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Our November Guest Speaker Is Andy Smith



"A Life in Music"

Andy Smith, a writer of music for radio commercials who has also composed and recorded his own material for several decades will present a journey through life featuring self-penned comedy songs and ballads, plus a few well known numbers for members to join in, along with amusing chat and nostalgic anecdotes.

Would any of the u3a members be interested in forming / running a **Photography Group**.

Please contact **Geraldine Sleight**, Group Coordinator

On email:

groups@rot-u3a.org.uk



Photo: Walking Group at Hodsock Priory during their coffee break on the Langold – Hodsock - Carlton in Lindrick 8.5 mile walk on 4 September.2016.

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

ADVANCE NOTICE

We have a trip planned to a covered open air theatre at Kilworth, Leicestershire to see 'Kiss Me Kate' next year on Wednesday 12th July 2017. The cost is £45 per person to include coach, theatre ticket & a breakfast cob with tea or coffee at a garden centre on the way, there will be time for browsing.

At the theatre venue there are picnic tables available if you wish to bring lunch. There is also a bar on site.

Tickets are very limited. We have to give final numbers and book tickets by the end of January.

Please phone or email:

Joyce Bullimore 0115 9333969

joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

or

Steve Harris 0115 9333011

steveharriswork@hotmail.com

OUR WEB PAGE

We have over forty interest groups in the Radcliffe on Trent U3A covering subjects from "Art" to "Wine". See the full list on our Website at

www.rot-u3a.org.uk

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD ON THE WEB, DETAILS ABOUT YOUR GROUP, WHERE AND WHEN YOU REGULARLY MEET OR OTHER ROUTINE INFORMATION FOR YOUR GROUP MEMBERS, CONTACT

Geraldine Sleight, Group Co-ordinator on

Tel : **07772 348077**

Or email at :

groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

TRIP TO WOODHALL SPA & FILM-'BRIDGET JONE'S BABY'

33 U3A members set out by courtesy of Sharpes Coaches and arrived in time for some to visit the Petworth Hotel (used by the RAF 617 Squadron i.e. Dambusters as an Officers Mess during WWII). Others walked around the town for coffee and shopping.

A great carvery lunch was had in the Lancaster Inn before in the afternoon we went to the Kinema in the Woods.

Despite the warnings of sex and bad language, our group were immediately laughing at a great film. The interval saw a pianist playing in true retro-style.

Altogether a very sociable day, with plenty of good humour and laughter.

Well done the Trips & Outings Committee - let's do more please.

Roger Alton

CANASTA GROUP

We have a very enthusiastic group ...meeting every other Friday from 1:00pm - 3:00 pm in the Dowson Room at the Grange

Canasta is the game and **Annette** is my name. If you are interested in joining our group. Contact me on Tel **0115 9333080**

PLAYREADING GROUP

Our next playreading group meeting will be on Thurs Nov 24th from 1.45pm at St Marys church hall and we will chose from new sets of books from the performing arts library.

Advance notice that the following one will be Thurs Dec 8th. We will have mince pies as well as coffee and water as it will be last meeting before Xmas!

We are going on a small group outing to see the Radventures production of "Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain" at 7.30pm on Wed Nov 16th at Grange Hall, described as a rib-tickling new comedy! Any U3A members would be welcome to join us. Apparently 25 people are coming from Cotgrave U3A!

We love comedies and also read thrillers and have been pleased to welcome more men to the group recently. There are now 5 on the mailing list!

New members are always welcome to our fun friendly group. No experience required.

For more info ring **Pam** on

Tel. **0115 9335382** or email pamthompson2@btinternet.com

NEED SOMEWHERE TO HOLD YOUR MEETING?

Any Group looking for a venue to hold their meetings? The Boys' Brigade Hall is available most daytimes & most Monday evenings after 7pm.

Please contact **Bob Jones** on

Tel. **0115 9334306**



Some Friendship & Support Group members say hello to the Richard III statue set between Leicester Cathedral and the new Richard III Museum, Leicester (photo below).



MONTHLY MEETINGS AT GRANGE HALL

The U3A Committee is very aware of the ongoing problems regarding the sound quality at some monthly meetings and apologise for the less than perfect quality on the last few occasions. We have written to the Parish Council, met with Grange Hall staff and purchased our own equipment to reduce our reliance on Grange Hall equipment. The sound system has had a couple of faults and Grange Hall have now had these fixed.

I know that not being able to hear the speaker is extremely frustrating. Suggestions that might help include switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position [if it has one] at the beginning of the meeting, sit nearer the front -there are always spaces free on the front row and finally tell the speaker you can't hear them so that they speak louder or more slowly. It is very difficult when using a microphone to gauge where to pitch your voice so that you are heard without shouting.

Anne McLeod

FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP



This is Stephany, Diane and Jill having a break after producing their flower arrangements. I usually demonstrate a design at the end of the session and the group produces their versions in a fortnight's time. We meet on Wednesday afternoons in the dining room of the Royal British Legion Hall. On Wednesday, 7th December we would like to invite members of the U3A to join us at a Workshop to make a Christmas table arrangement for your home or a Christmas Party. Call or text **Gerry Mills** on **07774068219**.

To all Radcliffe on Trent U3A members,

This Newssheet is intended to give all U3A members and that includes you, an opportunity to submit articles and photographs.

So if you have anything that you think is of relevance and interest to our members ..especially photos....send them please to:- news@rot-u3a.org.uk

NEED THE USE OF A MINI-BUS

The Radcliffe Methodist Community Mini-bus which seats 14 plus a driver is available for U3A Groups to hire most weekdays. The hire cost varies for the length of time required but is approx. £40 for a day plus petrol used..

It was used by the Friendship and Support Group recently for a day trip to the Crich Tram Museum and also a day trip to see Richard III Museum and Cathedral at Leicester.

For details contact **Rodney Fogg** tel. **07971537119**

WALKING GROUP

Wednesday 9th November

6miles - 09.40 prompt start from Wharf Lane car park for 10.30 start from the Griffin Inn pub car park on Main Street, Swithland (between Swithland and Cropston reservoirs - SK 552129). A mainly flat walk, with one ascent, plus gates and a few stiles. Muddy in places. Pub(where plan to eat), toilet and coffee shop facilities available on and at end of route. Bring drinks and snacks plus appropriate weather gear and good boots.

Leader: **Pam Thompson** – tel: **0115 9335382** or

pamthompson2@btinternet.com



Members Monthly Meeting

**Thursday 1st December 2016
1.15pm
Grange Hall**

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

RICHARD WESTCOTT

**CONFESSIONS
OF A PANTOMIME DAME**

TICKETS £2

**Members Only Available at the
November meeting**

**Wine / Mince Pies / Quiz / Ticket
Prize Draw / Raffle**



KNIT & NATTER GROUP



The photo depicts our happy, prolific band of knitters along with samples of our finished products. We were delighted that our recent appeal to the wider U3A members came up with the goods (THANK YOU!). We now have further supplies of wool, plus baubles, bangles and beads (cue for a song?) to keep producing more baby items and twiddlemuffs.

Jan Addiscott

CRIMINOLOGY GROUP

I have decided to change the format of the Criminology Group, commencing in January 2017. I have had several requests from past participants about continuing to look at criminological issues in a wider sense. I propose that interested people come to our usual meeting place, The Rainbow Room in St. Mary's Church Hall at 2.00p.m. on the last Tuesday of January, i.e. 24th.

To enable me to look at how many people would like to pursue this please get in touch. My details have not changed and are phone **0115 8414895**, or email at plum47@tiscali.co.uk - proposed topics could include should a life sentence mean a whole life tariff, do Victim Impact Statements sway sentencing, is crime on the increase and why? I would like participants to bring their own questions for discussion to the group too.

Victoria Hurst

GARDEN GROUP

Our final meeting of the year takes place on Thursday, November 17th at 2.00pm. Venue to be arranged. It is a Discussion/Q and A session where members can raise issues or ask questions on topics that are of interest to them.

There are no meetings arranged for December and January as it is our winter break.

Our first meeting in 2017 will take place on Thursday, February 9th. As before, it will be a planning meeting to work out what activities members would like for the forthcoming gardening year. Details from **Roger Burston** on

roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

WALKING GROUP

Thursday 17th November
8.75 miles – 08:30 prompt start from Wharf Lane car park or at approx 09:45 at the High Peak Junction Car park (SK 314 560). The car park is Pay-and-Display and the charge is likely to be £4.40 per car. Please let the Walk Leader know if you intend going direct to High Peak Junction and provide a mobile number. You can then be contacted if the walk has to be cancelled. Thank you.

This walk was created after a request was made for a hilly walk and this is my version of the Three Peak Challenge, albeit on a smaller scale. This is a strenuous walk with approx 425 metres (1394 feet) of ascent over three hills. Starting at the Junction we will head off to Cromford then to Lea and Holloway before returning to the Junction. Walking is mainly on footpaths and rights of way with a small amount of roadside walking. During the walk we will pass through several wooded areas and across fields, which can be uneven underfoot. Please wear good, ankle supporting walking boots, as it is likely to be wet and slippery underfoot.

Take a packed lunch and something to drink.

Leader **Derek Smith** - tel; **0115 9334482** or dsmith1950@hotmail.co.uk



Walking Group—12th October 2016—
Cotgrave Country Park—3 miles.

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for next months Newssheet to
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