



LONG EATON AND DISTRICT  
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## **LEAD U3A E-NEWS No. 236 of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

### **U3A meeting on Wednesday 20th November**

The speaker for the November meeting will be Adrian Beale, who is a teacher of stringed musical instruments based in Long Eaton and the surrounding area and who has been established for more than 30 years. He will be talking to us about his acoustic instruments and will be playing a number of them for us. Adrian came along to give a talk a few years ago and was very well received – hence our invitation for him to come back for a second time.

The talk will be held on Wednesday 20th November and, as usual, be at the West Park Leisure Centre. Doors open at 1.00 pm. The formal part of the meeting is from 1.45 pm.

### **LEAD U3A at the Switch On of the Christmas Lights 2019 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Long Eaton and District U3A will have a Charity Stall at the Switch On in the Market Place in Long Eaton on Thursday 28 November. You probably already know about the event and perhaps have gone along with your family. Every year, the Mayor of Erewash switches on the lights of the Christmas Tree. It has grown into quite an event with a fun fair for the children, carols around the Tree, and now there are a number of Charity Stalls promoting their organisations.

Our stall will be either on the High Street, right next to the Market Place or in the permanent Market just off the High Street. The main aim will be to talk to people in our age group and tell them about the activities on offer in our U3A. We will be handing out leaflets at the stall and we'll also mingle with the crowd. Many people don't know we exist, and this is one way of introducing ourselves to the local community.

We need volunteers to hand out leaflets and it would be great if some of you could help us set up the stall. We will start setting up at 4 pm and the event itself begins at 5 pm. Volunteers don't need to spend more than half an hour on the stall. Ideally, we'd have a number of volunteers working in shifts. We would pack up well in time to see the Switch On by the Mayor at 7 pm. After that, we might see you in a local hostelry! Even if you can't commit to a shift on the stall, please do come along and have a chat with us. There's always a great atmosphere on the night and it's one of the best things about Long Eaton. Hope to see you there.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Helen Baron, Publicity Officer  
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### **U3A Christmas Social now on 11<sup>th</sup> December – an all-ticket event**

For many years now, we have held a 'fuddle' at our December meeting but following comments from a number of you we are changing the event this year to a 'Christmas Social'.

Additionally, an important change to note is a change of the date of this event from 18th December to Wednesday 11th December. This is following comments that, by having the meeting on the usual third Wednesday in the month, this is too near to Christmas, as we all busy making our own arrangements for the festive season.

Previously we have all provided food which we have shared, with everyone taking their turn to collect food which has led to two main concerns – firstly that it was taking too long (with the last table collecting theirs almost an hour after the first tables had started) and secondly that the selection (and quantity) for the last ones to be called left something to be desired.

The Committee has decided that this year there will be a charge £5 per head for everyone attending. A selection of sandwiches, party food, mince pies and desserts etc will be supplied ready laid out on each table. Tables will be for 8 / 10 people enabling you to sit with your friends as far as possible. This will ensure that everyone has a fair selection of food and we can all start eating at the same time.

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We will also be looking at providing a selection of non-alcoholic drinks, This will be an 'all-ticket' event to ensure the correct amount of food. Tickets will be on sale at the November meeting where we will also make note of specific dietary requirements. For those of you unable to attend the November meeting, other arrangements will be made to ensure access to tickets. Additionally, please note that the cost of the ticket will also include a free ticket for the Christmas Raffle. In making these changes we hope that you will appreciate that we have been listening to your comments and that we are trying to make this year's event better for everyone. However, if anyone has any thoughts or comments on these changes please do not hesitate to let us know.  
The Committee

### **U3A Art group Wednesday afternoon**

Here are some photos:



### **Erewash Film Society**

Here is some information regarding the film society. We meet on the third Monday of every month, mostly at 8 pm, at the Derby Road Trade Centre, Derby Road, Sandiacre. We show a variety of films, from 1940's black and white to more up to date movies. We have a large screen and surround sound.

Membership is £7 annually with free entry to the monthly films, although a raffle takes place to offset some of the costs. Refreshments are available.

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