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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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**Members Monthly Meetings are held in the Grange : DOORS OPEN AT 2:00pm :
Announcements are made at 2:30pm with Guest Speaker at 2:45pm**

Group Leaders

Group Leaders are reminded that it is in their own interests to attend the monthly meetings to promote membership of their own groups.

Tables are available each month for this purpose. There is no need to pre-book these tables.

Also, any leader can be given time to speak to provide information about their Group.

Please contact myself or Anne McLeod who will allocate the time.

New Groups

As Group Co-ordinator, I will be on hand at the monthly meetings to offer support to any member wishing to start a new group.

Geraldine Sleight ...
Groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

U3A 2018 POCKET DIARIES

On sale at the Members Monthly Meeting priced at £2.50

Limited stock— **BUY NOW!**

OUR CHRISTMAS

PARTY

7th December

Tickets on sale today

(see also Guest Speaker item on last page)

SCOTTISH COUNTRY

DANCING GROUP

We meet every Wednesday with the exception of the last Wednesday of the month, at 2pm, St Mary's Church Hall.

New members welcome.

Good exercise and fun, why not give us a go?

Contact **Jean Hudson**
jeanhudson.home@gmail.com

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

November's Guest Speaker



VINCE EAGER

Don't shoot him — he's only a rock and roll singer !!

Vince returns to continue his fascinating and fun presentation of his doomed appearance in the Eurovision Song Contest, his touring with Britain's biggest ever rock 'n' roll show, through to his exploits during his five years touring the world in the lead role of Elvis in the award winning West End musical 'ELVIS

Carol White

GARDEN GROUP

On Thursday, Sept 14th, 16 of our group travelled up to Winterton, near Scunthorpe, to Westshores nurseries, where we listened to John Summerfield talk about grasses and Gail Summerfield about Pelargoniums. We had the opportunity to look around their nursery and many of us bought plants from them. They have come to talk to us before, here in RoT and are very knowledgeable and informative about their special interests.

We then travelled the few miles to Normanby Hall and after a bite to eat and a brief look around, we met the Head Gardener, Paul Beetham who showed us around some of the property and especially the one-acre walled garden. Maintaining this and the rest of the estate is a daunting challenge when there are only 3-4 gardeners to tackle it. The walled garden is very interesting and we looked inside the giant glasshouses where a variety of tender plants are being grown, including peaches and grapevines. Paul's two assistant gardeners then appeared with a selection from the 80 or so apple varieties that they grow and passed numerous pieces around for tasting. Much appreciated

In **November**, I have arranged a talk from **Alison Foster** who works part time for/at Kew Gardens and the theme of the talk will be the Medicinal Value of Plants or how plants are used in the formulation and preparation of medicines.

This talk will take place at the British Legion from 2.00pm, probably in the Dining Room. The date will be **Thursday, November 16th** and the cost is likely to be £5 - £6., depending on numbers attending.

This is just to let you know in advance so that you can save the date but I will be in touch further about this talk nearer to the time.

Roger Burston roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

The **Croquet group** mallets for the recommence in April permitting. Watch this date when we hope to members to the lawn British Legion.



has now hung up its season. We hope to next year, weather newsletter for our start welcome new at the back of the

Now then, was that a Floquet or a Croquet ?

Beginners to the game will be welcome with instruction provided—including an answer to the question above!!

Joan (df.spooner@btinternet.com)

Photography Group

This group is now well established and meets on the first Tuesday of each month at St Mary's Church Hall between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Everyone is welcome, especially beginners.

Please contact Group Leader,

Geraldine Sleight ... gbbbsleight@hotmail.com

WALKING GROUP

This photo is of us starting the walk.



We are walking from Melrose Abbey, (in the picture), to Lindisfarne, (aka Holy Island). A distance of 100 kilometres or 62 miles. It is the route that Saint Cuthbert took in reverse when he landed on Lindisfarne and brought Christianity to Britain. It is also where the Vikings first landed.

13 of us plus 2 dogs, (the third dog belongs to the lady who took the picture), 2 more people join us for the second half of the walk.

Anne McLeod

PLAY READING GROUP

Next dates for play-reading are **Thurs Nov 23rd** and **Thurs Dec 14th**. We will meet as usual from 1.45pm at St Marys Church Hall. All welcome. The Dec meeting will be a one act play-reading plus Xmas treats!

Pam

pamthompson2@btinternet.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC

APPRECIATION GROUP

We will next meet on **Thursday 16th October** from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Dowson Room at the Grange. £1.50 per head, including tea/coffee/biscuits.

New members welcomed. .

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

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

There are still a few places left for our

Outing to National Coal Mining Museum and Hepworth Museum, Wakefield

Thurs.16th November 2017 cost £30

Payable by cash or cheque (made payable to RoT U3A Social) Tickets on sale at Novembers Monthly Meeting

Depart Radcliffe 8.30 am Arrive Radcliffe 18.00 approx

Our first destination is the Hepworth Wakefield Museum. Be inspired by historic and modern art, enjoy delicious food in the café and browse gifts in the shop...

Onwards to the National Coal Mining Museum at Wakefield.

Meet a Miner — Get kitted out with your hardhat and battery lamp then step into the cage to descend 140m underground to discover the harsh realities of coal mining through the centuries.

Led by lively former-miner guides, the 'Meet a Miner' tour will take you on a journey through time to discover the different ages of mining, from Victorian times where women and children worked underground alongside men, through to pit ponies and modern machinery. Hear all about your guide's working life and experiences in the mines.

A pre-ordered two-course lunch is included in the cost of your ticket. **ALSO ADVANCE NOTICE.....**

We have a trip planned to a covered open air theatre at **Kilworth, Leicestershire to see Guys & Dolls on Wednesday 4th July 2018.**

The cost is £48 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. We have to give final numbers & book tickets by the end of January.

We are taking bookings at the November monthly meeting.....or you can phone or email:

Joyce Bullimore 0115 9333969 joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk or

Steve Harris 0115 9333011 steveharriswork@hotmail.com

REMINDER FOR U3A MEMBERS : 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

WILD FLOWER GROUP

We meet in the Health Centre car park at 2:00pm each Wednesday and everyone is invited to join us. We choose the place to visit on the day.

Several of us are improving our identification skills aided very much by members of the group with more skills.

Keith Ramsden

kramsden75@gmail.com

KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

We will meet on 14th November at 2pm as - usual - at Barbara's house. There will be no meeting in December. However, if anyone has completed knitting to pass on before we get together again in January, please contact me. **Jan Addiscott:** on 8457398.

FIRST - AID IS RETURNING

This autumn a short First Aid course will be running on Friday mornings between 9 am and 12 noon on the 10th and 17th November.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting alternatively you can ring or email me.....

Anne McLeod at

annemcleod1955@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

On Monday 23rd October, 13 U3A Friendship and Support Group members visited Middleport working Pottery, Stoke on Trent, using the village Methodist Youth Group Community minibus. En route we stopped at Heath House Farm Garden Centre, Forsbrook near Stoke for lunch where some of us sampled a local traditional recipe of Staffordshire Oatcakes. The pottery was saved and restored from closure via the Prince of Wales Heritage fund at a cost of £9m. Still producing Burleigh and Poole pottery, the group enjoyed an informative guided tour where terms such as 'pot holes', 'slip', 'flat ware' and 'biscuit ware' were explained. The pottery building is also used as the location for the BBC pottery tv series "The Great British Throw Down".

Rodney Fogg



Our Christmas Meeting

Guest

JUDITH HIBBERT



"Around The Wireless"

It's all a bit of a laugh really, this musical rendezvous with some of England's finest Variety Stars. Judith pays an affectionate tribute to some of our greats: Julie Andrews, Joyce Grenfell, Gracie Fields, Victoria Woods, Julie Waters and more.

Judith has worked extensively in TV, theatre, musicals, cabaret and pantomime. She played a mean Mrs. Mullin in the West Yorkshire Playhouse production of Carousel and prior to this, she toured in Dr. Who with the late John Pertwee playing the villainous Madame Delilah.

She joined the National Revue Company in How Was It For You, Dear? On the Edinburgh Fringe and for years has been a regular with the London Players Theatre with whom she twice toured America. She has done hundreds of Variety shows up and down the country and for a while was a supporting act to Danny La Rue. With Opera Della Luna she returned to America performing opera in a highly comic and very English way. She has just recently returned from a successful season at the Watermill, West Berkshire's Playhouse, in their production of Seasonal Sauce.

Judith has performed in many pantos, playing principal boy to both Stanley Baxter and Rikki Fulton in Glasgow and many other Dandinis and Princes along the way.

Diane Kidger

POETRY FOR PLEASURE

GROUP

We meet on the last Thursday of each month at 1.30 pm. For venue and further information contact **Anne** on **01158 417991**

Geology and Environment Studies Group.

Our last meeting on 17th Oct, attended by 22 folk, was entitled "Reading the Rocks" and involved examination and discussion of members specimens.

Thanks to a great response we had a full and interesting afternoon.

Specimens included igneous rocks such as granites, in which the component crystals are large, volcanic ashes and lavas, one from the Galapagos Isles, with smaller crystals or even none in the case of the black obsidian glass samples brought by several. Other specimens such as shales, sandstones and limestones were of sedimentary origin marked by ripple marks and bottom structures.

Several fossils were present, including fine ammonites, sea urchins and corals. Sections of fossil tree trunks and plants, probably from coal bearing deposits were well represented.

Mineral specimens included Lead ore (galena), iron ore, many varieties of quartz, some coloured (amethyst); gypsum both as white veinstone mined locally and also as brown "desert rose" types. The most colourful sample had bright green and red minerals, the latter being corundum. This mineral, aluminium oxide, the second hardest after Diamond, when coloured red and flawless is known as Ruby or if blue, Sapphire.

The large red crystals in the specimen have the colour but not the unflawed nature of Ruby!

This photo (with a 50p piece for size) shows 4 of the specimens



including i) the, flawed, ruby bearing rock, ii) a recent aged coral, iii) "Zebra Rock", or banded ironstone, at nearly 3 billion years old (the oldest) and iv) a sample of lava with flow lines round a black fragment being carried within the flow at the moment it solidified.

NEXT MEETING is on Tuesday **14th Nov.** at 2pm in Grange Hall, **"WEATHER FORECASTING"** by Terry Scholey.

You may remember that, last year, Radcliffe resident Terry gave us a very interesting talk on the Solar system, climate and weather.

Our CHRISTMAS MEETING is on **12th Dec.** same venue, **"A review of this years excursions"**, with sherry and mince pies.

More information from martinclarke@live.co.uk (Group Leader).

Don't be surprised !

Rumour hath it that the price of the SILVER SCREEN showings at the BROADWAY has increased by £1 (new coin of course !).

This varies the note on page 3

Ed.

Editors' note,

DECEMBER'S **NEWS SHEET**

Please send your news, articles and photos for inclusion in our next issue to

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **November 26th**

Tailpiece - We were put on earth to help others. What the others are here for I have no idea ! (W.H.Auden)