is on the corner of Frederick Street and Packe Street, Loughborough. Go to: https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/whats_on/2022/09/11/guided_tour_of_the_generator for more information.

More Upcoming Local Events

1620s House & Garden Open Day

A 'Hello Heritage' Open Day will be held at the **1620s House & Garden at Donington le Heath on Sunday 11th September, 10:30am – 4:30pm**. See the beautifully restored period rooms and talk to the volunteers about the history of the house, its connection to the Gunpowder Plot, and life in the 1620s. The House - previously known as Donington Le Heath Manor House - is set in beautiful 17th century style gardens with labelled plants and flowers, an orchard, herb gardens and a maze. See: <https://1620shouse.org.uk/> for further information.



Unity House Heritage Open Day

On **Saturday 17th September, 2022, 10am to 3pm**, the Unity House Open Day aims to celebrate the working-class heritage of 21 Fennel Street, Loughborough. The building was built in 1889 by Friendly Societies who formed a Medical Aid Association. Booking is not required. For details, see: https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/whats_on/2022/09/17unity_house_heritage_open_day_loughborough

Bird Ringing Demonstration



Learn how and why bird-ringing is carried out in this rare and informative demonstration event led by Charnwood Ringing Club, at Stonebow Washlands, Mount Grace Road, Loughborough, LE11 4FX on **Sunday September 25th, 9.30-11.30am. LIMITED BOOKINGS**. Contact Ross.Bray@idverde.co.uk or text 07483096460 to book your place.

News from the National u3a



Free On-Line Events this Month include:

- **Introduction to Cryptic Crosswords** with Henry Howarth, u3a Subject Advisor, Thu 8 Sept, 10 am.
- **Cu3a Radio podcasts** - this month featuring 40th Anniversary events, plus croquet, crochet and bridge - go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p8e7a4f> to access the YouTube broadcast.
- **Your Unique Creative Writing** with author Anne Ludlow, Thu 29 Sept, 10 am.
- **Maths Activities & Games Workshop** with David Martin, Thu 29 Sept, 1:45 pm.

For details of these and other upcoming free on-line events offered by the National u3a - including Subject Surgeries in Climate Change and Science, go to: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

u3a National Bridge Festival

u3a Bridge players are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our movement with a week-long Bridge Festival across the UK. Bridge players may play online or offline. Registration for the Festival closes on **9th September 2022**. Full details for signing up to the Bridge Festival can be found by clicking on [this link](#).

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.

Last but not least, the u3a learning blog **Sources** has a fascinating collection of articles, posted by u3a members from all around the country. The stories cover a wide range of topics and are indexed by category as well as by date, and can be found at <https://sources.u3a.org.uk>.

Poetry Corner

One of our members, Anthony Gimpel, was inspired by the idea of ETHEL's nonsense verse day (see page 5). It reminded him of a piece of nonsense from his German family upbringing, prompting him to send in the following, freely translated from the German "Dunkel war's, der Mond schien helle" (author unknown).

[Editor: It should be noted that the original German verse rhymes.]

Dark it was, the moon shone bright
covered with snow the land was green
when a wagon, fast as lightning
slowly round the corner drove

Inside sat some people standing
keeping silent, deep in chat
while a rabbit dodo dead
wearing skates over sand dunes ran

In the park on a nice green bench
sat a young lass platinum blond

her hair as black as a raven
the bench was painted red

Next to her a well aged guy
barely past his sixteen years
chewing on a bacon butty
filled with cheddar cheese

In my life so many dreams
wide awake I notice
incongruities abound
and jumble fills my mind.



Answers to Last Month's Quiz:

- 1) On what date in July did the 1966 World Cup Final take place? **30th**
- 2) By what name is the singer Marie McDonald McLaughlin Lawrie better known? **Lulu**
- 3) What is the easternmost point in the UK? **Ness Point, Lowestoft**
- 4) Which is the oldest continuous legislature in the world? **Tynwald (Isle of Man)**
- 5) Which is the highest point in Leicestershire? **Bardon Hill**
- 6) What is the family name of the Duke of Rutland? **Manners**
- 7) What fruit are Russet, Pippin and D'Arcy Spice all types of? **Apples**
- 8) Herdwick sheep are the native breed of which part of the UK? **Central and Western Lake District**
- 9) In which play does a character sing about *The Rain in Spain*? **My Fair Lady**
- 10) What nationality by birth was Marie Curie? **Polish**
- 11) What is President Biden's wife's name? **Jill**
- 12) Which self-deprecating donkey is a friend of Winnie-the-Pooh? **Eeyore**
- 13) Which British athlete is the present men's 1500m champion? **Jake Wightman**
- 14) Which country began imposing the Berlin Blockade on June 24, 1948? **Soviet Union**
- 15) Which role was played by Helena Bonham Carter in the third and fourth seasons of *The Crown*? **Princess Margaret**
- 16) Table Bay forms the harbour of which South African city? **Cape Town**
- 17) Which flower is the national flower of Spain? **Carnation**
- 18) Who was the author of *The Little Prince*? **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**
- 19) *The Hay Wain* is a painting depicting which Suffolk river? **River Stour**
- 20) In which year was Prince Charles invested as Prince of Wales? **1969**



Anyone with Cartooning / Illustration Skills?

It would be great to liven up this newsletter with a few 'home-drawn' cartoons or illustrations. If any of you have relevant talents in this area and are willing to produce the occasional drawing for publication in *News & Views*, please get in touch with me at newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk. Thanks!

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 **October issue of News & Views** will be **Thursday, 29th September (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



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> and those of other members of our Support Team are at: <https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/siteb/SupportTeamContacts.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.

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>

