Talk about democracy

YOUNGSTERS shared a cuppa with the Mayor of Charnwood as part of a fact-finding mission to discover more about how democracy works in the borough. Charnwood Youth Council members visited the Town Hall council chamber to speak to Coun Jill Vincent.

The Mayor delivered a presentation about the role and history of the Mayor of Charnwood, with the opportunity for three youth councillors to dress in ceremonial robes. Youth councillor Louis Bartlett, 15, of Loughborough, said: “It was really fun and interesting. I thought it would be more formal but the Mayor told us about the history of her role and we got to see the robes and the ceremonial chains.

“We got a real appreciation of how much people have to do in the council and how the mayor’s job is mainly ceremonial.”

Coun Vincent added: “I hope they enjoyed finding out a bit about the history and traditions of the borough.”

Specialist Status joy

A LOUGHBOROUGH special school has been recognised with Specialist Status. Ashmount School in Beacon

Another world record smashed by Madfish

LOUGHBOROUGH’S very own ‘Madfish’ has broken her 19th world record by taking part in the world’s first English Channel medley relay swim.

After having to cancel twice, firstly due to contracting a rare and debilitating infection contracted from a fish tank and then again due to bad weather, Dr Julie Bradshaw MBE and her intrepid team of Susan Ractcliffe, Pete May, Julie and Kim Owen were finally given the go ahead last Saturday, September 17, to set out from Shakespeare Beach in Dover for the record swim.

While Julie is no stranger to English Channel swimming, this relay was to be the first of its kind as no other relay team in the world had accomplished swimming the Channel using all four strokes, which they completed in 11 hours 29 minutes.

She said: “We swam each stroke in the following order – backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and frontcrawl – an hour at a time until completion. For me it was back to my favourite stroke, the butterfly, the one I had achieved my last world record solo Channel swim on in 2002.

“What’s next? Watch this space! I always have more ideas but for now, it’s back to business.”

Catch up with Julie’s success at www.getset4success.co.uk

Purchase bus tickets while you shop

LOUGHBOROUGH bus users will now be able to buy their tickets while they shop.

Arriva Midlands has expanded its ticket buying network so that customers can now use epay or Payzone outlets to pre-purchase their Weekly or 4-Weekly Savers before they get on the bus. Visit www.arrivabus.co.uk for more information.

Thinking of Teaching Science?

Have you ever thought of teaching science in secondary schools, especially physics, but been put off by your subject knowledge?

With funding from the Training and Development Agency, Loughborough University is offering a twenty-six week course in physics for graduates which runs from January to July.

Participants will receive a bursary of approximately £200 per week during the course. On completion, you will progress to a PGCE course either at Loughborough or elsewhere.

www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/teu

THOMAS COOK: Procession planned in the town

Event to mark 170th