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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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

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.

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 - 0115 8414895 or email - plum47@tiscali.co.uk

Victoria Hurst

Radcliffe on Trent U3A

Members Monthly Meeting

April Guest Speaker is Andy Smart



“What Ruddy Cucumber!”

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 take a nostalgic look at old buildings, the winter of 1947, Royal visits and famous local people.

Thursday 6th April 2017 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent.
1.30 – 3.30pm. Guests £2 Free tea /coffee and biscuits for all.

Group leaders will be available to chat about the various interest groups.

For further information please contact *Anne Spencer* on 0115 9335273

NOTICE

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

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Outing to **Cromford, Derbyshire**

Monday 19th June 2017 Cost : £30

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

TICKETS ON SALE AT MARCH MEETING

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 planned

Weds 12 July 'Kiss Me Kate' - Openair Theatre Kilworth- **SOLD OUT**

Thurs 3 Aug Mystery Trip

Weds 13 Sept Audley End House & Gardens

Thurs 16 Nov Coal Mine Museum Wakefield

Steve Harris

trips@rot-u3a.org.uk

Eligibility to join Radcliffe U3A

I am frequently asked how old do you have to be to join Radcliffe U3A? Put simply - there are no age restrictions. However, most people are retired or semi-retired so that they can attend group meetings, which generally take place in the daytime. We are often described as a "youth club for older people". If you are coming up for retirement or are not yet a member, feel free to come along, you will be made very welcome. Our Monthly meeting is in the afternoon of the first Thursday of the month at Grange Hall, [every month except August].

Anne McLeod

chair@rot-u3a.org.uk



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

0115 933 2312

Radcliffe on Trent U3A Membership renewal 2017-18

1. If you haven't received or picked up your envelope, please pick it up at the next monthly U3A meeting 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-mail me.

Penny Tytler

members@rot-u3a.org.uk

Garden Group

Our Garden group met for the first time in 2017 on Thursday February 9th and discussed our programme for the year ahead. 33 of us were present.

Our March event is a talk from Geoff Hodge about growing house/conservatory plants and takes place at the British Legion on Thursday, March 9th starting at 1.30pm.

Roger Burston

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MOOC's

Anyone remember this?

It was mentioned in the September and July's issues.

It stands for Massive Open Online Courses, (put this in your pc search box) which enables you to access University degree course material in a huge range of subjects entirely FREE although no degree is earned for working through one, just greatly increased knowledge.

Your Committee would appreciate hearing from any member who has accessed this facility. Please get in touch via the Editors or Chairman - Anne McLeod at chair@rot-u3a.org.uk

Patrick Mountford

Co-editor

Membership renewal 2017-18

We are getting on very well with the renewals. Please remember that March is the cut-off point.

All letters asking you to renew have either been delivered or posted.

After March you may not go to any group if you do not have your new membership card-beige with a 4-figure number. You should take your card with you to the first meeting after the AGM to allow the group leaders to make a note of the number.

Membership cards

If you did not include an S.A.E for me to return your card, please collect or arrange for someone else to collect your card from the box on the front desk at the next meeting.

Group leaders – please make a note of the new numbers for all your group. If anyone has not renewed, please let me know. **Penny Tytler**

U3A membership

0115 9333028

Film Appreciation Group

A well attended and lively meeting gave 'La La Land' a wide range of marks and ratings from the ecstatic to the downright miserable.

The film attracted almost universal approval for cinematography (it was filmed in 35 mm with enhanced colour) and its music; the jazz being outstanding. But for many a perceived weak story line and lack of chemistry between the leads made them wonder whether the film's 14 Oscar nominations is justified. Why do critics follow each other like sheep? ...the professionals I mean not our splendid free thinking, informed and erudite Radcliffe U3A students!

Our next choice is 'Denial' centred around the truth of the Holocaust, and we will be unpicking it at our next meeting, as usual at 2.00 at the Manvers on the last Monday of the month; in this case the 27th February.

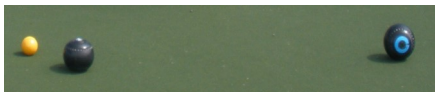
'Denial' is on at The Broadway from the 10th until the 16th.

David Richards

Film Appreciation Group Leader

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0115 9335499



BOWLING GROUP

'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 Hewett** on

hewett65@aol.com

Or 0115 9333777

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



Hedge dating at Henson Lane.

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

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

Proposed Groups

Photography - Three people interested but need a Group Leader.

Wildflower Group - to include photography.

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

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

Geology and Environment Group.

Our next meeting is at 2pm on Tuesday 21st March in the Grange Hall Trent Room.

The title is "Encounters with Volcanoes, large & small, active & extinct". This talk, by the Group Leader, attempts to answer such questions as to why there are over 120 active volcanoes in Indonesia, where the speaker worked for 6 years, but none in UK.

Our February speaker, Bob Addison, had fascinating stories of Gold exploration in Madagascar.

More info from **Martin Clarke**

martinclarke@live.co.uk

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

This is our play reading date for next month.

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 Thompson

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Knit and Natter Group:

"We enjoyed a lively gathering in February, with two "new" ladies joining us for some therapeutic knitting and nattering. We assemble bags of completed items when we meet.

These items are then taken to the hospital and to the police aid charity for use as and when needed. We meet in the afternoon of the second Tuesday each month. Please contact me for details.

Jan....on.... jan@addiscott.net

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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 28th March for the April Issue

THANK YOU

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 **0115 933 4065**

Tailpiece

"At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I went in there for.....!"