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OCTOBER'S MONTHLY **U3A MEETING**

GUEST SPEAKER:



Judy Richter

"Cabin Crew Daze"

Judy Richter will tell humorous stories and anecdotes of her time working as cabin crew on commercial and private jets based in the UK and USA, intermingled with the rich history of aviation and how it has shaped the world we live in today.

SIGNING IN AT MEETINGS

To satisfy Fire regulations It is important that all members put a tick by their name as they enter the Hall for the monthly meeting. If you leave before the end of the meeting please cross out your tick on departure. You don't need to do this when you leave at the end of the meeting.

Thankyou

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT **GROUP**

Nine of our group went on a beautiful summers morning in August to Southwell. First we



visited the Minster to see the new Nicholas Mynheer, Great War Memorial Window. The window is not only dedicated to all who were both at home and abroad who contributed to the war effort but also reflects the Crucifixion with much religious symbolism. A very detailed and interesting and colourful window, well worth a visit.

In the Minster's Chapter we saw a sculpture exhibition before having lunch in the pleas-

ant refectory in the Minster's garden.

In the afternoon, just a mile outside Southwell, we visited the Southwell Workhouse which has been maintained and restored by the National Trust. A fascinating audio-tour takes you around the building and through the process of the working day of its former inhabitants and a grim tale it portrays.

In September the group are planning using the Village Minibus again to see Richard III's tomb and Museum in Leicester.

Rodney Fogg

CANASTA GROUP

Our next meeting and fortnightly thereafter is on Friday 14th October from 1:00pm till 3:00pm in the Dowson Room at The Grange. New members welcome.

Further details from **Annette Ayres** Tel. **0115 9333080**

U3A GROUPS

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

Geology and Environmental Study Group

We meet on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of each month. In July we went to Pleasley Coal Mine to Hardwick Hall and in August we visited the National Coal Mining Museum, near Wakefield. (see photo). September we were in The Grange for a talk by Brian Cannell on 'Rocks and Minerals of the Earth'.

Our next meetings are all in The Grange at 2pm on Oct 11th, Nov 15th & Dec 20th.

For more info contact **Martin Clarke** on
martinclarke@live.co.uk



TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tickets for this year's party are on sale at October's and November's meetings. The cost is £2 per ticket and numbers are limited to 200. This year we will be entertained by the Confessions of a Pantomime Dame. There will be a quiz, a raffle, white wine and/or orange juice, mince pies and nibbles.

Anne McLeod

DIARIES 2017

At October's meeting the U3A 2017 diary will be for sale at £2. In addition there will be a few, small U3A stocking filler items.

Anne McLeod

U3A ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

in conjunction with Radcliffe Archaeological Project, [RAP].

We have now had our first meeting and have a clearer idea of what we want to do, from internet research, to washing finds, to compiling an oral account of Radcliffe's history, to dating field hedgerows. Our next 2 meetings will be at **1pm at Café 29 on Station Terrace on Friday 7th October and Friday 28th October**. Come along and join us – there is so much work that needs to be done over the winter that you are sure to find something that you would like to get involved with.

Anne McLeod

FIRST AID GROUP

The next first aid course will be taking place in the next few weeks. Could anyone who is interested please sign the sheet on the First Aid table and I will get back to you to discuss suitable dates and times.

Anne McLeod

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

The Police Aid Convoy charity in Bingham is still currently open for business on both Tuesday and Thursday mornings and we are happy to know that our knitted blankets will eventually find a home where they are most needed.

We are still rather low on supplies of soft baby wool. It doesn't need to be a brand new ball of wool; we will gladly use old oddments to make our little baby hats and blankets - so we'd be grateful for more donations. Please bring along unwanted wool, (or buttons, buckles, ribbons etc. for our Twiddlemuffs) to the next U3A meeting."

Jan Addiscott

WALKING GROUP

Walks are open to all U3A members

Tuesday 4th October

9 miles - Langold Country Park & Hodsock. Meet at **09.00 prompt** from Wharf Lane car park or at approx 10:00 in the car park at the Doncaster Road (A60) entrance to Langold Country Park (SK 585866 - Map 279). This is not the main entrance and it is not signed for the Park; however there is a board on the roadside pointing to the Park Café. This is a pleasant, flat walk past Hodsock Priory and Langold Lake. There is minimal roadside walking. Please let the Walk Leader know if you intend going and provide a mobile number. You can then be contacted if the walk has to be cancelled. Please wear good, ankle supporting walking boots. Take a packed lunch and something to drink. Leader **Derek**. Tel. **0115 933 4482**, email: dsmith1950@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 12 October

3.25 miles - Cotgrave Country Park. Meet at **1.30 pm** at Wharf Lane car park or 1.45 pm at canal car park on Cotgrave Road (above Shepherds). Canalside and track walk with a short but steepish climb and road return. Good supportive boots advised. Bring drinks – likely stop at Grannies after the walk.

Leader **George Smith**: tel **0115 9334407** or email gajm.smith1@tiscali.co.uk

Trips and Outings Group

"DIDN'T WE HAVE A LOVELY TIME THE DAY WE WENT TO LOUGHBROUGH!"



As with the last trip when we went to Wedgwood and Trentham Gardens the sun did not want to shine for this year's Mystery Tour but for the 32 of us who boarded the bus in Radcliffe this in no way effected the excitement.

Our first task was to write down where we thought we were going and of course until we arrived at our first destination on the bus nobody was sure whether they had guessed correctly.

First stop was The John Taylor Bell foundry in Loughborough where we were shown a short video following the development in the art of English bell founding over at least 600 years. It was fascinating to learn that the complex of buildings making up the foundry and works as they are today were purpose built in the 1850's and its size demonstrates the extent of the market for bells at that time. Bells are still cast regularly and we were taken around the buildings to see the foundry and furnaces in operation.

This bell foundry is just one of two that are still in production in the UK and we were able to visit their Museum which is the only one in the country dedicated to the subject.

At the end of the tour we were all very ready for a drink and sit-down so we had a short walk or coach ride to the "Three Nuns" pub where lunch had been arranged and jolly good it was too! After a leisurely interlude we boarded the bus for our next 'mystery' stop.

Winding down a country lane in Costock we were amazed to see a sign for The Eglantine Vineyard where we disembarked to be greeted by one of the owners, Veronica Skuriat who explained that they had been growing vines and making wine Since 1979. It was too wet to walk through the vineyard but both Veronica and her husband Tony talked to us in their winery. We learnt their story of what they do each year and how they produce 6,000

bottles each year that are sold to Waitrose and other independent Nottinghamshire retailers throughout the year. We then enjoyed a tasting of their red and white wines and their superb International Award Winning desert wine, "North Star".

Purchases were made and we then very merrily boarded the coach for the journey home. I was the winner of the 'Guess our Destination' competition and besides being given my prize of a delicious jar of homemade jam from the vineyard Steve Harris told me

I had to write this piece for the magazine!
Thanks to the Social Committee for organising an excellent day out.

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

At Radcliffe on Trent U3A Members Monthly Meeting in November our 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.

Thursday 10th November 2016 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent

1.30 – 3.30pm.

Guests £2

Free tea /coffee and biscuits for all.
Group leaders will be available to chat about the various interest groups.

For further information please contact **Anne Spencer** on **0115 9335273**

REAL ALE GROUP

What is becoming an annual Summer pilgrimage, our Real Ale Group gathered at the Memorial Gardens for the pleasant local walk along the Trent to our neighbouring village of



Shelford. This year it was a sunny day and we enjoyed our meal and sampled the local ale outside the Duke of Chesterfield PH, in their beer garden.

The group meet every last Wednesday in the month at 11:30am at the bus stop by The Grange.

Contact **Rod Fogg** on 0797 1537 119 or rodneymogg@gmail.com

THE BRIDGE GROUP



Meets every Monday afternoon at 2 pm in the Dowson room at the Old Grange . We are a very friendly group and now have over 20 members so most meetings we play duplicate bridge preceded by a short refresher session to help us improve our play . If you can play bridge and would like to come along contact **Greg Bungay** on 0115 9334942 . You do not need a partner we can find you one on the day.

FEEDBACK

The U3A is your organisation and it is important that you tell us when you like something, when you don't, as well as make any suggestions for doing things better or differently in the future. Each month there is a feedback box at the back of the hall near the notice board. There are sheets for you to fill in, with your opinions and ideas. Remember to give us your name and contact details so we can get back to you after the monthly committee meeting. Don't forget you can also come to the Committee meeting if you want to discuss something in person. We meet in the Radcliffe Room at The Grange at 2pm on the Monday following the Monthly Members Meeting.

Anne McLeod

FAMILY HISTORY

DISCUSSION GROUP.

We will meet at 2.00 pm in St Mary's Church Hall (Ark Room). Dates for the rest of the year (each third Thursday in the month) are 20 October, 17 November and 15 December.

The Group is for members with some experience of Family History research, but for those who would like to make a start on this fascinating topic a series of three introductory sessions can be arranged.

Contact **Dave Morgan** on

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Please send your news items for next months Newssheet to news@rot-u3a.org.uk
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WALKING GROUP

Photo's of walk on 9 September showing the group taking their



regular coffee breaks during and



after the walk.

This was a 8.25 mile walk from Keyworth to Normanton on the Wolds and via Clipston and Stanton on the Wolds. Coffee on the grass stop was just above Normanton and the End of Walk coffee (with table) was at Moores Nursery on the A606.

George Smith

MONTHLY U3A

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