



u3a Real Ale Group Members attend the Robin Hood Beer & Cider Festival at NCC Cricket Ground, Trent Bridge.

RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 9h NOVEMBER

Doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will not open before 2pm with the meeting starting between about 2.15pm-2:30pm or as soon as everyone is seated and has obtained refreshments.

FROM THE CHAIR

HOW TIME FLIES

How time flies! Your committee are very busy setting up our Annual Christmas Party in the Grange Hall, on Thursday 7th December, that will start at 2pm, so please arrive early. We have the Fab 2, a Beatles Tribute Band and our own Bridge Singers to entertain us. Have you booked your ticket yet, they are selling quickly and are on a first come, first served basis, and are limited. I have instigated a Members Survey that we will in future send to all new Members after they have been members for at least 6 months. This will hopefully give us valuable information on what we are doing well, and more importantly where we can improve. We need to ensure that new members are made welcome and can find groups that they have an interested in, and that they remain members for many years.

I am continuing to visit our groups and this month will have visited Family History, Film appreciation and the Afternoon Wine Tasting Group by the time you read this, making 22 in all, so still some groups yet to visit to go but I will get to them.

The good news is that your committee, following the two sampler sessions which proved a great success, have set up 2 new Tai Chi Groups. We had a tremendous response but were not able to accommodate all our interested members at this time. This does leave us the potential for another group, once we have bedded them in. therefore if you are on the waiting list, please be patient and look for an announcement soon.

I would also take this opportunity to welcome Rosie Dennett as the new leader of our Art Group. I also take the opportunity to thank Vivienne Kenney who ran the group for many years, but now feels the time is right to pass on the baton.



George Roberts

MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING : THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER AT 2pm

Title: Radcliffe Remembers the First World War

***Speakers are - Radcliffe on Trent World War One group
featuring Marion Caunt, Pauline Woodhouse and Dave Barton***

Radcliffe on Trent First World War One Group will tell us about the impact of the conflict on the residents of Radcliffe. For the past nine years they have researched the lives of not only the servicemen but also other villagers involved. This has been a continuation of the work carried out by a Radcliffe U3A group, who in 2014 staged an exhibition and week of related events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War One

LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER

We were pleased to have Fran Sandham back. He told us about David Livingstone, the extraordinary explorer of the 18th century who was made even more famous by the question posed by Stanley, 'Doctor Livingstone I presume?'. Livingstone was a complex man and Fran enlightened us on both his and Stanley's story and how it affected Stanley on his return to England and the USA..

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

The only outstanding visit for this year is our visit to Morley Hayes Golf Club. This has sold out, but we will add you to our waiting List for the visit, on first come first served if anyone drops out.

This year our visits to Hull, Liverpool, Donnington Hall & Bomber Command all went well and were enjoyed by all who attended and they will be difficult to improve on, but your committee will be working hard to do so.

They are holding a meeting in November to finalise our plans for next year, so keep a look out for announcements in the December Newsletter and bring your diaries.

MEETING AND GREETING

First of all, I would like to thank all those who have helped to meet and greet people at each monthly meeting in this past year. Each month, 2 people (in pretty blue sashes) stand by the doors and encourage existing members to sign in. They help potential new members and guests to deal with the administration and take new members into the Hall to pick up a drink and find them someone congenial to sit next to if they don't know anyone.

In addition, 4 people per month sit at the tables to register arrivals. This is very important so that we can see how many people are coming to the talks and more importantly, it provides lists in case of emergencies.

If you would like to get involved, please email me : ptytler@ntlworld.com or phone me on 0115 9333028 and indicate whether you are happy to stand at the doors or if you prefer to sit to register members.

If any of the existing group of greeters would prefer not to carry on, do please let me know.

Thanks

Penny Tytler

CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday 7th December at The Grange Hall

Your committee are planning our Annual Christmas Party and are pleased to confirm we 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 at the Grange Monthly Meeting on November 9th at 2pm.

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP : 'A Haunting in Venice'

Our September meeting may have been short on numbers, but it was long on talented Radcliffe critics that unpicked, nay, flayed, Kenneth Branagh's latest Hercule Poirot whodunit. Our members, with one exception whose 12-year-old granddaughter reportedly rated it 10/10, gave it a resounding raspberry and reduced its opening average mark to under 3, a record low, following the discussion. We loved some elements but why the high mark from one of tender years? We mused that perhaps the intended creepy effects and jump scares of this flic may be wasted on those of older years with sight and hearing challenges as they strain to make out form, mumbling dialogue and storyline in the dark and shadows of the on-screen Venetian palazzo. Us? Surely not.... but then again.

We are due a good one, so the meeting chose to see the highly rated 'Blackberry', the rise and demise of the smartphone before the iPhone and also 'The Escaper'; Michael Caine does a geriatric runner from his Care Home. Fingers crossed. Watch this space for the reviews.

David Richards Group Leader



KNIT & NATTER GROUP

The ladies of our Knit & Natter Group have been busy again, as the photo will verify. We have recently received an unusual request to knit hats and gloves for the inmates of Whatton Prison. An indication, presumably, that the fuel crisis/cost of heating is impacting in all areas of society. Fortunately, we have a supply of wool which is ideal for this purpose and we will be able to respond as necessary.

Jan Addiscott Group Leader
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APPEAL FOR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE u3a COMMITTEE

We are always encouraging our u3a members to join our Committee. The idea is to give an opportunity to members to take an interest in how our organisation is run. It is not essential but you might have had past experience or the skills needed to support, plan or organise. If you are interested and feel you would like to help, in any way, to maintain or develop the Radcliffe on Trent u3a please speak to any u3a helper or committee member at our monthly meetings.

We really would love to hear from you.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW U3A MEMBERS

Wendy Sims, Sheila Twiner, Chris Twiner, Nicky James, Dawn Stewart, Mick Abrahamson, Janice Abrahamson, Mike Boyd, Pauline Hollands, Christine Nightingale, Paul Truman, John Fawcett & Sue Meakin.

'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**

BRIDGE WEEKEND AWAY

Members of the bridge group had another wonderful weekend away, from the 13th to the 16th October, staying at the George Hotel (originally owned by Oliver Cromwell's father) in Huntingdon. As usual we played bridge in the evening followed by a trip to the hotel bar, with some raucous jokes and entertainment from members. A brief seminar was held the following morning to hear about how we should have bid some of the more difficult hands.

We were extremely lucky to have good weather and during the day most people toured around Huntingdon, St Neots and St Ives, many visiting the Cromwell museum and taking in the scenic walks along the Great Ouse.

As ever, our sincere thanks go to Di and Len Jackson who organised the whole event, booking the hotel, sorting out the meals and rooms and running the bridge games, seminars and quiz.

Another great time was had by all

Group Leader **Greg Bungay**

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. Refreshments provided in the interval. The price is £2.- including tea, coffee and biscuits. Listen and relax at our next meeting on Thursday 16th November.

Group leader **Michael Riggall**. Contact at michael.riggall@ntlworld.com

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 Christmas Edition, December 2023, Issue No 84

The deadline for articles please is

NOVEMBER 21st, 2023

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