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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**

## Your U3A Needs YOU.

Radcliffe U3A is extremely successful, we are a large group of well over 500 members and we have achieved that figure in under 5 years -far faster than most U3A's grow, but we are facing a major crisis.

As a registered charity we must have a chairman and a treasurer. Subject to your vote at the AGM in March, we have a new treasurer in place, ready to take over from Jim Parkhouse, however, we have been unsuccessful in finding a new chairman. Our constitution states that I have to stand down next year, after serving as Chair for 3 years and I must be replaced, otherwise we have to fold in April 2018.

I know many of us retire and think we will "put our feet up", "do what we want to do instead of what we have to do", "never go to another meeting", etc, etc. I understand that, but if we want to continue with keeping fit, playing boules, learning Spanish, going on trips and take part in all the other interest groups that are flourishing we have to address this problem quickly.

I think we all know that many of the organisational roles in this village are undertaken by a small, and quite frankly, overworked group of people. We are not "do-gooders" or "people without a life" but residents who want Radcliffe to continue as a fantastic place to live for everyone. If you think you could replace me in April 2018 please speak to me or one of the committee as soon as possible.

You would not have to work alone, there is a hard-working committee of 14 people behind you and I am quite happy to remain as vice-chair during the transition.

***Anne McLeod, [Chair for only 6 more months].***

## SEPTEMBER'S SPEAKER

Carol Hines of the BBC has had to withdraw, regrettably and at short notice, from this engagement.

A further announcement will be made at the start of the meeting.

Editor

## Belton Luncheon Club

For the very first time our August meeting was a Picnic/Garden Party.



The sunshine was ordered and shone from morning to night helping to make the day a complete success.

**SHEENA Fawcett**

<sheena.fawcett@ntlworld.com>

## TRIPS AND OUTINGS GROUP

Where we've been lately.....

### CROMFORD MILLS

On a hot summer's day in June a bunch of intrepid explorers set off for the outer reaches of Cromford, arriving at Cromford Mill with the thermometer edging towards the high 20's.

Cromford Mills is the home of Sir Richard Arkwright's first mill complex and the birthplace of the modern factory system. It is now a UNESCO world heritage site with an interesting visitor centre as well as a small complex of shops.

From our stop at the mills we wandered over the road to "Birdswood", a canal boat that took us along the restored Cromford Canal from where we saw Rock House, the former home of Sir Richard Arkwright. The volunteers from the Friends of the Cromford Canal also pointed out the wildlife, the ducks, the mayflies and the dinosaur (a relic not of the Jurassic period but of the Cromford Garden Centre). Many years ago the canal was used to carry coal and stone around the country but today this isolated route is a tourist attraction.

Masson Mills was built in the late 1700's as a cotton mill but today serves as a shopping village. Here our explorers relaxed after the canal boat trip by discovering various parts of the building. Clothing departments and ice cream were popular but some found that a short tasting session in the whiskey shop helped revitalise them ready for the last part of the expedition. Some ventured into the museum which was highly rated.

Arriving at the New Bath Hotel in the middle of a glorious afternoon, the temperature now over 30°, it was time to chill in the air conditioned dining room to partake in the great British tradition of afternoon tea. Sandwiches, scones and cakes were all devoured along with tea, friendship and good conversation, before reluctantly returning home.

Thanks to all the committee for organising such an interesting and enjoyable day and to Ross our coach driver who looked after us so well.



### 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**

### Kiss me Kate at Kilworth House Open Air Theatre

On a lovely July summer's day, a group of 30 U3A members left Radcliffe by coach, heading for Kilworth Open Air Theatre in Leicestershire.

We broke the journey at Palmers Garden Centre at Illethorpe, for coffee and hot bacon or sausage rolls and a browse. Then on to the Theatre. The grounds at Kilworth were beautiful and we sat at picnic tables to have lunch in the sun and enjoy the surroundings.

The theatre was set out like an amphitheatre, with some 400-people enjoying a close relationship with the players, but few as close as our group, who were strung out along the second row from the stage. The organisers Steve and Bev had surpassed themselves.

Kiss me Kate was about a 1940's theatre company performing the Shakespeare play "The Taming of the Shrew". The interplay between the cast back and front of stage was brilliant, and very amusingly captured. An extremely professional production which would have graced the West End.

A personal favourite of the wonderful Cole Porter score was "So in Love", sung by Caroline Sheen, but "Too Darn Hot" and "Brush up your Shakespeare" were great fun. The last named closed the show and ensured we all straggled back to our coach with smiles on our faces.

A wonderful outing, superbly well organised. It's not surprising that when Steve asked on the way back who was in favour of a return trip to Kilworth next year there was unanimous support. Keep an eye out for announcements when the programme for 2018 is announced, tickets will go very quickly!

**Stan**

### Mystery Trip



Where was this? (see pg 3!)



## TRIPS AND OUTINGS

### Mystery Trip

Well Jim and Jane certainly maintained the 'mystery' element of our day! They gave us no clue at all of where we were heading so all we could do was be very observant about our direction!

And what a wonderful surprise it was, Lincoln!! It doesn't matter how many times you visit somewhere like Lincoln there is always something new to see.

We started at the Castle.



Our guide was Anne who took us around the grounds giving us so much interesting information about the castle's history. We then had free time to visit the Domesday exhibition and view the Domesday book and the Magna Carta!! Both fantastic to study! Time also to visit the prison chapel and male and female cells both very cleverly and interestingly presented.

Time then to meet up with everyone at the cathedral for our guided tour. Our group's guide was Gavin, a very knowledgeable and informative guide.



Lincoln cathedral's architecture is so majestic it is impossible to describe. The stained glass, some dating from the medieval period, is also stunning with a lot of history associated with it particularly from the Civil War period. One of the most interesting things I learned about the Cathedral was that Queen Eleanor of Castile's very grand visceral tomb was in the Cathedral. Eleanor, wife of Edward 1 died near Newark.

It was now time for our afternoon tea at the Collection Museum. Lincoln's history is so vibrant. Romans, Saxons, Normans - it just goes on and on and of course later with much activity during the civil war.

Our afternoon tea was perfect! Thank you to everyone involved in organising the day for us. It was wonderful

**Sue Terry**

### Future Dates

We have 3 places available for the Salford Quays outing which includes a tour of the BBC Studios, and The Lowry Museum with Afternoon Tea included. Date Wednesday 27th September Tickets £45 per person .

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 September's Monthly 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.

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.

Contact [Steve Harris 07968267065](tel:07968267065) or [Joyce Bullimore 0115 9333969](tel:01159333969) for either trip.

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### U3A 2018 DIARIES

On sale in the Hall from Sept. on

and priced at £2.50

Limited stock— BUY NOW!

### FIRST AID IS RETURNING

See next month's NewsSheet

for dates and venue.

### CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

The next meeting will be on Thursday **21st September** from **10.30 to 12.30** in the Dowson Room at the Grange.

£1.50 per head, free tea/coffee/ biscuits.

New members welcomed.

For further details contact

**Joyce Bullimore**  
[joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk](mailto:joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk).

### FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Our first meeting of the new season will be on Monday 25th September at 2.00 in the "Manvers" and I will advise members of the film to see .

**Group Leader David Richards.** tel 07817 660659

### HOLIDAY GROUP



Five members (seen above on Burgh Island) of the Holiday Group went down to Devon for a week in June.

We rented a lovely house in Salcombe with a panoramic view over the Kingsbridge estuary. A couple of us found the hills a little challenging but that was fine as it helped to offset the quantities of cake etc., consumed over the course of the week!

We all had a good time and agreed it was an area to which we would happily return.

**Val Culm**

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### 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

## **KNIT & NATTER GROUP**

We next meet on 12th September. In the meantime, please resume making baby hats to the original pattern.

The Police Aid Charity has been happy to receive those baby hats which were unsuitable for use by the baby unit at QMC, so our efforts have not been in vain!

We will be at Jan's house on 12th September, at 2.0pm. All welcome.

**Jan: 01158 457398**



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## **CRIMINOLOGY**

I will not be running another Criminology Group for a while, and I would like to thank everyone who made it such an enjoyable and interesting experience.

Should I decide to start another group in the future, I will advertise it.

**Victoria Hurst**

## **GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

### **STUDIES GROUP**

**Next Meeting** - Planned as a half-day visit to Wollaton Hall, on Tuesday 19th September, 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- [martinclarke@live.co.uk](mailto:martinclarke@live.co.uk).

## **Wild Flower Group**

We have surveyed four sites in the village in the past few weeks and have recorded eighty six different flowers, but only three of these were found in all the sites we visited.



Our most spectacular find was a Common Spotted-orchid. We were informed of this flower by Anne McLeod. This flower is illustrated on page 678 in Collins Wild Flower Guide which is now in the in the Library.

The list of the flowers we have seen and where we saw them will, at some point, be made available on the internet.

We are still meeting 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**

This group will start once more on Wednesday 13th September, 2pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

New members welcome.

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

Contact **Jean Hudson**  
[jeanhudson.home@gmail.com](mailto:jeanhudson.home@gmail.com)

## **TAILPIECE**

A computer once beat me at chess — but it was no match for me at kickboxing !

## **October Guest Speaker**

### **Radcliffe World War 1 Group**

#### **The Creation of Rockley Park**

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

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

**07742 434 437**

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## **FAMILY HISTORY**

### **GROUP**

The group will meet again after the summer break on Thursday 21st September at 2.00 pm at St Mary's Church Hall, and on the third Thursday of each month thereafter.

We welcome new members, but if anyone wishes to start researching their family history from scratch then introductory sessions can be arranged.

Contact **Dave Morgan** at  
**0115 933 2353**

## **Editors' note,**

**This month, because of the number of reports, space has not allowed us to print all contributions in full. Rest assured we will remedy this in the next issue!**

## **OCTOBER'S NEWS SHEET**

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

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

by **Thursday Sept 28th**