



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING -the Party- THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER

Doors for the Members Christmas Party at the Grange Hall will open at **1.30pm** with the party starting at about 2pm or as soon as everyone is seated and has obtained their first refreshment.

FROM THE CHAIR



I have continued visiting our groups and can confidently say I have been most impressed with all of them. The Enthusiasm, Knowledge and Commitment of both our members and particularly the Group Leaders has been exceptional.

Our Tai Chi Groups have now settled down, whilst some felt it was not for them, the majority are committed to ensuring the long term future of the 2 Groups.

We still have over 30 members who we were not able to join these groups, but for those on our waiting list, please be patient. It is our intention, providing the existing groups stay strong, to start a third group, likely to be on a Tuesday morning.

Having said this it will also depend on 2 members taking on the role of Group Leader and assistant, to be responsible for booking in and collecting the payments. The final decision will be made in December and we hopefully will be ready to start a third group in January.

Your Committee were delighted to co-opt Philip Adams to join us. {see page 3 - Ed}

This just leaves me to wish all our members a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Let's all look forward with confidence to 2024.

George Roberts

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW U3A MEMBERS

Richard Hollingsworth, Glenda Walker, Trish Dykes, Debbie Wakefield, John Wakefield, Linda Dear.

Melanie Gregg, Membership Secretary

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Organisational chaos...wot me guv?...resulted in us seeing two films in October; 'The Great Escaper' and 'Blackberry'; both loosely based on true stories.

Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson brilliantly illuminated our screens for the last time in The Great Escaper, a heart warning if at times uncomfortable tale of 90 year old Bernie Jordon taking off from his Care Home without so much as a by your leave, to visit the Normandy beaches on the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Was it the daring escape by a pensioner banged up in care defying old age to respect his fallen comrades that was worldwide news at the time? Hardly, we decided, as the front door was always open and Mr Caine was more than capable of using public transport.

Despite the superb acting and cinematography it failed to attract the expected high Group score as did "Blackberry" although this was due more to divergent views. Some of us liked the story of the meteoric rise and demise of the original mobile phone whilst gentler folk hated it; finding it loud and brash.

General opinion—don't waste your money !!

We wish all our readers {and ourselves!} a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year

Dave Richards Group Leader— d.richards@ntlworld.com

Church Visiting Group.

Our final church visit for 2023 was to St Peter's in Nottingham and what a fascinating church and a fitting finish to the seven churches we have visited this year. We were led by a very knowledgeable, interesting and enthusiastic Church Warden, Dorothy, who took us though the long history of the church and all its interesting features. These included the wonderful Medieval Rood Screen, {see pic 1} a number of different Memorials and some splendid stained glass.

St Peter's is one of the oldest churches in Nottingham with very close and interesting links to the history and development of Nottingham itself.

A highlight was being able to climb the spiral staircase to stand on the newly renovated roof. Not an inspiring view of Nottingham architecture now but it was in sight of the Castle during the Civil War when the Parliamentarians shelled the Royalists sheltering in the church. {see pic 2}

There is a very interesting connection to Slavery. The wife of Rev Almond, Rector of St Peter's Church for 39 years, inherited a slave plantation and with the abolition of Slavery he was given Compensation for the 220 slaves released. He walked to London to collect £4340, worth about half a million pounds in today's currency. The money was spent on the creation of the Bromley Library, funding for the Bluecoat school and help for the poorer people living in the slums in the Parish. {see pic 3 - the Slavery Memorial}

The church plays an important role in supporting the homeless in Nottingham today.

It also has wonderful Choral Concerts there as Judith can testify

Every one of you will have walked passed the Church next to M & S many, many times and I would encourage you to pop in. You will have a lovely surprise.



Maggy Holmes Group Leader; Contact on - davidholmes895@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday 7th December at
The Grange Hall

Your committee have planned the Annual Christmas Party and are pleased to confirm they have maintained the price at £3-00 pp. We have booked the Fab Two, a professional Beatles Tribute Band and are delighted to welcome back our own Bridge Singers. We will include a Finger Buffet and Soft drinks and a glass of Prosecco to toast ourselves and not forgetting our usual Quiz. Last year was most successful and we hope to improve this year, so note the date in your diary and obtain your ticket from **Pen2Paper** High St., Radcliffe.

Radcliffe U3a was at the
Remembrance Day Parade

Chair, George Roberts, laying wreath.



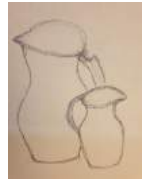
CHAIR'S VISITS TO GROUPS

George Roberts writes

“As part of my intention to visit as many groups as possible during my year as Chair, I visited our Art Group. I have to say that my ability to draw or paint registers zero, {see my JUGS “masterpiece”} but I do appreciate those who are able to produce works of art.



I was struck by the dedication of the members attending, Vivienne, the group leader, was keeping a watchful eye and offering tit bits of advice where needed.



If you enjoy drawing or painting why not consider joining the group where you will be made most welcome.”

Art Group Sec'y is Jane Booth. Contact her on boothjane22@icloud.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10.30 - 12.30 at the Dowson Room The Grange.

All welcome. No previous knowledge needed.

The price is £2.- including tea, coffee and biscuits.

Listen and relax at our next meeting on Thursday 14th December

Group leader ***Michael Riggall.***

Contact him

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SPEAKERS FOR 2024

An advance note for your diaries.....

January 4th	Ann Featherstone
February 1st	Kevin Powell
March 7th	Bob Wilcox
April 4th	Dinah Wilcox
May	No Meeting
June 6th	Danny Wells
July 4th	Steve Lovell
Aug 1st	Paul Newsham
Sept 5th	TBA
Oct 3rd	Andy Smart
Nov 14th	Nick Johnson
Dec %th	Christmas Party

APPEAL FOR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE u3a COMMITTEE

The Committee was delighted to welcome **Phil Adams** as a new co-opted member. Phil is a Nottinghamshire man resident in Radcliffe for over 30 years. He is a long-time U3a member and is also a member of the Radcliffe Bowls Club, currently active for us in arranging the Indoor Bowls Group. He will be formally proposed at the next AGM.



If you would like to help the development of our U3a

We really would love to hear from you.....speak to any Committee member.

'THE BOARD GAMERS GROUP'

Hosted by Paul Truman, they meet each Wednesday one starting at 10am and the second at 2pm. With over 40 various types of board games to choose from there are games to suit everyone. So why not give it a try. This month's board game of choice is "The Battle of Britain"; based on our air defences during WWII it looks like being an interesting choice.

For details of venues ring *Paul* on tel:0115 598 92209

JIVING FOR FUN GROUP

First and foremost, we want to extend a warm welcome to all our new members who joined us recently. It's been an exciting time for our jive group. We have changed our group name which now reflects more accurately our Wednesday afternoon sessions!

In the past month, we have been busy practising our jive routines and perfecting our moves. Our instructors have been working tirelessly to bring out the best in us, and their hard work is paying off although interspersed with much hilarity in some interpretations of the moves!

Some of our group ventured over to Burton Joyce and thoroughly enjoyed their U3A's "Jiving For Beginners" session in the village hall. Our members were made very welcome and an invitation was issued for any of us to attend their Christmas "fuddle" on Thursday, December 21st. at 6-30 p.m. We look forward to reciprocating and welcoming the Burton Joyce group to our jive sessions.

We have also been organising visits to social events where we can put our jiving skills into practise, dancing to live music. You may have seen some of us braving the dance floor at live music events at Radcliffe British Legion Club.

We finish our year with a Christmas lunch at Ashmores and look forward to more jiving in 2024.

If you are interested in joining the Jive for Fun group and would like to find out more then please contact:-

Chris Worthington on worthington690@btinternet.com



Boules Group

Our summer season has come to a close. We had an enjoyable time at the Golf Club but it came to an end because of a mix up.

We moved back to play at the Grange and enjoyed the banter with passers-by and those waiting at the bus stop.

During the season two members left and they were replaced by Peta Braddock and Janet Redshaw. Allan Linley joined us to give us more flexibility to cover occasions when one of us was not available. In general our abilities did not improve during the season but there was one occasion that overshadowed everything else. Three boules rested on the jack! I think that this performance has probably never been seen before in most clubs.

We finished the season by a visit to The Manvers at Cotgrave. It was a very enjoyable end to the season.



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GROUPS NEWS

French and German groups: have both changed venues from The Grange to the Methodist Church Hall.

Jive Group: Change of name from Strictly Jive to "Jiving for Fun".

Playreading Group: Jan Powis (group leader) has advised that this is now oversubscribed. If there are any members of the u3a who would wish to set up a second group then I would be happy to guide and support them with the setting up of a new group .

Jan Addiscott Groups Co-ordinator

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

To all our Group Leaders thank you for articles and contributions especially photos to keep members informed of what you do.

Please continue to send us your items, articles, photos or sketches to: radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is our New Year Edition January 2024, Issue No 85

The deadline for articles is December 14th, 2023 {earlier than usual}

The editors assume we have your permission to quote e-mail addresses and telephone numbers unless you advise us not to. Please also let us know who took the photos you submit. Thanks

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors

TAI CHI GROUPS

Our newly formed Tai Chi groups at the Methodist Hall are very successful and are well supported with 22 in each. We are aware that we still have a long waiting list, so please be patient as we now have the maximum number for the hall. If there is enough demand to continue classes on Wednesday next year, we hope to do this and also possibly run another class on Tuesday morning. Both will be announced in the January Newsletter.

The Tuesday class will depend on two u3 members agreeing to coordinate and run a second class so please contact George Roberts if you would like to do this.

We will notify all on the Waiting list of future classes.

Best wishes to everyone for Christmas and we hope to see you all in 2024.

Ann Littlewood and Philip Adams

Contact *Ann at* annlittlewood@icloud.com

FRIENDSHIP GROUP TWO

Friendship Group 2 meet every 2nd Monday at 2p.m. at The Royal Oak.

We have a natter with our coffee and plan where, if anywhere, we would like to go for an additional day, there's usually somewhere.

We sometimes go for a meal but recently we went to Mansfield Palace Theatre to see Christmas Memories. It was a show of Christmas songs throughout the past 50 years, with the same company we saw last May with music through the past several decades. It got everyone in the Christmas spirit, ok a bit early, but no one minded, and some even dressed in Christmas jumpers.

We are planning a further couple of trips but not until the weather warms up now.

We are however going Christmas shopping to Chrystal Peaks December 4th. The coach is full I'm afraid for that one.

If you would like more information on our group or maybe just to join us on our outings, you can ring Diane Williams on 0115 9331905 or 07747710425 or email nottclass1946@yahoo.co.uk.

Look forward to seeing you. I apologise for the quality of the photos but it's not easy in the dark in a theatre



NEW BOARD GAMERS GROUP

The weekly routine for this group to meet and play has now settled since it was set up the other month. They now meet as follows :-

You are welcome to come along and join any session that suits your diary. Wednesday Mornings 10am and Wednesday Afternoons at 2pm at 4, Carter Avenue. Also on Sundays at 12noon in The Royal Oak (Games Room). Other times and days to suit are also available subject to making arrangements with Paul Truman who hosts the meetings and provides the games from his extensive collection (see attached photo).



It would also be extremely helpful if you can let **Paul** know any sessions you are likely to attend by phoning him on **0115 989 92209**.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

At our November meeting we viewed the members' photographs of 'chimneys' which was our chosen topic for that month.

It is amazing what can be seen when looking upwards. There is a huge variety of chimneys in Radcliffe, as well as elsewhere. Surprisingly two of the chimney stacks were nearly as big as the house itself!

We then enjoyed a presentation by one of our members on an editing programme, which will be continued at our December meeting.

Our topic for the coming month is 'Stars'. Hopefully there will be plenty of those around during the lead up to Christmas.

We would welcome new members, so if you would like to join us, feel free to get in touch.

Janet Groves Group Leader

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