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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 with Guest Speaker at 2:45pm**

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**

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Outing to National Coal Mining Museum
and Hepworth Museum, Wakefield
Thursday 16th November 2017 Cost
£30.00

Depart Radcliffe 8.30 am Arrive
Radcliffe 6 pm approx. Tickets on sale
at our Monthly U3A Members Meeting

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.

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 also all about your
guide's working life and experiences in
the mines.

Get kitted out with your hard hat and
battery lamp then step into the cage to
descend 140m underground to discover
the harsh realities of coal mining
through the centuries.

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

Contact **Steve Harris 07968267065** or
Joyce Bullimore 0115 9333969

ALSO———Thanks to **David
Simmons** for his article in
Septembers Newssheet on the
Cromford visit and to **Stan Ayling**
on the **Kilworth** visit.

OCTOBER'S GUEST SPEAKERS

**Radcliffe World War 1
Group**

**Rosemary Collins, Marion
Caunt and Pauline
Woodhouse**

The Creation of Rockley Park

As part of Radcliffe's
commemorative events
marking 90 years since the
opening of Rockley Memorial
Park and the centenary of
William Rockley's death,
founder members of the
Radcliffe on Trent WW1
Social History Project Team,
will give an illustrated talk
which includes the life of
benefactor Lisle Rockley,
William Rockley's war
service, the creation of the
Park, its early years and the
Park today.

For further information please
contact **Carol White** on

Tel: 07742 434 437

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO

ALL TEAM LEADERS FROM OUR TREASURER

that we will be unable to
accept **old £1 coins** after
1st October 2017

Jim Parkhouse

Treasurer email :

Fin@rot-u3a.org.uk

U3A 2018 POCKET

DIARIES

On sale at the Members Monthly
Meeting priced at £2.50

Limited stock— **BUY NOW!**



GEOLOGY and ENVIRONMENT STUDIES GROUP

Since the last Newsletter we have had two full day field excursions:

18th July. To Castleton and Mam Tor area in N Derbyshire, lead by member Bob Addison, when, in great weather and grand scenery, 17 folk examined the former lead and Blue John mining area around the Mam Tor and Winnats pass. The landslides affecting the abandoned road under Mam Tor demonstrated again the fragility of man's efforts in the face of natural forces (Photo 4). Good samples of Blue John mineral, or Calcium Fluoride were collected and ancient mineworks and equipment seen as well as oil seeps from limestone. We also explored the mine and caverns of Speedwell by means of an underground boat trip.

15th August. To Charnwood Forest, lead by group leader Martin, again in fine weather 12 members examined 600 million year old volcanic rocks and saw indications of past "Plate Movement" by both measuring strata tilting and recognising "unconformities" where older strata are steeply tilted compared with overlying younger strata. Amongst the 5 locations visited was Mt St Bernard's Abbey (Photo 3), constructed of local volcanic blocks and Bardon Hill, the highest point in Leicestershire, (Photo 2) also formed of ancient volcanic formations where quarrying has revealed a dramatic unconformity. (See photo 1 where Red Triassic desert sediments infill valleys eroded into the older volcanics, for scale at the bottom right is a Dumper Truck and loader).

Sept Meeting - Planned as a half-day visit to Wollaton Hall, on Tuesday 19th, lead by Greg Chapman, where a temporary exhibition of Chinese Dinosaurs is being held. There is also a mineral gallery worth looking at.....for more information contact Group Leader-

email at martinclarke@live.co.uk.



PLAYREADING GROUP

Our next Playreading Group meeting will be on Thurs Oct 12th from 1.45pm at St Marys Church Hall.

All welcome.

No experience required!

Contact **Pam Thompson**

pamthompson2@btinternet.com

or ring **0115 9335382**.

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

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

Editors' note,

NOVEMBER'S NEWS SHEET

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

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **Thursday October 26th**

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

FIRST AID IS RETURNING

This autumn a short First Aid course will be running on

Friday mornings between 9 and 12 on 3rd, 10th and 17th

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

Anne McLeod Email : an-nemcleod1955@gmail.com

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

The hospital has thanked us for the Twiddlemuffs donated thus far, stating "they meet all the criteria - bright colours, different textures and plenty of chunky fiddly things on the inside as well as the outside". We have also been asked to consider the "Octopus for a Premie" project. The tentacles are said to simulate the umbilical cord which babies in the womb often cling to. Having an octopus' tentacle to hold may prevent baby from pulling and dislodging tubes which are keeping the child alive. Some of our nimble fingered ladies who crochet are willing to try these patterns out.

Our meeting in October will be held on 10th, at 2pm.

For more information, please call - **Jan** on tel: **0115 8457398**.

OUTING TO SALFORD QUAY

Thirty-six U3A members were on last Wednesday's bus trip and were divided into two groups to visit the BBC Studios and The Lowry Centre/Exhibition at Salford. At the BBC after a thorough handbag search and body scan, two knowledgeable and amusing guides (see photo) escorted us. They were able to easily explain t.v. techniques like 'augmented reality', 'wide angle lenses' and 'auto-cues'. In Studio 3 where 'Match of the Day' is recorded, £1m worth of lighting lamps hang from the ceiling. In the sound recording studios we were shown and demonstrated the semi-acoustic chamber where they create whispers and other sound effects. The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra has its home there housing ninety musicians, and its Studio was our final tour before we moved on to the Lowry Centre.

'The Lowry' as it is named, displayed many of his original classical drawings as well as his better appreciated factory and people/crowd scenes. Our guide was young but very knowledgeable about Lowry's family history and his development as a rent collector and artist.

Pier Eight was the restaurant where we ended our trip with a hot drink, sandwiches, fancy cakes, scones with cream, jam and strawberries, followed by a blueberry panacotta.

An excellent and enjoyable day, so thanks to Steve, Sandra and their organising Outings Group. **Editor**



.....LOST YOUR HAT ?

From Brian our coach driver he said he found a hat with 'Royal Shakespeare Company' on it. It was under one of the seats. If this is yours then contact **Marshall** direct on Tel. No **01636 821138**

FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT GROUP

ANNUAL MINIBUS DAY TRIP TO GLADSTONE POTTERY, STOKE ON TRENT—MON 23rd OCTOBER

This year, our day out is to visit the Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke on Trent.

The now preserved Victorian former bone china works is world famous. The museum also gives an insight into the history of Stoke. There are daily demonstrations of pottery skill and you can try your own hand make and paint your own souvenir.

There is a shop and café providing hot drinks and food.

The group have **FOUR SEATS AVAILABLE** to fill on the coach if any U3A members are interested in joining us for the day.

Coach seats, petrol and entrance to the pottery is included for **£14**. In addition just buy at the café or take your own drink/food.

The trip is on Monday 23rd October, departing from Methodist Church Car Park, Shelford Road at 10:00am. Returning from Stoke at 3:30pm.

To book a seat contact **Rodney Fogg** on Tel **0797 1537 119.....** or email

rodneymogg@gmail.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC

APPRECIATION GROUP

We will next meet on Thursday 19th 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. Diary dates up to the end of 2017 are Thursday 16th November and Thursday 14th December.

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



REAL ALE GROUP

The group are still going strong and are now in their fourth year and still able to visit a different local real ale establishment each month. In September we visited The Angel PH on Stoney Street in Nottingham's Lace Market. An old hostelry with a chequered history dating back to the 1600's. It is now a Micro brewery and the group were fortunate enough to get a quick guided tour of the brewery by the landlord. If you fancy joining us on our adventures we meet at the Grange bus stop to catch the 11:30 am bus in to town on the last Wednesday in every month. We have male and female members, so all welcome. Just let Rod know if you wish to join us. In October we visit a Weatherspoon's PH ...The Roebuck PH on St James Street.

Contact **Rod** on tel **0797 1537 119**



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