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From the Editors

We wish all members and Groups a successful and enriching year.

Our thanks are due to the 29 Group leaders who supported us with copy and pictures in 2016.

It would be good if the other 12 Groups would not be so shy and let us know what they are up to during 2017 !

Just e-m us at news@rot-u3a.org.uk

Rod and Patrick

Today's Guest Speaker

Annette Taylor

Award winning cruise director Annette Taylor will give an illustrated talk about her favourite cruising experiences and take the audience behind the scenes on-board cruise ships and the world of cruising.



The 2016 Christmas Party

Over 180 members attended the party and a good time was had by all. Our Pantomime Dame guest speaker was most amusing, occasionally revealing (!!) and much enjoyed



THERE'S
NOTHING
LIKE A
DAME!



Radcliffe on Trent U3A would like to thank the following local businesses who very kindly supported our Xmas Raffle:

The Beauty Spot; The Piano; Burleys Hardware; Costa Coffee; West Pharmacy; Tesco; Ashmores; Lesley Cree Opticians; Hair Place; LG Nail bar; Humble Cat; Pen2paper; The Flower Shop

Thanks are also due to the volunteers who laid tables, served refreshments AND CLEARED IT ALL AWAY, AFTERWARDS.

Membership Renewals

Officially, your membership does not run out until March.

However, you will appreciate that with over 500 members, it is a big job to process all those applications, so we like to get ahead .

Please pick up your envelope from the front desk and that of anyone else you know or whose house you walk past.

It would be very helpful if group leaders could pick up the envelopes for their group too..

If you haven't done so already please collect yours on exit

THANKS TO GIFT AID, FEES ARE THE SAME AS 2016

So don't forget to tick the box !!

Penny Tytler

TRIPS & OUTINGS

We have a trip planned to a covered open air theatre at Kilworth, Leicestershire to see Kiss Me Kate 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. AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

We have to give final numbers & book tickets by the end of January.

Please phone or email:

Joyce Bullimore 0115 9333969

(joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk)

Or Steve Harris on 01159333011

(steveharriswork@hotmail.com)

FUTURE TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2017

Wednesday 15th March

BBC TV Studios Salford
Quays tour & Lowry exhibition tour

Cost £45

Afternoon cream tea, sandwiches & scones included. !!

Tickets available at January Meeting

June - Cromford Mill & Canal Boat trip

August - Mystery trip

September - Audley Stately Home

November - Burton on Trent

Brewery Tour

WATCH THIS SPACE

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

CROQUET GROUP



The 2016 Croquet season has now finished. Weather wise it has been a good season which lasted until the end of October. We hope to start up again when the weather and the daylight improves around April time.

Keep a look out in this News-Sheet for the start date.

New members are always welcome to come along and try us out. We play Garden Croquet rules and if you can't find out what to do, we make it up. After all, it's just for fun and we do enjoy our Monday afternoons knock-about on the lawn at the back of the British Legion.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2017

Joan Spooner- 01159332696

(df.spooner@btinternet.com)

POETRY FOR PLEASURE GROUP

The next meeting of this light-hearted group will be on Thursday 22nd Jan., starting at 1.30 pm., at 4, Lime Close, RoT.

More info from **Anne** at

annemm510@gmail.com or

01158417991

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

A New Bowler's Tale

I had just moved to Radcliffe-on-Trent and was looking to make some friends. I had joined the U3A and was at a meeting at the Grange Hall when I spotted the 'Let's Go Bowling' table manned by members of the U3A who were keen bowlers. I had always been interested in bowls (my dad had been a good bowler), but had never played.

The U3A 'Let's Go Bowling' group were offering a taster session to learn bowls at the local bowling club for six weeks each Monday afternoon. So, I duly signed up! All I had to do was to wear flat soled shoes.

At the first session at their club on Cropwell Road we were shown various bowls (or woods!) which were all different sizes and weights, and we decided on the most suitable ones for me. After some brief instructions on how the game is played we started.

At the end of the six sessions I was enjoying the game so much that I decided to become a member of the cluband so began my first summer of bowls. I went along each Monday for the Club Games; took part in club competitions, matches and bowls drives; and enjoyed sitting in the sun outside the club-house watching the League Matches.

Some of the technical bowls terms have become clearer through time.....'Too much green', 'Too narrow', 'Too much weight', 'On the wrong Bias'. But one thing is sure, it is a game which can be enjoyed by all.

I felt welcomed and was encouraged to join in the club activities. There was always something going on including social functions, coffee mornings and the Presidents Dinner and Trophy Presentation to attend.

Along the way I have achieved my objective and have made some very good friends.

A much more confident bowler now!

ANON !

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

Throughout last year we followed our ethos of providing friendship and support to those in our U3A who live alone and I think between us we've done a good job of providing interesting places to visit and opportunity to share companionship, have fun and enjoyment, as well as providing a bit of culture. In January we went for Sunday Lunch at the Lakes Restaurant as well as a visit to the Elizabeth Frink Sculpture Exhibition at Nottingham University's Danjoly Centre. In March it was Theas Cafe in town and Reg Taylors Garden Centre for a meal and purchasing spring flowers. In June it was the Patching's Farm Art and Craft Festival. In July it was a first using the Methodist Community Mini bus with a day trip to Crich Tramway Museum.



What appears now our groups annual event was a July afternoon B B Q in good company with the usual burgers and hot dogs available.

September included a visit to Nottingham Castle to see the Da Vinci Drawings Exhibition. Also we used the Mini bus again to visit the Richard III Exhibition, Guild Hall and Cathedral in neighbouring Leicester.

In August we were off to Southwell Minster to see the new Stained Glass Window and Sculpture Exhibition in the morning, before in the afternoon visiting the National Trust Southwell Workhouse.

October included a trip to Holly Beck Nursery for Autumn flowers and Spring bulbs....as well as the obligatory snack lunch and coffee.

This January we are looking forward to our delayed Group's Christmas Party and then another year of interesting and varied activities which we plan each month on the first Monday in the month at 2pm in Cafe29. New U3A members always welcome.

Rodney Fogg

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



FIRST AID

Refresher course

For those who have already attended a U3A First Aid course. Friday 13th Jan 1pm til 3.30pm

Also at Boys Brigade Hall.

Contact Anne McLeod



First Aid short course

To be held in the Boy's Brigade Hall on 3 consecutive Friday morning's at 10.00 for 2 ½ hours 13th Jan, 20th Jan and 27th Jan. You will need to attend all three.

Contact Anne McLeod

on 0766478873

Archaeology Group

Dates for 2017:-

Friday's at 1pm –

6th Jan at BB Hall,
20th Jan at BB Hall,
3rd February at No. 29,
17th February at BB Hall,
3rd March at No. 29 and
17th March at BB Hall

Contact Anne McLeod

February Guest Speaker

Kevin Powell

Where's the Castle?

Nottingham Civic Society's Kevin Powell's story of Nottingham Castle from its early days is not a history lesson but an understanding of the buildings that have stood on the site from their conception through to the present day and why we have what we have on the castle rock today.

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

0115 9335273

Classical Music

Appreciation

Next meeting is on **Thursday 19th January 2017** from **10.30 to 12.30**. £1 per head, free tea/coffee/biscuits.

PLEASE NOTE : this meeting only will take place in the TRENT ROOM, Grange Hall. Future meetings will be in the Dowson Room, in the Grange.

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

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

GARDENING CLUB

We are on our winter break at the moment.

2017 will begin with our planning meeting on Thursday, February 9th at 2.00pm in the British Legion.

Roger Burston

Geology and Environmental Studies Group.

Firstly, we wish all members and friends a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Our last meeting, on Dec 20th, comprised a review and summary of some of the topics explored during 2016.

These included aspects of the Geology & Natural Environment of Southern Mexico, long range weather and climate variation, reminiscences of geological fieldwork before Health and Safety constraints, visits to the National Coal mining museum, walks over the Magnesian limestone country between Mansfield, Hardwick Hall and Cresswell, etc etc.

Our next meeting is on 17th January 2017 and comprises a Quiz, compiled by Greg Chapman, on some of these and future topics!

In the pipeline are: field visits to Bradgate Park in Leicestershire, the Dove Valley in Derbyshire, former Ironstone workings in the Belvoir Vale area as well as talks on Mineral exploration in Madagascar, (Bob Addison) and Volcanos active and passive, (Martin Clarke).

Please put the following dates in your diary when meetings will be held in the Grange Hall Trent Room, all at 2pm on Tuesdays -- 17th January (Quizz), 21st Feb., and 21st March 2017.

More details will be posted in the monthly u3a Newsletter and by email UPDATES from

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

PLAYREADING

GROUP

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

Thurs Jan 12th, 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

BOWLING ? (also, see item on page 2)

I know it's dark dismal, and dreary **BUT** let's think about those wonderful days of Spring. The sun, the warmth (hopefully) and the smell of new cut grass. let's think about the U3A's annual six week course called " **Let's Go Bowling**".

This will be the third year of this popular introduction to the wonderful game of bowling. This will be your opportunity to have a go at this fascinating game. We will be running this six week course during April and May on Tuesday afternoons and each session lasts for two hours from 2 to 4pm'

We will be using the facilities offered by The Radcliffe on Trent Bowling Club at their green on the corner of Glebe Lane and Cropwell Road.

The bowling club will supply the bowls and if necessary, the shoes. The cost will be just £1 per session and this will include tea/coffee.

The sessions will take place on April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30th.

If you might be interested in joining this fun activity or would like further details, why not contact **Mike or Annie Hewett** on hewett65@aol.com

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

The ROT U3A Committee

If we want the U3a to continue as a successful organisation in the village there must be an effective Committee prepared to run it.

Replacement Committee members will very shortly be needed as three of us are due to step down this year and most of the current committee will have completed their current term of office by March 2018. Our constitution lays down that no-one serves in a particular role for more than 3 years.

For the well-being and smooth running of the U3A in Radcliffe it is **essential** that we have a steady flow of people stepping into these roles.

Roles which need to be filled this March –

Vice-Chairman, Speaker Finder and Business Secretary.

Roles which need to be filled before March 2018 –

Chairman, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Visits Coordinator, Meet and Greet/New Members Coordinator.

I am therefore putting out a plea for anyone who is interested to come forward and speak to me (Anne Mcleod) either by phone (07966478873) or at our monthly meetings.