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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 & Guest Speaker at 2:45pm**

## **TRIPS & OUTINGS**

Thursday 3rd August

### **MYSTERY TRIP**

A good day out with a few surprises

£35 per person including afternoon tea.

Tickets on sale at the June monthly meeting

## **PLAY-READING GROUP**

Next date for play-reading is  
Thurs 22nd June.

All welcome from 1.45pm at St Marys church hall.

Contact Pam for more info on  
9335382 or email [pamthomson2@btinternet.com](mailto:pamthomson2@btinternet.com).

June Guest Speaker  
**Rosemary Pike**



During the past 20 years former silversmith Rosemary Pike has developed a talent for designing and working in stained glass, completing over 40 windows and other smaller projects which take the form of birds, butterflies and fishes all in glorious colours.

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### **FLOWER ARRANGING GROUP**

Our next meeting is on  
Wednesday 31st May 2017. We meet at the Royal British Legion dining room at 2pm until 3-30. There is an all in charge of £10.00 for 4 sessions, plus your flowers and oasis etc. This is a small and friendly group who try their best and achieve lovely results, but with absolutely no competition or pressure.

**Gerry Mills**

## **ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS**

Thank you to all groups who have submitted the correct attendance sheets, it makes accounting far easier.

It is very important that all groups are financially self-sufficient so subscriptions from group members **must** cover room hire and the cost of any guest speaker. If group numbers vary from week to week the amount charged needs to be based on average attendance.

If group leaders have any queries please contact **Jim Parkhouse** by e-mail at [fin@rot-u3a.org.uk](mailto:fin@rot-u3a.org.uk) or speak to any of the committee at the next monthly meeting.

**Geraldine Sleight**

**Group Co-ordinator**

## KNIT'n NATTER GROUP

As indicated last month, the style of baby bonnets needed by the hospital has changed. Some of the hats previously made and which are now surplus to requirements will be sent to the Police Aid Charity instead. This is in addition to a prodigious number of blankets made from knitted squares.



We are in the process of coordinating with other Radcliffe organisations to "pool" our donations for delivery to the main collecting point in Mansfield.

Whilst there has been a slight hiatus in the production of baby hats, we still have baby blankets to deliver to the hospital along with 15 colourful Twiddlemuffs for dementia patients, which were produced single-handedly by Joan. (She has advised us that production may slow somewhat now that warmer weather - and gardening - is here!)



It was good to see so many ladies at our group meeting in May; we had to find extra cups to provide afternoon tea for all (very necessary to oil the works for our nattering...). However, for the benefit for those who didn't manage to meet up

**PLEASE NOTE that there WILL NOT be a Knit and Natter group meeting in JUNE (many of our ladies will be otherwise occupied), so we will next meet on 11th JULY.**

Lastly, the efforts of everyone beaver away with their knitting needles means that our supply of wool is rapidly diminishing. Therefore may I make a plea to the wider U3A membership in general for donations to keep us going. Oddments of wool (or even half knitted items which can be unravelled) are as useful to us as full skeins - I will be happy to receive these at the next U3A meeting.

**Jan Addiscott** - [jan@addiscott.net](mailto:jan@addiscott.net)

## FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

Our group was set up primarily to combat loneliness especially for those among us who have lost partners, live on their own or are full time carers.

The group, as its name implies, offers friendship and support and gives an opportunity for those who find themselves in similar circumstances to find friendship in planning each month social activities that they otherwise would miss.

Over the past years we have been to garden centres, museums, art galleries, historic buildings and gardens, theatres, cinemas, restaurants and many cafes. We've supported local events and had day trips out to places like Crich Tram Museum, Newark Civil War Museum and Richard III Exhibition in Leicester. This year we hope to be going on a day trip in June to The Potteries. We plan these events each month among ourselves. Of course not everyone goes to everything and we sometimes are in groups as small as three or four people.

On Tuesday 16th May a few of the Group visited Nottingham City Caves at Broadmarsh and were interested to learn of their historic association with the development of Nottingham as a city. As well as an infamous cesspit there were wells, caverns used for tanning hides, for storing wines and beers as well as private cellars and remnants of tenements of the early industrial revolution. Also there were strong associations with the Luddite Riots.

The caves were used as shelters during the Second World War (see photos)



As if not being under the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre was not weird enough, down in the caves you were also next to the old railway tunnel that travelled under the city to Victoria Station which is now the Victoria Shopping Centre. After the tour five of us went to Thea Cafe on Low Pavement for a very pleasant lunch.

We meet every first Monday in the month at 2pm upstairs in **Cafe29**.

If this is something you feel you would like to take part in now and again throughout the year do join us or give me a ring.

**Phone Rod on 0797 1537 119 or e-m [rodnevfogg@gmail.com](mailto:rodnevfogg@gmail.com)**

## Did you know....?

In Radcliffe U3A we have a published novelist.

**Glenis Wilson** has written 11 novels. Her most recent book is titled "Dead Reckoning". It is about a jump Jockey called Harry Radcliffe who would rather ride racehorses than chase murderers ..... until the people he loves are threatened, then Harry is forced to turn detective and hunt down the killers.

Glenis is the 5th generation to live in the village and home is the cottage built by her Great-Grandfather in 1901. Harry Radcliffe is named in honour of our special village. Glenis often comes to monthly meetings if you want to speak to her about her books.

**Anne McLeod**



### **CROQUET Group**

Every Monday afternoon, from 2.00pm (weather permitting) we can be found at the back of the British Legion playing **Garden Croquet**.

Come along and join us. It's not serious, just for fun.

If you've not played before we'll explain the object of the game and the rules although sometimes we just have to make it up. New members welcome

We look forward to seeing you there .  
contact **Joan** tel: 9332696

### **Family History Discussion Group**

In March, the FHDG visited Nottingham University's Manuscripts and Special Collections situated in the King's Meadow Campus in Lenton Lane. We had a behind-the-scenes tour of reading room, archive store, and conservation and digitisation studios, together with a stimulating talk by Senior Archivist, Hayley Cotterill.

Members of the group found items of interest to their own family history research as well as gaining background on sources of information for the local area and beyond, and many of us intend to return for some in-depth studies.



### **DON'T FORGET BROADWAY CINEMA**

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***



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### **REAL ALE GROUP**

This group meets on the last Wednesday each month leaving at 11:30 am from the bus stop outside The Grange for a destination on the bus/tram routes and within easy walking distance.

Our aim each month is to find a real ale Pub usually with traditional character which apart from offering a choice of local ales also provides good food.

There is no discrimination in gender (or ale) and all U3A members are welcome to join us.

We usually head back for Radcliffe around 2-2:30pm. If this is something you feel you would like to take part in now and again throughout the year do join us or give me a ring.

Phone Rod on 0797 1537 119 or E-m [rodnevfogg@gmail.com](mailto:rodnevfogg@gmail.com)

### **CASH FROM GROUP MEETINGS**

Members are reminded that the currency of the Realm is changing (and quite soon).

**£5** notes of the current paper design will **NOT** be accepted after **May 1st 2017**.

**£1** coins of the current design will **NOT** be accepted after **1st October 2017**.

**We will have no alternative but to return any out-of-date currency to the payees or Group Organisers/Leaders.**

***Anne McLeod***

**Chair, U3A Committee**

### **JULY'S GUEST SPEAKER**

Clarifying the mysterious activities of certain of Radcliffe's residents will be our own, *our very own Anne McLeod*.

Her subject will be "Digging holes and inspecting hedges" under the auspices of the ***RADCLIFFE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT***

Ah! .....that explains it.....doesn't it .....

**DON'T MISS THIS !**

## **Wild Flower Group** (the wild refers to the flowers not the group )

We have had one meeting, and one walk along the Cliffs on which many species were identified.

We have arranged to meet each Wednesday.

We assemble in The Health Centre car park at 2.00pm except for the second Wednesday in each month when we will meet in the Chestnut conference room at 2.00pm.

At the indoor meetings we will discuss what we have seen, how the group can progress, and how each one of us can improve our skills. The outdoor meetings will not go ahead if the weather is unkind.

Any U3A members will be welcome on our rambles but the indoor meetings will be restricted to seventeen so that will initially be limited to Group members.

The part of the village to be explored will be decided on the day.

On the one trip we have made we identified at least 15 different flowers on the stretch of the cliff from the park to the top of the slope. It was very pleasing that some of the group are very knowledgeable and they shared their skills with those of us who are less able. A full list of flowers we see in the village will be compiled and referenced to date and place and hopefully available for anyone to read.

We are grateful to the U3A committee for agreeing the purchase of a copy of Collins Flower Guide which will be available in the RoT Library for reference purposes. Our discoveries will be listed referring to the pages in this book. It can also be used to assist in identification.

Contact **Keith Ramsden**  
Mob 07803 609027 — email [kramsden75@gmail.com](mailto:kramsden75@gmail.com)

## **GARDEN GROUP**

Our Group had an excellent visit to Doddington Hall early in May. The Head Gardener - David Logan - gave us a guided tour of the gardens and an insight into the long history that Doddington has had. 25 of us enjoyed the visit and also had a good look round the farm shop and cafe.



The group at the Turf Maze

We are fitting in another event this May. This is a visit to Sycamores House in Annesley Woodhouse where Barrie and Lynne Jackson have developed an extensive and lovingly cared-for garden.

We have no group activity lined up for June but many members will be attending the RHS show at Chatsworth House so their attention will be focused on this.

**Roger Burston**

## **GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

Our latest meeting, on 16<sup>th</sup> May, was an exploration of Bradgate Park during which some Geological features were demonstrated within the steeply tilted 600 million year old volcanic sediments shown in this image.

Bedding and Cleavage were measured by compass and clinometer. The layers or strata are now at around 60 degrees from an original near flat position, being one result of the colossal earth movements which have affected the area over millennia.



During our ~ 5 mile stroll around this highly scenic terrain we saw many ancient Oaks, large numbers of deer and the ruins of the 15<sup>th</sup> century Bradgate House, home of Jane Grey, the tragic 9 day Queen executed in 1554, a victim of Protestant – Catholic strife. Our next meet is a visit, on 13<sup>th</sup> June, to the “Digester” at Cropwell Butler, This is an example of one of the alternative energy techniques increasingly replacing coal as a source of domestic energy. For more details our activities contact [martinclarke@live.co.uk](mailto:martinclarke@live.co.uk) (Group Leader).

**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](mailto:news@rot-u3a.org.uk)**

**By 22nd june for the July Issue**

**Tailpiece (for travellers).....**

**The first piece of luggage on the carousel belongs to no-one**