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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



**Members' Monthly Meetings are held in the Grange : DOORS OPEN AT 2:00pm :
Announcements are made at 2:30pm with Guest Speaker at 2:45pm**

**Wishing you all an enjoyable
Christmas
and a Peaceful New Year.**

from your Editors, the Committee and everyone
associated with making 2017 so successful for
Radcliffe on Trent U3A.

**The Committee are most grateful to these supporting sponsors
of our Christmas Party**

*Costa Coffee, the Well Pharmacy, The Piano, Ashmores;
Lesley Cree Opticians, the Co-op; Obsessions; Post Office
Mode Hairdressing; Platform 29; Hair Place; Burleys;
Humble Cat; Beauty Spot; Liquorice Ladies Fashions;
Tesco;*

Our Christmas Meeting

Guest

JUDITH HIBBERT



"Around The Wireless"

It's all a bit of a laugh really, this musical rendezvous with some of England's finest Variety Stars. Judith pays an affectionate tribute to some of our greats: Julie Andrews, Joyce Grenfell, Gracie Fields, Victoria Woods, Julie Waters and more.

A WEDDING !

CONGRATULATIONS

Rodney Fogg and Stephany Seabright

WHO WERE MARRIED ON NOV BRD.

***Best wishes for a happy future from all of us
in Radcliffe on Trent U3A***

Photography Group

This group is now well established and meets on the first Tuesday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

**Everyone is welcome,
especially beginners.**

Please contact
Group Leader,

Geraldine Sleight ...
gbb sleight@hotmail.com

KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

Whilst it is becoming more difficult to support the Police Aid Charity since the local collection point closed, we have been pleased to find other outlets for our work. The Inner Wheel sends Baby Bundles overseas and is looking for knitted baby clothes, plus larger sizes to fit 2-4 year olds. The bundles are literally parcelled up inside baby blankets, which need to be 1 metre square to be large enough to contain all the goodies inside. Our 6 inch squares, sewn or crocheted together are an ideal way to achieve this size.

We do, nevertheless, also continue to provide Twiddlemuffs, baby hats and blankets for the QMC. (69 hats and 11 blankets recently despatched.) One of our ladies has also laboured away to construct two Octopus' for a Premie, which is another "new" project undertaken.

We have also been asked to contribute to a 'Big Knit' project to support Age UK, Nottingham.



This entails knitting little hats which will adorn Innocent Smoothie bottles. We understand the charity receives 25p from each bottle sold. It's a great way to use up those oddments of wool!

Lastly, our venue to meet will be changing next year. We thank Barbara for hosting our meetings over the past few years and for all the tea and biscuits.

Currently, we are unsure as to whether or not there will be a meeting in January but if you are on my list, I will advise you for definite when we know for sure. However, the meeting on February 13th will be held at my house on Shelford Road at 2pm. ."

Jan Addiscott jan@addiscott.net

GROUP LEADERS - PLEASE NOTE

U3A Equipment IS AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS

Ann Littlewood is the Equipment Coordinator. Please contact her to make a booking for any equipment needed for Group Meetings.

The intention is to ensure that arrangements are made in advance for Group requirements and thereby avoid (or minimise) conflicting needs.

Ann's contact details are :

Email RadcliffeU3A.kit@gmail.com

Tel 0115 845 1633 Mob 07762 102759

(Ann has the list of equipment that may be of interest to your Group)

Film Appreciation Group

Dear Film Buffs.

The next meeting will be on 28th Jan 2018

David Richards, Group Leader.

(07817660659)

GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

Our November 14th meeting was a talk, with 29 attending, on the "Principles of Weather Forecasting" - by RoT u3a member and local forecaster Terry Scholey.

Terry presented a series of diagrams to illustrate many of the variable natural features which are interpreted by forecasters to produce their charts and predictions. These variables include air pressure, solar angle, position of sea and land and the occurrence of large scale ocean currents such as the gulf stream.

Amongst many fascinating topics raised was the seasonal variation of winds associated with the Dry and Wet monsoons of Central Asia and the adjacent Indian Ocean. This relationship was known by Arab sailors of the area long before European explorers rounded the Cape in the 15th century.

Our NEXT MEETING is at 2pm on Tuesday 12th December in Grange Hall, Trent Room. This comprises a Review of 2017 activities accompanied by Christmas refreshments in the form of wine and mince pies. So put it in your diary!!



Finally, this month's photo is of a beautifully preserved plant fossil brought to a recent meeting by Roger Burston, Group Leader of the u3a Garden Group. It was later identified as a 300 million year old extinct Coal Measure genus- *Lepidodendron*.

More info from Group Leader - [Martin Clarke](mailto:Martin.Clarke@live.co.uk)

www.martinclarke@live.co.uk

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

ADVANCE NOTICE.....

We have a trip planned to a covered open air theatre at **Kilworth, Leicestershire to see Guys & Dolls on Wednesday 4th July 2018.**

The cost is £48 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 & book tickets by the end of January.

We are taking bookings at the monthly meeting.....or you can phone or email:

Joyce Bullimore 0115 9333969 joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk or

Steve Harris 0115 9333011 steveharriswork@hotmail.com

SOCIAL GROUP OUTING

On the 16th November the Social Group outing took us to the Hepworth museum and the National Coal Mining museum in Wakefield. We had a very memorable 90 minutes at the Hepworth with its interesting and thought provoking exhibits.



At the Mining museum we had a great lunch followed by an informative and very enjoyable mine tour. The ex miners who conduct the tours gave us an insight into a world that we know little about. Their knowledge, both personal and historical, coupled with their sense of humour made the tour underground a great experience. Sadly we didn't have time to get around everything the Mining museum has to offer. I believe everyone on the outing felt that at least a full day is needed to see, and do all that is there. Another trip for the future perhaps?

Derek Smith

MORE OUTINGS



A band of dodgy cave dwellers exploring The City of Caves in Nottingham with the Local Outings group.

Carol White

REMINDER FOR U3A MEMBERS : BROADWAY CINEMA

If you present your U3A card at the Silver Screen showings on Thursdays each week, you pay £4.50 instead of £5, and this includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Anne McLeod

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING GROUP

We meet every Wednesday with the exception of the last Wednesday of the month, at 2pm, St Mary's Church Hall.

New members welcome.

Good exercise and fun, why not give us a go?

Contact **Jean Hudson**
jeanhudson.home@gmail.com

Group Leaders

Group Leaders are reminded that it is in their own interests to attend the monthly meetings to promote membership of their own groups.

Tables are available each month for this purpose. There is no need to pre-book these tables.

Also, any leader can be given time to speak to provide information about their Group.

Please contact myself or Anne McLeod who will allocate the time.

New Groups

As Group Co-ordinator, I will be on hand at the monthly meetings to offer support to any member wishing to start a new group.

Geraldine Sleight ...
Groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

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

BRIDGE WEEKEND IN HARROGATE

The U3A Bridge Group had a very enjoyable weekend away in Harrogate at the end of October. The event was organised by our excellent tutors Di and Len Jackson. We stayed at the Cairn Hotel from Friday to Monday morning and played Bridge every evening for small prizes.



After the Bridge we retired to the bar where as you can see from the photograph we spent many a happy hour.



During the day there was some Bridge tuition and then time for some relaxation. Some members took a trip out to Harlow Carr, the nearby RHS gardens, others went exploring the local area or even visited Betty's for coffee and cakes in Harrogate.

The event was a great success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope the event is going to be repeated next year.

Anyone who can play Bridge and is interested in joining our group should come along to the Dowson room on a Monday afternoon at about 1.45 pm or contact Greg Bungay on 01159334942 or gibungay@yahoo.co.uk.

POETRY FOR PLEASURE GROUP

We meet on the last Thursday of each month at 1.30 pm. For venue and further information contact **Anne** on 01158 417991

CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

We will next meet on **Thursday 14th December** from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Dowson Room at the Grange to share festive music. £1.50 per head, including tea/coffee AND mince pies.

New members welcomed. .

For further details contact **Joyce Bullimore** on email joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk.

PLAY READING GROUP

Next date for play-reading is **Thurs Dec 14th**.

We will meet as usual from 1.45pm at St Marys Church Hall.

All welcome. The Dec meeting will be a one act play-reading plus Xmas treats!

Pam

pamthompson2@btinternet.com

WILD FLOWER GROUP

We meet in the Health Centre car park at 2:00pm each Wednesday and everyone is invited to join us. We choose the place to visit on the day.

Several of us are improving our identification skills aided very much by members of the group with more skills.

Keith Ramsden

January Guest Speaker



From Jungle to Paradise

Alan Clements

will give an illustrated talk on how over the past 20 years he has developed a wild 4 acre gorge in Bonsall to blend with the rocky, stream and woodland landscape to create Cascade Gardens; a place to sit, relax and reflect on the beauty of nature.

Diane Kidger

Canasta Group

Canasta is carrying on throughout the winter including Christmas time, fortnightly.

Thankyou to all the lovely ladies and gentlemen who have supported me this year, please keep coming and a Happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

Annette Ayres

Group Leader
tenbob@greenbee.net

U3A 2018 POCKET DIARIES

On sale at the Members Monthly Meeting priced at £2.50

Limited stock— **BUY NOW!**

Editors' note,

JANUARY'S NEWS SHEET

Please send your news, articles and photos for inclusion in our next issue to

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **December 27th**