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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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Trip to Marks & Spencer Exhibition and Harewood House

We received a warm welcome at the University of Leeds Michael Marks Building and given an illustrated talk explaining Marks and Spencer's Plan A entitled 'Doing the Right Thing' followed by a tour of an exhibition of items from their extensive archive collection dating from 1884 to the present day which brought many sighs of 'I had one of those and I remember that' from our group.

We then drove on to Harewood House, home of David Lascelles, the eighth Earl of Harewood and his family. Many of us recognised the entrance to the house from the film "Brideshead Revisited" and the TV show "Victoria". To coincide with the national Chippendale 300 centenary the State Floor rooms featuring Robert Adams ceilings and fireplaces displayed the versatility of Thomas Chippendale, designer and decorator, and a remarkable range of his furniture. Add to this a visit below stairs to the Servants' Hall, bright blue hyacinth blooms on the Terrace, gardens designed by Capability Brown and finishing with afternoon tea made this a memorable visit.

Diane Kidger

CLASSICAL MUSIC

APPRECIATION GROUP

will next meet on Thursday
21st June 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
contact **Joyce Bullimore**
joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk.

CANCELLED COACH TRIP 15th JUNE

We have regrettably cancelled the trip to Burton Brewery & The National Arboretum planned for 15th June as there were not enough people going to make it viable.

On the plus side we are arranging a trip on Wednesday 5th September to the Dudley Canal. We will take a 2 hour tour along the full length of the mighty Dudley Tunnel, which includes the remarkable Limestone Mines and Caverns. This is followed by a two course lunch with tea or coffee, before travelling to the Red House Glass Cone (formerly Stuart Crystal) for a tour of the factory. There will be time to visit the shop and café afterwards.

Cost is £45pp. Tickets on sale at the June monthly meeting.

Steve Harris Tel: 0115 9333011 or Joyce Bullimore Tel: 0115 9333969

Members' Monthly Meetings are held in The Grange : DOORS OPEN AT 2:00pm : Refreshments are served : Group Activities advertised : Announcements are made at 2:30pm with Guest Speaker at 2:45pm

CHAIRMANS LETTER - JUNE 2018

Well, I feel as if my feet are under the table now as Chairman. Everyone has been so welcoming, understanding and helpful.

I remain amazed at our success in terms of membership numbers and attendances - at the monthly meetings, on trips, and of course within The Groups. We rely so heavily on all our wonderful volunteers, whether in the spotlight - such as Group Leaders and on the Committee - or our unsung heroes. Heroes such as Jan Allen and the Refreshment Team, Clive Holland on sound, Rod Fogg and Patrick Mountford for this Newsletter, Jan Rosser who takes our minutes, Mike Holding, our Webmaster and The Front of House Helpers on Thursday Monthly Days. There are more too. The nature of these lists means I cannot list everyone but apologies, I am still learning about all our volunteers.

We can never have too many volunteers. So even if you fancy doing "something/anything" but do not know what, please put your name forward and we will see what we can do.

The ethos of U3A means groups should never be full! Where they are we must seek to replicate. Amongst others we are looking to launch more Lunch Groups and Wine Tasting. We hope to launch a Jive Group too and are looking at the feasibility of a Care Home Visits Group, supporting the community. As ever none of this can happen without volunteers coming forward.

The General Data Protection Regulation came into force on 25th May. No doubt, like me, you will have had a lot of people who you did not want to hear from in the first place asking you if they can still contact you! We have been busy getting "our ducks in a row" with a meeting for Group Leaders, another one planned and new forms for new members and renewals. All vital stuff.

I also attended a Fire Risk Assessment meeting at The Grange Hall and it is good to know that the Parish and Grange Hall teams treat this matter very seriously. I plan to say a bit more at the next Thursday Monthly Meeting event.

So it is all go and let us not forget the interesting trips Steve Harris and his team organise. Thanks to them also. They have some great ones in the pipeline so be on the look-out.

We hope to relaunch the notice board, shortly, and a personal hope of mine is to see more and more Group Leaders take the opportunity of running a stall at The Monthly Thursday Meeting letting everyone know what is on offer.

Finally your views matter, so do not forget our comments box in The Grange Hall. "Keep it Clean!"

All the best, **Malcolm McDowell**, Chairman.

GARDENING GROUP



Our June event takes place on Thursday, June 14th. We have planned a visit to Bob Brown's Cotswold Garden Flowers (nursery) at Badsey near Evesham in the morning. I have contacted them earlier today and told them to expect us. I have also said that we would appreciate tea/biscuits etc when we arrive - small charge here. Follow satnav directions in Badsey!

Then for lunch we can go to the nearby village of Bretforton to The Fleece PH - one of the few pubs owned by the National Trust. I have provisionally booked us in and can give them an idea of numbers nearer to the time. In the afternoon, we can visit the nearby and very well known Hidcote Manor Gardens. One of the senior gardeners is willing to talk to us and show us some of the garden and we can then look round at our leisure before returning home. Hidcote will be free to NT members. Their website will give a breakdown of costs for non members.

Let me know if you would like to come or not. Also whether you are willing to drive and offer lifts or will need a lift.

In July we have our members garden trail. If you feel able to offer your garden for this event, please let me know. We need about 4 or 5 gardens to make it work properly. This gives you plenty of time to get your garden in shape if you intend to offer it. Please do. I would like to offer new gardens that members haven't visited in the last two years or so if possible.

Roger Burston roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Our next meeting is on **4th June**. We agreed the Manvers is not an ideal venue in terms of shared use with our increased numbers especially on a Bank Holiday so I have booked St Marys Church Hall; upper front room, as a trial venue for the 4th. There is a lift ...and what's more I can drive it.

As far as your choice of film this month, for those of you who have yet to see it, I recommend some research before you go. Going in cold will not enhance your appreciation of this film and the Director/Writer's controversial take on Jean Luc Godard's life and work.

David Richards

CANASTA

Our Canasta Group is still going strong. Thank you to all who support me,

Annette Ayres

email: tenbob@greenbee.net

JIVE DANCING GROUP

This is a potential new group: Jive Dancing.

Members have indicated an interest if such a group were to be established.

We need more members to put their names down to make this a viable group.

The aim is to start in September.

Contact me if interested.

Geraldine Sleight

Groups Coordinator

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MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING 5th JULY AT 2:00pm.



David Kissman will be talking to the Radcliffe U3A on July 5th 2018 about his career in photography

He will explain how, after retiring from full time employment, he found a new interest in photography

He will tell the story of how he became involved in sports photography and how it lead to a career as a freelancer.

He will share some stories and some insights into what is entailed and some of the challenges that he faced,

He will also talk more generally about photography including club photography and in particular the mysterious world of competitions and judges!

If time permits he will also talk about other types of photography that he is developing including nature and wildlife.

JULY'S NEWS SHEET

Kindly send your Group's news, articles and photos to our Editors at

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **21st JUNE, 2018**

Please note there is no Newsheet in August .

Thank you

Editorial Team

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 :

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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

APPEAL TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GROUP LEADERS AND U3A MEMBERS

This Monthly four page Newssheet is yours, to promote in words or photographs, any U3A interest group and their activities or to inform, educate and entertain other members of the Radcliffe on Trent U3A and its wider community of what we do.

It is sad that sufficient news and articles are not submitted to fill these pages.

Please submit future articles for publication by email to:-

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

Thank you your efforts and support in the past is appreciated. Without it this Newssheet would not be published.

Editorial Team

