CHARNWOOD U3A UPDATE - MARCH 2017

A warm welcome to our **new members.** We hope you will soon be involved in U3A activities and making new friends. To access the members' area of **our website www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk** you will need the user name and password which are bottom left and bottom right on the back of your membership card.

Annual General Meeting of Charnwood U3A - Wednesday 8th March at 3.15pm

We need as many members as possible to attend the AGM to make it quorate. It is your U3A and you need to make sure it continues to provide 'educational and leisure activities for the retired and semi-retired'.

You will find full details of the meeting on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Monthly Meetings at Charnwood College

Meetings start at 3.15pm. All members and prospective members are welcome.

At the February monthly meeting we were delighted to welcome Bel Grierson, who spoke about her life as a horticulturalist and garden designer. Members seemed to find her an excellent speaker who was lively and entertaining as she outlined her career to date. She invited anyone interested to visit her centre in Shepshed.

March sees the AGM followed by the opportunity to listen to one of our own CU3A members, Richard Davies, presenting his view and views of Malawi. John Lamb, CU3A Chair, has said that he will attempt to keep the AGM as short as possible to give Richard a good opportunity to spell out how he feels the country has changed since he worked there some decades ago in "Malawi Revisited".

On Wednesday 12th April, 3.15 pm at Charnwood College, we have Professor Gordon Campbell of Leicester University on "The Story of the King James Version of the Bible". The year 2011 was the 400th anniversary of the KJV and Professor Campbell published an edition of the 1611 text which resulted in a new printing and the UK government giving a copy to every school. We are fortunate to find a day for him to be with us since he spends a significant portion of his time working as a management consultant in Washington DC for the Museum of the Bible. *Neil Rowbotham*

There is plenty of parking available at the college including overflow parking sign-posted at the rear of the Sports Hall. ***However, Charnwood College remind members not to arrive for monthly meetings before 2.30 pm.***

Coffee Morning

After a successful Coffee Morning in February, another one has been planned for 21 March, 10 am, at Tesco Coffee Lounge, Park Road. All members, old and new are welcome to drop in to have a chat, put the world to rights and discuss groups you might be thinking of joining! I look forward to seeing you there!

New Members' and Group Leaders' Meeting – Advance Notice

A successful New Members and Group Leaders Meeting took place on 14 February; the autumn meeting is booked for Friday, 20 October 2017 and the spring meeting for 12 February 2018.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 8 MARCH 2017 AT 3:15pm

As previously notified, The Annual General Meeting of The Charnwood U3A (Reg. No. 1076107) is taking place in the main hall at Charnwood College in Loughborough at 3.15pm on Wednesday, 8 March 2017. The agenda comprises:

1. Apologies for absence (please send or hand these to the Secretary).
2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 9 March 2016.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. To receive and approve the Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2016.
5. To receive and approve the examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016.
6. To appoint an independent examiner.
7. To receive and approve the budget for the year ended 31 December 2017.
8. To approve the proposed subscription for 2017/2018.
9. Election of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members.
10. Speaker - Richard Davies "Malawi revisited".

For those members who receive Update via an email address, we shall send you a digital version of the AGM 2017 agenda and a reports pack, which will have the following documentation:

1. Minutes of the annual general meeting held on 9 March 2016.
2. Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2016.
3. Independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016.
4. Treasurer's report for the year ended 31 December 2016.
5. Centrally controlled funds budget for the year ended 31 December 2017.

The AGM documentation is also available for download in the members' section of the website. If you require a paper version, you will be able to collect one at the entrance to the main hall at Charnwood College prior to the meeting. Please remember to wear your CU3A membership badge.

I urge all members to attend the AGM because there is the important "official" business to conduct which will ensure the continued smooth running of your U3A. Afterwards we shall be welcoming fellow member, Richard Davies to talk to us about "Malawi Revisited" which is based on his experiences of returning to Africa. I look forward to seeing you there.

Phil Matthews, Charnwood U3A

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Useful website addresses

National U3A Organisation (Third Age Trust): www.u3a.org.uk
The Association of East Midlands U3As: www.eastmidlandsu3as.org.uk
Leicestershire and Rutland Network: www.landru3a.org.uk
Charnwood U3A: www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk

Activity List

Please amend your Activity List with the following changes:

Supper Club 1. Change of Group Leader to Susan Unsworth, telephone [redacted] email [redacted]

Books 3. Lynne Robinson, Group Leader, has a new email [redacted]

Classical Greek. Change of Group Leader to Dilys Payne, telephone [redacted] or email at [redacted]

Sunday Lunch Club 1. Change of Group Leader to Jennifer Rice, telephone [redacted] email [redacted]

Wine Appreciation. Please note that this group meets monthly not bi-monthly as stated on the Group Activities sheet.

Days of Interest. The group tend to have outings on the third Saturday rather than the fourth Saturday in the month.

All of these changes will be incorporated into the March edition of the Group Activities sheet on the Members' Area of the CU3A website www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk.

GROUP NEWS

Classical Greek

Dilys Payne is now the leader of the group - contact her on [redacted] or email at [redacted]. Many thanks to Anne Beresford for looking after this group in the past.

Classical Music Enjoyment Group: meets this month on Wednesday 22nd March 2pm to 4pm at Loughborough Lawn Tennis Club, Ingle Pingle, off Forest Road, Loughborough, when the programme will be given by Roger Willson and is entitled "An English tour - water and sea". Any enquiries about the Group to Group Leader Martin Jones [redacted]

Film Group

At last we've got it. On Wednesday 8th March we plan to show the widely acclaimed Oscar-winning film "Driving Miss Daisy", directed by Bruce Beresford and starring Morgan Freeman, Jessica Tandy and Dan Akroyd. The film will be shown at the Phoenix Film Centre in Leicester and lasts for 100 minutes.

The cost is £5.50 including a drink, and you may pay on the door.

For more details contact Malcolm Gray - [redacted] or [redacted]

Thank you again to those who supported the De Montfort University investigation on Film-Going in the 1950s—your comments were very helpful.

History Group 2

Wednesday March 22nd. Talk by Brian Johnson "Making Tracks - The Laying of Leicester's Railways" 10am in the Lecture Theatre at Charnwood College. New members welcome.

Supper Club 1

Eleanor Freshwater has resigned as Group Leader and her replacement is Susan Unsworth, [redacted]. Many thanks to Eleanor for her hard work in organising Supper Club 1, and many thanks to Sue for agreeing to take over the reins.

Sylvia Betts – Sunday Lunch Club 1 and Travel Group

After many years organising the Sunday Lunch Club 1, Sylvia Betts has decided it is time for her to retire and Jenny Rice has kindly volunteered to take over running this very successful group (32 members). Sylvia also feels that it is time for her to step down from the Travel Group Working Party, having been involved since its inauguration 10 years ago. Sylvia still plans to take part in both of these activities - we thank her very much for all her hard work, time and commitment and we wish her many more years of enjoying CU3A. Thanks go to Jenny Rice for taking up the reins of the Sunday Lunch Club [redacted], [redacted] and to the new members of the Travel Group Working Party.

Items for Update

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

The next issue of **Update Extra** will be published in April and the deadline for items is **Friday 31st March**. We are looking for interesting items from the Groups for this issue. There is a limit of around 500 words per item, and photos are welcome. The Editor reserves full editorial rights as to length and suitability and the Editor's decision is final. Update Extra is published quarterly.

Please send your contributions to: **newsletter@charnwoodu3a.org.uk** or to Update Editor Linda Lawson, [redacted]. Please try not to leave it until the last minute if at all possible!!

Update is sent to all Charnwood U3A members by e-mail or by post before the monthly meeting. It is also available to read on the Charnwood U3A website each month at **www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk** (you will need the user name and password which are bottom left and bottom right on the back of your membership card). Thank you!

WALKING GROUPS

In the first instance, please contact the Walking Groups Co-ordinator Elizabeth Steel [redacted] telephone [redacted]

Strollers and Amble Groups

Details of next walks will be sent out on e-mail. Chris Brown, [redacted]

Tuesday 6 Plus Walking Group

21st March. Carlton village, about 1.5 miles North of Market Bosworth, park near the church. Best route: cross A447 at Nailstone. Ref SK397050. Leader Richard.
Enquiries to Mike Pearson [redacted]

'Les Sportives'

Thursday 9th March - The Harrow Inn, 635 Melton Road,Thurmaston, Leics LE4 8EB.
Michael and Jill to lead.
Thursday 23rd March - Venue still to be confirmed. Pam and Pete to lead.
Thursday 13th April - Venue still to be confirmed. Helen to lead.
Enquiries to Janet Butlin [redacted]

Little Xtras

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Prompt start at 10.00am as usual.
Here's hoping that the mud and gales of February are replaced by the sunshine of Spring.

March 9th - Measham Measure. Meet at the free car park close to the Measham Medical Unit, post code DE12 7HR (SK333120). Directions: Take the A42 towards Birmingham leave it at the A444 junction, take Tamworth Road (1st exit) cross a set of traffic lights and at a mini-roundabout turn left and into the car park on the left. Leader – Rob Harding.

March 23rd - Swanning Around. Starting point will be The Angel Inn at Coleorton Moor - LE67 8GB (or for those who like maps SK402167). Please use the rear of the car park. Leaders – Ann and Martyn Speight.

Any questions, please contact Malcolm Otter on [redacted]

Saturday 5+ Miles

4th March - Swithland Wood South Car Park (opposite Severn Trent building). Leader Steve.
Enquiries to Sue Griffiths [redacted]

10+-Mile Walk

4th April. Leader: Graham Cooper. Walk start will be 10.00 am and details will be sent out to members by email. Enquiries to Peter Mill [redacted]. We advise new members to make contact before joining a walk.