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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**

March Guest Speaker, Nigel Lowey



The Transformation of St. Pancras Station

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.

Carol White Tel: 07742 434 437

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ISSUE

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 (see page 3).

If you wish to discuss volunteering in any capacity please contact me **Anne McLeod** on 07966 478873 or email me at :- annemcleod55@icloud.com

A big *Thank You*

I know that many of our members do not come to the monthly meetings so I would like to take this opportunity to express in writing my thanks for the friendship, kindness and support of the many people I have had the pleasure of meeting during my 3 years as Chairman.

To the Committee and all the many volunteers who work towards making our U3A run so smoothly, can I say a big thank you, I recognise and appreciate all you do every month.

This year there will be several new faces on the Committee, I wish them all the best and offer any support I can give.

Thank You.

Anne McLeod [Chairman 2015-2018]

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

for further information

PLAYREADING

Our next meeting will be on Thurs March 8th in the Rainbow Room St Marys Church Hall from 1.45pm

Tea or coffee available.

No experience needed—all welcome.

Pam Thompson

Tel: 0115 9335382 or email

pamthompson2@btinternet.com

**The Classical Music Group**

will next meet on **Thursday 15th March** 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.

CROQUET

...CAN BE PLAYED AT ANY AGE AND BY MEN AND WOMEN ON EQUAL TERMS

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:

df.spooner@btinternet.com

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 take part in 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**

**FILM APPRECIATION GROUP**

Well, if ever we had a film that warranted 11 out of 10, 'Three Billboards' was it.

Our meeting rejected the premise that the obscene language and violence was gratuitous and thought it was essential element in setting the scene for this mercurial rollercoaster.

The dark humour in Mark McDonagh's excellent script barely relieved the tension but certainly added to the experience. What America makes of his portrayal; an Anglo Irishman, of one of its small towns where, even today, racism and sexism are alive and well and the inhabitants shoot first and think afterwards, was just one element of our discussion. Quintessentially Trumpsville?

David Richards

Group Leader 07817660659

CANASTA GROUP

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

Our Xmas outing was on Wednesday 7th Feb and although a little late was a jolly affair.

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

Contact **Annette Ayres**

0115 9333080 for any information

LET'S GO BOWLING

Thank you to all who expressed an interest (at the Feb meeting) in joining our group.



There are places available still, and we will be at the March meeting to give further details or you can contact **Mike** (that's him on the left above!),

At hewett65@aol.com

**DAY TRIPS****TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP**

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

Joyce Bullimore on 0115 933969 or joyce@bulimore.f9.co.uk

And/or **Steve Harris** on 01159333011 (steveharriswork@hotmail.com)

REAL ALE GROUP

Because this group meet always on the last Wednesday in each month and then decide where they will go the following month it is not possible to advertise details in advance in this Newssheet.

We go to a different yet interesting establishment each month on a public transport route and we always meet at 11:20 am on the last Wednesday at the bus stop outside The Grange.

You don't have to like real ale as other drinks are served and we usually choose public houses that provide good food.

Members start to return home around 1:30 pm We are a social group and enjoy companionship. The group is open to anyone in the U3A. So if you would like to join us come along.

Rod Fogg Tel : 0797 1537 119

WALKING GROUP

Please note that my Tiscali address is now defunct and all contact should be made via: georgeasmith35@gmail.com
George Smith - Walking Group Leader

Holiday Group

We are really getting organised this year. Members of our group are going to Portugal in June, Northumberland and Austria in July and Skiathos in September and we haven't finished yet!

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at Platform 29 at noon. Our next meeting is Tuesday 6th March. If you like going on holiday in a small group, come and join us.

Contact Anne McLeod
07966478873 or e-m
annemcleod55@icloud.com

Archaeology Group

We are currently identifying and cataloguing last year's finds as well as organising the next round of hedge dating.

If you are interested in the historical beginnings of Radcliffe come and join us. Previous knowledge isn't needed, we are all on a very steep learning curve.

Our next meeting is 1pm on Friday 2nd March in the Boy's Brigade Hall.

Contact Anne McLeod
07966478873 or

annemcleod55@icloud.com

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.

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 & Equipment keeper	Ann Littlewood
Committee -	Jan Addiscott
Committee – Vice Chair [Transition]	Anne McLeod

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

Garden Group

We had our first meeting of 2018 on Feb 8th and agreed an outline of proposed activities and events for the year ahead. A number of ideas were put forward for possible trips and speakers and we are including the occasional more practical activity.

We are continuing to use the second Thursday of each month for our activities.

Our next event takes place at the British Legion on Thursday, March 8th and involves seed sowing. After an introductory talk, members will hopefully start sowing some seeds of their own and they are encouraged to bring any seeds that they have bought or collected, maybe to share/swap.

Now would be a good time for anyone interested to join in with us as the gardening season gets underway.

[Roger Burston](mailto:roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk) (roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk)

New Groups

We have an enquiry for a **Ballroom Dancing** group. Would anyone who would like to take part please let me know. Any dance teachers around?

Our **Local Outings Group** is now too big for its boots and we need to start a second one. If you would like to be part of a new group and meet new friends just let me know.

We also have a proposed **Furniture Restoration Group**.

Please have a word with me if you would like more information

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.

You can contact me also by e-mail.

Geraldine Sleight ...

Groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

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

REMINDER - GROUP LEADERS

From 1st March 2018, **paper £10 notes cannot be accepted**; new polymer ones only please.

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

Geraldine Sleight

At radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

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 at **www.rot-u3a.org.uk**

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

KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

It was a cold, wet, windy afternoon but that didn't prevent our ladies from turning out in great numbers to warm the day with some chatting and knitting at our recent meeting.



They brought along a fine assortment (a bumper bundle, in fact) of finished articles (see photo). From Twiddlemuffs (25) to baby hats (87) and blankets (15): a wonderful haul!

This year's Craft Bomb initiative by the local library (see photo) was also discussed, involving making finger puppets, which some of us may wish to support.



We will meet again on 13th March.

Jan Addiscott : 8457398

April's NEWSSHEET

For April's Newssheet please send your news, articles and photos to our Editors at news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **March 18th, 2018**

Thank you **Editorial Team**

April Guest Speaker



Andy Smith – Life in Music

Andy Smith will accompany himself on various guitars and ukulele and will sing at least one song from 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.

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

Carol White 07742434437

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 March 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

Please contact Steve or Joyce for further details

TAILPIECE

Change is inevitable — except from a vending machine !!