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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



The start time for all U3A monthly meetings will be 2pm from this month onwards.

OUR NEW HONORARY PRESIDENT



Our AGM in March was the setting for David Barton's award as our Honorary President.

Here he is being presented with the Presidential Scroll and Lifetime Membership of Radcliffe U3A by Anne McLeod our Chairman. She drew attention to the significant amount of time he has spent getting Radcliffe U3A off the ground, building a sustainable structure and making us so successful. Radcliffe U3A has become a positive force for good in the village and we owe Dave a massive "thank you" on behalf of ourselves and future members.



"What Ruddy Cucumber!"

Our Guest Speaker today, journalist, author and broadcaster **Andy Smart** will share some of the stories and anecdotes from his 20 year career of producing the Bygones magazine and takes a nostalgic look at old buildings, the winter of 1947, Royal visits and famous local people.

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

Outing to Cromford, Derbyshire

Monday 19th June 2017

Cost : £30

Payable by cash or cheque (made payable to RoT U3A Social)

**A FEW TICKETS REMAINING-
CONTACT STEVE HARRIS 0115
9333011**

**OR JOYCE
BULLIMORE 9333969**

Depart Radcliffe 09.00

Arrive Radcliffe 18.30 approx.

A full day out at Cromford in Derbyshire:

* Cromford Mill — explore a range of activities on offer

* Trip (two hours) on a canal narrow boat

* Masson Mills Shopping Village, comprising sixty retail concepts, including designer clothes and accessories, gifts food and drink

* Afternoon tea at New Bath Hotel

Future trips

Please note the trip arranged in March had to be postponed due to the BBC having a security breach.

We have rearranged the trip for Weds 27 Sept & cancelled Audley End House & Gardens on 13th Sept.

Weds 12 July — Kiss Me Kate- Openair Theatre, Kilworth

2 TICKETS AVAILABLE £45 each- PLEASE CONTACT ME

steveharriswork@hotmail.com
0115 9333011

Thurs 3 Aug — Mystery Trip

Thurs 16 Nov — Coal Mine Museum, Wakefield.

FILM APPRECIATION

GROUP

A full house at the Manvers gave the thumbs up to 'Denial', our February film choice. The average mark was 8 out of ten with a couple of full marks for this courtroom thriller. The dialogue was lifted verbatim from the actual court records and delivered through superb performances from Tom Wilkinson and Timothy Spall, the two adversaries.

The only real point of contention centred around the need to have made the film at all, in that it gives David Irving another crack at spreading his odious message denying the Holocaust. It is a sobering thought that Mr Irving claims to have more supporters today than before the film.

By the time this appears in print we will have had our March meeting at which our chosen film is 'Viceroy's House', a drama set in the Mountbatten household. It involves the Hindu, Muslim and Sikh servants and visitors Nehru, Jinnah and Ghandi and the action leads to the contentious Partition of India as seen through the eyes of two lovers in the house.

Gripping stuff.

Our meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at the Manvers.

David Richards

01159335499 or
d.richards68@ntlworld.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

Membership 2017- 18

All members who wish to continue their membership of the Radcliffe U3A should now have renewed for 2017-18

If you have not yet done so, but intend to renew please send the completed form, with a stamped addressed envelope, to me at

**48, Shaftsbury Avenue,
Upper Saxondale,
RoT., NG12 2NH**

If you have mislaid your form, you can download one from the website

www.rot-u3a.org.uk

and then post it as above, or you can e-mail it to me at

members@rot-u3a.org.uk

Please pick up your card from the desk if you did not send an S.A.E.

If you are not intending to renew, please let me know so that I can update the books and stop sending you annoying e-mails!

Penny Tytler

members@rot-u3a.org.uk

Proposed Groups

Photography - Three people interested but need a Group Leader.

Singing for Pleasure - is a new suggestion.

Members interested in Leading or joining any of the above, please contact Group Co-ordinator -

Geraldine Sleight

groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

CROQUET GROUP

THE NEW CROQUET SEASON IS ABOUT TO START

When: 2-4pm Monday 24 April and every Monday after that, weather permitting.

Where: The lawn behind the British Legion.

Cost: £1 and U3A membership number.

What: Garden croquet, rules available or download from www.croquet.org.uk

Equipment provided for up to 10 players.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME, NOVICE OR EXPERIENCED

Come along and try us out. It's all about having fun although we do like to hit a mean shot!

For further information see our table at the next U3A meeting or call

Joan Spooner on 9332696

GOLF OFFER

Have you ever wanted to play golf but not known how to get started? Or do you want to improve your game?

Edwalton Golf Course is currently offering an half-hour lesson for £12.50 on production of your U3A membership card, or you can have a group lesson for £7.50 each.

For further details contact
Simon Williams on

0115 9234775.

Criminology Group

The current group ends in May, and the next one starting in June 2017 is now full. If you would like to go onto a waiting list in case anyone has to drop out, please let me know.

My details are :-
Phone - 8414895
or email - plum47@tiscali.co.uk

Victoria Hurst

POETRY U3A

Contact ANNE on 01158417991

Poetry is for pleasure.

Offering occasions of delight.

Emotion - (recollected in tranquillity).

Try it and enjoy at leisure.

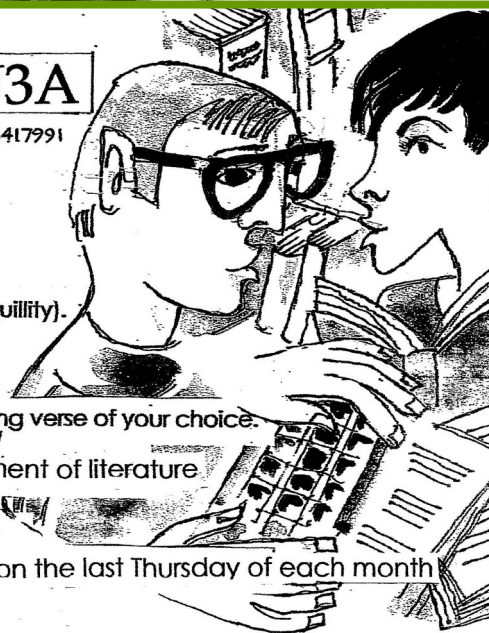
Readng, recalling, remembering verse of your choice.

You may discover a new element of literature

Welcome to Poetry for Pleasure

We meet at 1.30 pm - 3pm on the last Thursday of each month

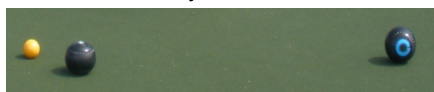
Poetry for Pleasure Group



BOWLING GROUP

'If you are unable to tell your woods from your bowls or if the only bias you have ever heard came from a politician at election time, you're an ideal candidate to join the U3A Let's Go Bowling Group. Later this month many of you will be having a go at this weird and wonderful game and we would like to invite you to join us. This is an ideal opportunity to make new friends, get lungs full of fresh air and have loads of fun. It all starts on Tuesday 26th. April. Further information will be available at our table at the U3A meeting in April or you can contact Annie and I on hewett65@aol.com.

We do hope you will be able to join us. It could be the best decision you will make this year!



Archaeology Group

We meet every second Friday at 1pm. In future all meetings will be in the BB hall.

Anne McLeod

A Great Offer from Broadway Cinema

Did you know?

If you present your U3A card at the Silver Screen showings on Thursdays each week, you pay £3.50 instead of £5, and this includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Anne McLeod

PLAYREADING GROUP

Next planned dates are **April 20th, May 18th and June 22nd.**

pamthompson2@btinternet.com

Holiday Group

We meet at 12.00 on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Cafe 29 on Station Terrace. Quite a few of us went away together in 2016 and we are now planning 2017. Bruges, Sicily, Devon and quite a few other destinations are being planned.

Everyone will be welcomed.

Anne McLeod

INVITATION

I would like to start a Wildflower Group. My intention would be to spend the first spring and summer recording all the flowers that we can find in and around the village. This does not exclude visits to places further away to see more habitats and species if there is a demand.

I am not an expert so the group would need all the help it can get from the qualified to the slightly interested. It would be good to have a camera man who could cope with close-ups and macro so that we can record our finds for the future.

Meetings would be around every two weeks for forays into various parts of the village but members could also record anything they see at any time. It would be nice to have a computer expert to create a database and find some way of making it available to all members.

Bird watchers could join us and use their skills to record everything they see in and around the village.

Would anyone who is interested contact me, **Keith Ramsden** and we could develop the idea together .

Email: kramsdn75@gmail.com
tel 07803 609027

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP.

Our recent meeting , "Encounters with Volcanoes", was based on Group Leader Martin's experiences in the vicinity of volcanoes, active & extinct during mapping, in Western & Central Kenya, Indonesia, Ecuador & more recently holidaying in the Med & elsewhere. The photo here shows one such – Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa.



Next Meetings: these will be "Field" visits entailing some walking, each held on the **3rd Tuesday of the month**, commencing **April 18th 2017**. They are in process of arrangement and will include birdwatching and walking in the Nature Reserves near Holme Pierrepont; visiting the Digester (alternative Energy Producer) at Cropwell Bishop; a geological excursion to Bradgate Park , the Matlock area and the Vale of Belvoir to examine former Iron ore quarries.

So put these dates in your diaries: **APR 18th; MAY 16th, JUN 20th, JUL 18th, AUG 15th .**

Also **JUL 1st**, when the British Geological Survey at Keyworth are hosting their extremely popular Open Day.

For more info contact: martinclarke@live.co.uk.

Garden Group

We had a very entertaining and informative talk last Thursday (March 9th) from Geoff Hodge regarding houseplants and how to look after them.

Some lucky members took away raffle prizes at the end which Geoff had brought along, including an expensive electric plant propagator.

31 members attended.

Our April event is a talk from Sally Smith (formerly from Ryton Organic Gardens near Coventry) on the theme of garden pests.

It will be held in the Trent Room at the Grange Hall on:-

Thursday April 13th at 2.00pm.

Roger Burston

Our Guest Speaker

For May



Sue Holden

Bringing Law to Life with Laughter

Sue Holden - past lawyer, present entertainer and aspirational future speaker - will give an entertaining and humorous insight into the law from her 36 years of experiences in the legal profession.

To all Radcliffe on Trent U3A members,

This Newsheet 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

By 21st APRIL for the May Issue

Tailpiece

What did our parents do to kill boredom before TV and Internet? I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.