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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



The Members Monthly Meetings in the Grange : doors open at 2:00pm : announcements made at 2:30pm & Guest Speaker at 2:45pm

Our Guest Speaker

For May



Sue Holden

BRINGING LAW TO LIFE WITH LAUGHTER

Sue Holden - past lawyer, present entertainer and aspirational future speaker - will give an entertaining and humorous insight into the law from her 36 years of experiences in the legal profession.

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 May monthly meeting

Thanks

Steve

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.

SUPPER CLUB

Our next meeting is on Friday, 26th May and the theme is "Salads".

If you would like to know more, telephone

**Joan Stanway on
0115 933 4065.**

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

Geraldine Sleight

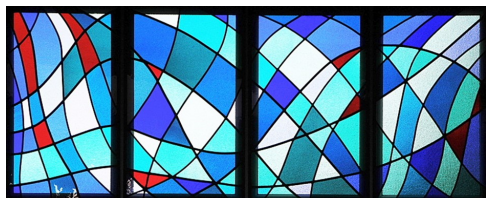
Group Co-ordinator

Members Monthly Meeting

June Guest Speaker

Rosemary Pike

Stained Glass



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.

Thursday 1st June 2017 at
Grange Hall, Radcliffe on
Trent.

2 – 4pm.

Members Free / 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 **Carol White** on **07742 434 437**

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

MEMBERSHIP 2017– 18

All members who wish to continue their membership of the Radcliffe U3A should now have renewed for 2017-18

If you have not yet done so, but intend to renew please send the completed form, with a stamped addressed envelope, to me at

**48, Shaftsbury Avenue,
Upper Saxondale,
Radcliffe on Trent.,
NG12 2NH**

If you have mislaid your form, you can download one from the website

www.rot-u3a.org.uk

and then post it as above, or you can e-mail it to me at

members@rot-3a.org.uk

Please pick up your card for the desk if you did not send an S.A.E.

If you are not intending to renew, please let me know so that I can update the books and stop sending you annoying e-mails!

Penny Tytler
members@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**

GARDEN GROUP

29 of us met on April 13th and listened to a very enjoyable and informative talk from Sally Smith who used to work at Ryton Organic Gardens near Coventry. Her theme was "There are no garden pests" which as you can imagine, is open to some debate. She was of course, suggesting ways in which we can all work in our gardens in a more eco-friendly way without resorting to using chemicals etc. She offered lots of useful tips and advice and gave us lots to think about in terms of alternatives to our usual practices.

We have two events in May. The first of these is a trip to Doddington Hall near Lincoln on May 11th where we are having a garden tour led by the Head Gardener. At the end of the month, we are visiting a garden near Sutton in Ashfield that was in the NGS book last year.

Roger Burston

roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

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

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



Our last monthly meeting, on Tuesday 18th April, was a walk in the Skylarks and Blotts Pit Nature Reserves near Holme Pierrepont. On a beautiful sunny early spring morning 12 of us were lead by John Elwell, an expert local ornithologist, who knows these areas well. Along with observations by some of our own members we noted over 25 species by sight and several more by song during the 3 hour excursion. We each carried binoculars but sightings were made easier due to John bringing his birding telescope. Amongst species seen were Smew, Great crested Grebe, Teal, Oyster catcher, Greylag Goose and several Buzzards soaring high above. For a full list contact Martin on the email below.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 16th May is planned as a day exploration of Bradgate Park, an extension of the Charnwood area we visited in 2015. Here aspects of geology, natural history and history will be experienced while walking in this classic former Deer Park, once the home of Lady Jane Grey and now a well managed public amenity with great vistas and many Red and Fallow deer and ancient oaks as well as crags of ancient volcanic rocks. We plan to cover around 6 miles with stops at tea houses en route. For more info on this and future events please contact-

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

GREAT OFFER **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

PLAYREADING GROUP

Next planned dates are , May 18th and June 22nd.

pamthompson2@btinternet.com

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

"STOP PRESS!

The design and size of the baby hats which we have been crafting over several years for the QMC is no longer suitable for their needs. We have obtained samples from the hospital of the types of bonnets they now find most useful. The photo shows the tiny size (measured against a box of matches) required for premature babies and alongside this is a hat for "regular" newborn babies which has



a button-closed flap covering the hole which is necessary to secure feeding tubes. We are endeavouring to obtain patterns for these designs but, in the meantime, we urgently request that our knitters make no more hats until further notice. Needless to say, our production of baby blankets, Twiddlemuffs, etc., continues unabated....!

Please contact me for further information. **Jan Addiscott. 0115 8457398**

POETRY U3A

Contact ANNE on 01158417991

P oetry is for pleasure.
O ffering occasions of delight.
E motion - (recollected in tranquillity).
T ry it and enjoy at leisure.
R eading, recalling, remembering verse of your choice.
Y ou may discover a new element of literature

Welcome to Poetry for Pleasure
We meet at 1.30 pm - 3pm on the last Thursday of each month

Poetry for Pleasure Group

A black and white illustration of two people, a man with glasses and a woman, looking at and reading from a book together.

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 18th MAY for the
June Issue