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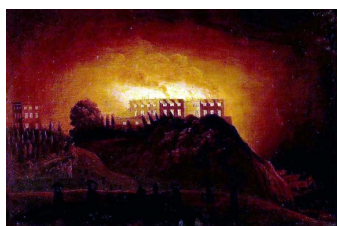


THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



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

Our February Guest Speaker is Kevin Powell



His talk is entitled

“The Nottingham Reform Riots 1831”

Nottingham Civic Society's Kevin Powell's explains how Parliament failed to vote for the Great Reform Bill 1832 which resulted in the men and women of Nottingham rioting and burning down Nottingham Castle. For those responsible the punishment was harsh and brutal.

Thursday 1st February 2018 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent.

2 – 4pm. Guests £2. Members free. Tea /coffee

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018—2019 COMMITTEE

Voting for those people who have volunteered to stand for the Committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Role	Nominee
Chairman	Malcolm McDowell
Treasurer	Cliff Murray
Committee – Vice Chairman	John Addiscott
Committee – Business Secretary	Steve Harris
Committee – Membership Secretary	Diane Kidger
Committee – Group Co-ordinator	Geraldine Sleight
Committee – Speaker Finder	Carol White
Committee - Publicity	Penny Tytler
Committee – Meet & Greet /Visitor point	Mary Smith
Committee – Charity Commission contact	Ann Littlewood
Committee -	Jan Addiscott
Committee – Vice Chair [Transition]	Anne McLeod

Committee Changes in March 2018

In March 2018 the Chairman, Treasurer and some Committee Members stand down and you will have the opportunity at the AGM to vote for a new leader and members of your Committee.

If you wish to discuss volunteering in any capacity please contact me **Anne McLeod** on 07966 478873 or email me at :- mail@annemcleod.co.uk

PLAYREADING

Our next 2 meetings will be
Thurs Feb 8th and Thurs
March 8th in the Rainbow
Room St Marys Church Hall
from 1.45pm if you want tea or
coffee.

No experience needed and all
welcome.

Pam Thompson

Tel: 0115 9335382 or email
pamthompson2@btinternet.com

GARDENING

Our Garden Group activities
start up again in 2018 with a
planning meeting where mem-
bers suggest/discuss ideas for
events, talks and other activi-
ties.

This meeting will take place at
2.00pm on Thursday, February
8th in the British Legion. Mem-
bers will hopefully come with
ideas re things they might like to
do. Any new members would be
welcome and it would be a good
time to join as the gardening
year slowly gets under way.

Roger Burston email on.....
roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Classical Music Apprecia-
tion Group will next meet on
Thursday 15th February from
10.30 to 12.30 in the Dowson
Room at the Grange. £1.50 per
head, including tea/coffee/
biscuits. New members wel-
comed. For further details con-
tact **Joyce Bullimore**
joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

U3A ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017-18

1. All membership forms will have been delivered to member's homes before the February Meeting.
 2. When you get your new card, please put it in the plastic holder you got last year. If you are new or didn't get a holder last year, please ask at the desk.
 3. If you sent your renewal form by post, don't forget to pick up the card at the next meeting, or arrange for someone else to do so for you, unless you included an stamped addressed envelope.
 4. A quick reminder that everyone needs to be a member to do any activity.
- Group leaders are reminded to write down individual member's Membership Numbers on their attendance sheets.

Diane Kidger Acting Membership Secretary Tel: **0115 981 1247**

GEOLOGY Our next event, on **February 13th**, is a visit to Birmingham University's Lapworth Museum of Geology and guided tour. Travel is by coach at £20pp with a pick up in RoT at 830am returning by 4pm. Seven seats are available. If coming please send a cheque payable to J. Bartle but directed to Martin Clarke at 6 Cropwell Rd, RoT, Notts, NG12 2FS.

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 email on
gbbbsleight@hotmail.com

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 where **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

RoT U3A WEB PAGE

We have over forty interest groups in the Radcliffe on Trent U3A covering a wide range of activities from "Keep Fit" to "Real Ale". See the full list and the latest news on our

Website at

www.rot-u3a.org.uk

DAY TRIPS

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

For details of future day out coach trips you can phone or email:

Joyce Bullimore

0115 9333969

joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk or

Steve Harris

0115 9333011

steveharriswork@hotmail.com

DANCING

The Scottish Country Dancing Group 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

CINEMA

REMINDER FOR U3A MEMBERS : BROADWAY CINEMA

If you present your U3A card at the Silver Screen showings on Thursdays each week, you pay £4.50 instead of £5, and this includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

Anne McLeod

WILDFLOWERS

The Wildflower Group during 2017 visited the following locations and recorded what we saw at:-
Cliff Top Walk : 28 species, Cliff Steps & Lily Ponds : 28 species, Bingham Road Sports Field : 37 species, Footpath South of A52 : 27 species, Henson Lane : 29 species, Holme Lane : 29 species and A52 : 20 species

Although we had similar numbers of plants at each of these sites there were only three plants which were seen at all of them. These results are not conclusive but are what we observed. Had we been able to see each site on all occasions we may have had different results. We intend to carry on for years to come and would welcome as many new members as we can get. We have ceased our outdoor meetings for 2017, but will carry on meeting monthly at the Chestnut where we will be able to confirm that the pictures we have taken are correctly named and listed.

We also hope to attract people with better skills to talk to us about improving our ability to identify the plants we see. I personally appreciate the help I have received from the Group. I could not have done this without them. I am also grateful to the Chestnut for allowing us to use their facilities.

At our next meeting we will be discussing our progress so far and how we can take the Group forward. Anything and everything will be up for discussion. The meeting will be at the Chestnut at 2.00pm. It is our intention to publish our list and our pictures of the plants we have seen on a website at some point.

Keith Ramsden email kramsdn75@gmail.com

FURNITURE RESTORING

Proposed New Group - Furniture Restoration. Any member who would like more information on this new group, please see me after the February meeting. **Geraldine Sleight** radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

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 details are :Email **radcliffeu3a.kit@gmail.com**

Tel : **0115 845 1633**

Mobile: **07762 102759**

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR GROUP LEADERS

From March 2018 it will not be possible to take money to Jim's house as he is no longer Treasurer. FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON HOW U3A MONIES ARE TO BE PAID TO THE NEW TREASURER CONTACT

Geraldine Sleight

Group Leader's Co-ordinator by email on:-

radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

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

CROQUET

Our Croquet Group hope to recommence in April , weather permitting. Watch this newsletter for our start date when we hope to welcome new members to the lawn at the back of the British Legion.

Beginners to the game will be welcome and instruction provided .

Joan Spooner email:

March Guest Speaker - Nigel Lowey The Transformation of St. Pancras & Annual General Meeting

For all those interested in history, world-class architecture, elegant engineering or just a great story Nigel Lowey will describe how this fantastic mid-Victorian Gothic railway cathedral came to be built and how the long neglected building underwent a breath-taking transformation.

Thursday 1st March 2018 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent. 2 – 4pm. Guests £2— Free tea /coffee and biscuits for all.

For further information please contact **Carol White** on Tel: **07742 434 437**

BOWLING

It maybe dark, dismal and dreary **BUT** let's look forward to those wonderful days of Spring. The sun, the warmth (hopefully) and the smell of new cut grass. Let's also think about the U3A's annual course called " **Let's Go Bowling** "

This will be the fourth year of this popular introduction to the wonderful game of bowling and will be your opportunity to have a go at this fascinating game. We will be running this five week course, aimed specifically at absolute beginners, during April and May on Tuesday afternoons and each session lasts for two hours from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. We will be using the facilities offered by The Radcliffe on Trent Bowling Club at their green on the corner of Glebe Lane and Cropwell Road.

The bowling club will supply the bowls, and the shoes, if necessary. The cost will be just £2 per session and this will include tea or coffee.

The sessions will take place on April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, and May 22nd .

So, if you feel like a bit of fresh air, some light exercise, the company of other U3A members and a lot of fun or if you would like further details, why not contact Mike or Annie Hewett on hewett65@aol.com. Alternatively we will be manning an information desk at the regular U3A monthly meetings. We look forward to meeting you.



MARCH'S NEWSHEET

To make sure your details are included in March's Newsheet please send your news, articles and photos to our Editors at news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **FEBRUARY 18th, 2018**

Thank you **Editorial Team**