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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

LETTER FROM OUR NEW CHAIRMAN



Hello Everyone.

I am pleased to be writing to you as the new Chair of our U3A. May I thank those members who voted for me at the AGM. I would also like to thank everyone who made the effort to attend what was a rearranged meeting and to apologise to those who were inconvenienced by the need to change the date which I am certain was the correct decision with all that snow! We were blessed with a great speaker who was also fortunately prepared to rearrange himself in order to attend. There will be a lot of fresh eyes peering around St Pancras, I am sure, capitalising on all we learnt.

My thanks go to the retiring committee for all their substantial efforts on our behalf and a welcome and thank you to the new committee for volunteering. Big thanks must go to Anne McLeod, our retiring Chair, after 3 years dedication. She will be a hard act to follow. I do not like making promises but I do promise I shall be doing my very best!

I believe very strongly in the ethos of U3A and our desire for education, stimulation and sociability. So whilst I think my role is about keeping a hand on the tiller, the committee and I are aware of a few good things to work on. No doubt these will appear in these pages going forward.

There are serious things such as an increase in and the ever changing nature of data protection legislation and health and safety. The treasurer will be busy balancing the books against a background of rising costs for example the hire of The Grange Hall.

The committee is a mix of new and experienced old hands and we are keen to ensure the reach of activities is maintained and where possible enhanced. As ever any bright ideas about new groups are welcome especially if the person suggesting it also wants to run it. Volunteer Group leaders are always needed. Again the U3A inclusive ethos means we should try to avoid the notion of any group being full. Our task then is to try to replicate either with the existing leader if they are happy doing another or maybe offering their help to mentor a new leader.

So two way communication between the committee and everyone is key even down to the slightly underused Comments Box which sits in the Grange Hall at meetings. We plan at an early date to have a forum for the committee and existing group leaders to exchange information.

I am sure you all agree that we are so lucky to have all our volunteers from those running groups to making the tea at the monthly meeting, to building the web page, technical support at the meetings, to editing the newsletter, and to organising trips. The list is endless. Quite simply U3A does not work without volunteers. Thank you. A thank you to all members too. It does not work without you either.

Finally thank you all for the advice, encouragement and welcome I have received. So begins the task.

Malcolm McDowell

U3A Chairman

OUTGOING CHAIR

Anne McLeod in her last report told U3A members that 2017-18 had been an encouraging year. Radcliffe's U3A membership now stood at some 550 members and offered some 45 interest groups to its membership. "We like to learn and socialise in Radcliffe" she said. Anne outlined the achievements and events members had undertaken in the last year including visiting the National Mining Museum and enjoying the show "Kiss me Kate". She gave a special vote of thanks to those who organised groups and events as well as those who gave their time helping in the many and varied jobs that kept our Radcliffe on Trent U3A running smoothly.

We also offer a big thank you to Anne for all she has done for us in the last three years as Chair. *Editor*

SCOTTISH DANCING

The Scottish Country Dancing Group meets 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

BALLROOM DANCING

We have had a suggestion for a new group -

Ballroom Dancing

If any member is willing to organise this potential group as **Group Leader** can you please contact me.

Geraldine Sleight

Group Co-ordinator
radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT

This Group is in its fifth year. Set up in 2013 with the aim to generate the opportunity for friendship and support for U3A members who live on their own or who are full time carers. The group has evolved since then. We are very socially active and friendly. We meet upstairs in Platform29 Café on the first Monday in the month at 2pm for coffee and to plan outings, trips and social activities in smaller groups. Then we meet again on the second Monday at 2pm in Costa (ground floor) for a friendly coffee & chat so all know what we are doing in that month.

Each month those that want to will go out for a meal somewhere, be it a garden centre, a local exhibition or to an event be it theatre, cinema, coffee morning or concert. Each year we have a Summer planned mini-bus outing. Previous years the Potteries, Richard III Exhibition & Crich Tram Museum have all been visited.

Drop in one Monday and meet us to see if this group might be something that suits you. You will be made most welcome. Otherwise for further details give me a ring or drop me an email.
Rodney Fogg Group Leader : Tel **0797 1537 119** or Email ; rodneyfogg@gmail.com

April's Guest Speaker



**On Thursday 5th April 2018
at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on
Trent.**

Andy Smith – Life in Music

Andy will accompany himself on various instruments and sing songs from over the last 100 years. He will feature some well-known classics and a few long forgotten gems whilst members of the audience will be given the task of trying to guess the year, the song and the artist.

Last Month's Speaker was Nigel Lowey

His talk, "The Transformation of St. Pancras Station" described how this fantastic mid-Victorian Gothic railway cathedral came to be built and how the long neglected building underwent a breath-taking transformation.

It was a fascinating presentation with many connections with Nottinghamshire.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The **Classical Music Appreciation Group** will next meet on **Thursday 19th April** 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**
joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk.

CANASTA GROUP

The Canasta Group continues to flourish and is enjoyed by all.

We meet fortnightly on a Friday in the Grange (Dowson room) and all are welcome.

Contact **Annette Ayres**

0115 9333080 for any information



WALKING

Photo above of the U3A Walking Group at Newstead Abbey waterfall taken on Tuesday 6th March during their walk along the footpaths of Newstead, Linby and Papplewick. **George Smith** Details from : georgeasmith35@gmail.com

GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

2018 is the fourth year during which the Geology & Environment Studies Group has been meeting monthly, with afternoon talks and discussions in the colder months and day visits in the lighter. Our next meeting, on **Tuesday 10th April** in Grange Hall Trent Room, is an illustrated talk:- **"Geology and Wildlife of the Kenya Rift Valley"**. By Group Leader Martin Clarke who, on various assignments, has spent over 5 years in that country which still has some of the best game viewing and finest scenery in Africa.

Our previous meetings this year have been, in January - a "hands on specimens" Geological Quiz; February - a visit to the Lapworth Geological Museum at Birmingham University and in March - a fascinating talk on Mines and Minerals with splendid samples, given by Dr Geoff Warrington of Leicester University.

On May 10th we are arranging to join the Gardening Group for a visit to the Matlock Area during which we visit the Cascades Garden in Bonsall, featured in a recent RoT U3A monthly Talk. For more details or information on this group please contact:-

Martin Clarke Group Leader.

Email : www.martinclarke@live.co.uk

FILMS

'Phantom Threads', Couturier Reynalds... played by Daniel Day Lewis no less... obsessed with his work, meets vulnerable woman Alma; Vicky Krieps, who initially acquiesces to his demands, becomes his muse, is soon dissatisfied with their relationship and finally dominates him. Sounds quite normal to me. Oscar material? Definitely, say the critics. No way, say Radcliffe U3A Film Appreciation Group, who with one exception gave it very mediocre marks. There was certainly some exceptional acting, especially by Vicky Krieps, good direction and photography (some in the Victoria Hotel, Robin Hood Bay; well spotted team) but for us it was never the critics 'spellbinding and riveting' film that 'wrapped itself around you like a delicately scented shawl'. A 'Just Sew Story' would seem a better description.

The Group ignored my recommendation and after three re-counts voted to see the film 'Fantastic Woman' in March.

We meet again on the last Monday of the month (every month as usual) at 2 00 pm at The Manvers.

For details contact

David Richards Group Leader
Film Appreciation Group, Tel:
07817660659

GROUP LEADERS

PLEASE NOTE

U3A EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR MEETINGS

Ann Littlewood is our Equipment Coordinator. Please contact her to make a booking for any equipment needed for your Group Meetings. (Ann has upon request the list of equipment that may be of interest to your Group)

It is essential that arrangements are made in advance for booking Group requirements and thereby avoid (or minimise) conflicting needs. Ann's contact :

Email radcliffeu3a.kit@gmail.com

Tel : **0115 845 1633**

Mobile: **07762 102759**

COOKERY

The Healthy Cookery Group is looking to recruit new members.

For details of the dates/times please contact Group Leader **Marian Pyatt**

Tel: **0115 9333913** or email on:

marianpyatt@gmail.com

BOWLING

Just three weeks to go before the U3A "Let's Go Bowling" sessions begin on Tuesday April 24th from 2.00 - 4.00 pm. If you would like to join in, either on the first Tuesday, or on any other of the four subsequent Tuesdays, we will be pleased to meet you at our information desk at the April meeting of the U3A. If you find Tuesdays is a difficult day for you, come and see if we can make alternative arrangements. For those who have registered an interest we will be contacting you shortly to give further information. We are always available to answer your questions on hewett65@aol.com

Fingers crossed for some warm, sunny Tuesdays.

REMINDER - GROUP LEADERS

FOR DETAILS ON HOW U3A MONIES ARE TO BE PAID TO THE NEW TREASURER CONTACT,,,

Geraldine Sleight

Email: radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHY



This photograph of the Photography Group was taken on Tuesday 6th March at Liz-Arc's Photographic Studio in Radcliffe on Trent where the owner Rez gave us advice on portrait and still photography.. We all had a brilliant afternoon at his studio. **Geraldine Sleight** email on gbbbsleight@hotmail.com

Well done Photography Group, we look forward to receiving some inspired U3A related photo's for our Newssheet. **Editor**

EATING OUT

Cafe Piano have kindly offered all members of Radcliffe on Trent U3A a 10% discount on food for lunches & dinners on production of a current ROT membership card. Please show your card to the server when ordering your meal. This offer is only valid for parties of 10 people or less. Please note this offer is not valid with any other offers.

Steve Harris

Trips@rot-u3a.org.uk

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Photography Group 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 for further information

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Our next trip is on **Tuesday 17th April.**

We are visiting The Marks & Spencer Exhibition at Leeds University. There will be a talk on M&S "Doing the Right Thing" with tea & coffee provided. And also a guided tour of "Marks in Time Exhibition".

Afterwards we are visiting Harewood House, the cost includes admission to the house, grounds, garden & afternoon tea.

Guided tours can be done individually at an additional cost on the day. For lunch either bring your own sandwiches or visit the cafe.

Cost is £35 per person. Tickets available at our monthly meeting or contact:

Steve Harris 01159333011

steveharriswork@hotmail.com

Joyce Bullimore 01159333969

joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

There is a spare ticket to see Guys & Dolls at Kilworth on Weds 4th July

RoT U3A WEB PAGE

We have over forty interest groups in the Radcliffe on Trent U3A covering a wide range of activities from "Bridge" to "Walking".

See the full list on:-

www.rot-u3a.org.uk

MAY'S NEWSHEET

May's Newssheet please send your news, articles and photos to our Editors at news@rot-u3a.org.uk by **22nd April, 2018**
Thank you Editorial Team