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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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Geology and Environmental Studies Group.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 21st February at 2pm in the Grange Hall Trent Room is a talk entitled "The people and minerals of Madagascar", by Bob Addison.

Another ex BGS geologist, Bob has latterly spent several years working in this little known country while engaged in gold exploration. In addition to geological themes Bob will describe aspects of the local people and their environment.

Our last meeting, on January 17th, attended by 26, comprised a "QUIZ" devised by Greg Chapman. In this we learnt, e.g. the difference between rocks & minerals, magma & lava; reserves & resources with reference to Fracking; and about Bulwell Stone so commonly seen in local walls (including St Mary's Church). 8 fascinating themes each in themselves worthy of a full talk!

Thanks Greg.

For further info on this group contact:

martinclarke@live.co.uk (Group Leader).

Today's Guest Speaker



Kevin Powell

Where's the Castle?

Nottingham Civic Society's Kevin Powell tells the story of Nottingham Castle from its early days.

This is not a history lesson but a review of the buildings that have stood on the site from the earliest to the present day and why we have the building we see on the Castle Rock today.

Membership renewal 2017-18

1. If you haven't received or picked up your envelope, please pick it up at the next meeting on Feb 2 or arrange for someone else to pick it up for you.

2. When you get your new card, please put it in the plastic holder you got last year. If you are new or didn't get a holder last year, please ask at the desk.

3. If you sent your renewal form by post, don't forget to pick up the card at the next meeting, or arrange for someone else to do so for you, unless you included an S.A.E!

4. A quick reminder that everyone **needs** to be a member to participate in any activity. Group leaders are asked to write down your number on their attendance lists.

5. Don't forget to complete the GIFT AID form as this keeps our fees down. If you completed one last year you do not need to repeat it but if not PLEASE pick up one from the desk or e-m me.

Nominations for 2017-2018 Committee

On all seats is a nomination form for the 2017-2018 U3A Committee. If you wish to stand, please complete the form, get the signature of a nominator and a seconder and place the sheet in the white box next to the suggestion box at the back of the hall. The nomination form is also available on our website, and when completed, can be sent to :-

chair@rot-u3a.org.uk

Anne McLeod

Penny Tytler
members@rot-u3a.org.uk

TRIPS & OUTINGS

We are looking forward to our trip to a covered open air theatre at Kilworth, Leicestershire to see Kiss Me Kate on Wednesday 12th July 2017.

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

This trip is fully booked.

Future Planned Events

March

BBC TV Studios Salford
Quays tour & Lowry exhibition tour.

Afternoon cream tea,
sandwiches & scones
included. !!

This tour is also fully booked

June - Cromford Mill & Canal
Boat trip.

August - Mystery trip.

September - Audley Stately
Home.

November - National Coal
Board museum Wakefield.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Or contact Steve at

steveharriswork@hotmail.com

Or 01159333011

Radcliffe Library

Books at Home



Do you (or someone you know) enjoy reading but find it difficult to get out to the library? Would you find it helpful to have a visit from the Books at Home team who can bring books to you?

Following a recent interruption we have now re-launched our "Books at Home" scheme in Radcliffe. A small team of local volunteer book deliverers has been recruited by the Royal Voluntary Service who can visit you in your home with a selection of books and talking books. All volunteers are Disclosure and Barring Service checked.

If you, or someone else you know, would be interested in receiving the service please contact Radcliffe Library for more information and to register your interest.

Volunteers are also welcome so if you would be interested in helping to deliver the service please contact Radcliffe Library in the first instance for more information.

We are really hoping that we can re-establish a vibrant and inclusive books at home service for Radcliffe and look forward to hearing from you.

Lindsey
Library Services Adviser

Radcliffe on Trent Library

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Knit and Natter Group



Some statistics to start off the New Year, from our very active group.

In 2016 our group despatched the following:

20 Twiddlemuffs for dementia patients at QMC. 21 cosy blankets to the Police Aid Charity...and (.....fanfare, please!...)...586 baby hats and 15 baby blankets to the Neo natal Unit at QMC.

In addition to this, in 2017 (as of 17th January), we have already accumulated 8 Twiddlemuffs, 3 cosy blankets, 6 baby hats and 2 baby blankets which are ready to be sent on their way.

[Only a Partridge in a Pear Tree seems to be missing.].

It is amazing that, with all that knitting taking place, our ladies have the time to natter as well!

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm, when we share a cup of tea, swap stories and some of us even knit!

Please contact me for more information.

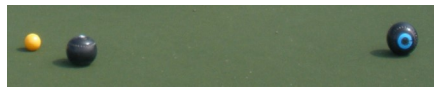
Jan Addiscott
01158 457398

Anette Taylor

(Our January Speaker)

Many thanks from Anette Taylor. The collection for Radcliffe RSPCA shelter at January's meeting raised £68.52

BOWLING ?



It's nearly time to blow those winter blues away and get lots of fresh air and have loads of fun with the **"Let's Go Bowling" Group.**

Full details of the 'whats' and the 'where-fors' will be available at our table at the next few U3A meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

Contact Mike or Annie Hewitt on

hewitt65@aol.com

Or 9333777

Archaeology Group

We recently spent an interesting afternoon at The Lakeside Centre at The University of Nottingham, listening to a talk by Andy Gaunt, [who grew up in Radcliffe], about what living in Sherwood Forest was *really* like in Medieval times. Forget Errol Flynn and green tights. Life was far tougher.

"They Are Up To No Good".

If you see a suspicious group of U3A members looking at hedge bottoms and comparing notes, don't worry. Over the next few weeks the Archaeology group are attempting to date many of the hedgerows in the Parish.

Dates for 2017:-

Friday's at 1pm

17th February at BB Hall,
3rd March at No. 29
17th March at BB Hall

Contact **Anne Mcleod**
07966 478873

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 being planned Everyone welcome.

Anne McLeod

A Great Offer from Broadway Cinema

Did you know?

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

Anne McLeod

GARDEN CLUB

Just a reminder that our Garden Group will have the first meeting of 2017 on Thursday, February 9th at 2.00 pm at the British Legion. We will be trying to pencil in some activities for the forthcoming gardening year.

Roger Burston

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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

PHOTOGRAPHY

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

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**

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.

There is a procedure to be followed when hiring.

Geraldine Sleight has full details—just contact her on **07772 348077** Or **groups@rot-u3a-org.uk**

March Guest Speaker

Stuart Dixon

"In Safe Hands"

Stuart Dixon will share his love of the traditional English garden in this "down to earth" talk about the gardens of the National Trust. Much of Stuart's knowledge and expertise has been gained from the restoration of his own 18th century garden at Hebb's Farmhouse at Stoke Bardolph which has been featured on BBC TV.

Thursday 2nd March 2017 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent.

Golf Offer

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

PLAYREADING

GROUP

These are our play reading dates for next few months. They will be :-

Thurs Feb 9th and Thurs March 16th.

We will meet as usual at St Marys Hall from 1.45pm if you want a coffee before starting at 2pm.

Cheers,

Pam

(pamthompson2@btinternet.com)

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

By 21st Feb.,

For the March Issue

NOTICE

The AGM for 2017 will be held on 2nd March at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent

SUPPER CLUB

Our next Supper Club meeting is on Friday, 31st March and the theme is "Easter".

If anyone is interested and would like to know more about us, please telephone

Joan Stanway on 933 4065

Tailpiece

"I missed making it to the gym today — that makes 293 consecutive days.....!"