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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

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD



Dave Barton [Radcliffe U3A President] at the April Meeting, presented Lifetime memberships to Bev and Steve Harris for all the work they have done over the last 6 years to make Radcliffe on Trent U3A so successful. They were founder members and part of the Steering Group responsible for setting up Radcliffe U3A back in 2012 and have been on the Committee ever since as well as organising many very successful trips. Our grateful thanks go out to them.

TODAY'S **GUEST SPEAKER**



ANDY SMART

who returns to give an illustrated talk about the 150 year old history of Nottingham's theatres, with stories about stars, scandals, ghosts and gremlins from the stage and behind the scenes. *Carol White*

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.
Email ; rodneymogg@gmail.com

Rodney Fogg Group Leader : Tel **0797 1537 119** or

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 are welcome. It's good exercise and fun, why not give us a go.

Please note that after the meeting on 23rd May we will take a summer break until September.

Contact **Jean Hudson**
jeanhudson.home@gmail.com

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

Classical Music

Appreciation Group

will next meet on **Thursday 17th May** 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 GROUP

The new 2018 season will start sometime in April (the actual date is dependent upon the weather).

We welcome people who have never played before, people who want to just have a go, people who want to have fun and people who are knowledgeable about the game too. In fact we welcome everyone and what's more, you don't have to be super fit to play.

We meet on Monday afternoons on the lawn at the back of the British Legion in Radcliffe from 2pm. We usually play two games that last about 2.5 hours in all.

For more information contact **Joan Spooner** at 933 2696



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

Geology and Environmental Studies Group.

Our last meeting, on 10th April was a talk by Martin Clarke based on his experiences of working in and visiting Kenya since 1964.



It was entitled "Introduction to the Geology, Archaeology and Wildlife of Kenya". Since 1964 the population has risen from 9.2 million to over 50 million, thus putting much pressure on the distribution of wildlife. Despite this pressure Kenya is still one of the finest travel destinations both for its scenery and great variety of wildlife.

The photo is of Kilimanjaro, at nearly 20,000 ft the highest mountain in Africa and with its snow capped summit a fabulous background to the Elephant herds of the nearby Amboseli Reserve. We learnt also that Kilimanjaro is the largest of many volcanos in the country, all associated with Rifting or fracturing of the Earth's crust due to "Plate Tectonics".

The talk also outlined Archaeological evidence that our species, Homo Sapiens, evolved in East Africa and that the oldest stone tools known have been recently found in northern Kenya and nearby Abyssinia. These finds have pushed the age of the Paleolithic (Old Stone Age) back to at least 3.3 million years!

An associated topic told us that DNA studies, (or Genomics) indicate that our species migrated out of Africa to Europe and Asia and finally the Americas between 70,000 to 20,000 yrs ago.

The next meetings are in the form of excursions - May 8th is a walk around Nottingham University Lake Side followed by a visit to the adjacent Museum

For more details Please contact Group Leader:- **Martin Clarke** at
www.martinclarke@live.co.uk

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

Wildflower Group

We have continued our Group through the winter meeting once a month in the Chestnut to whom we are grateful for allowing us the use of their facilities.

We started our outside meeting on Wednesday 11th April and will continue to meet on the second Wednesday thereafter at 2pm in the Health Centre car park

We will decide on the day which area to survey. If the weather forecast is bad the meeting will be cancelled and I will email you before 12:00pm to confirm.

Everyone is welcome to join us but I will only be able to confirm details to those who give me their details.

Keith Ramsden

A CENTURY IN SONG

Andy Smith last month ably entertained the monthly U3A meeting with his rendition of a song for each decade. For those of you who unfortunately missed the show, for it was more a show than a lecture, here in chronological order are the songs he sang and accompanied on his many guitars and ukulele :-

1920 - "I'll See You In My Dreams" - Gus Khan

1930 - "I Get A Kick Out Of You" - Cole Porter

1940 - "As Time Goes By" - Herman Huckveld

1950 - "Raining In My Head" & "Peggy Sue" - Buddy Holly

1960 - "Sorry Sorry Night" - Bob Dylan & "Norwegian Wood" - Beatles

1970 - "Sister Josephine" - Jake Thackery

1980 - "There 'Ain't No Pleasing You" - Chas & Dave

1990 - "Wonder Wall" - Oasis

2000 - "Make You Feel My Love" - Bob Dylan/Adele

2010 - "Tickle My Heart" - Joe Brown

Editor

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

BOULES GROUP

The weather changed after a really wet spring so that we could have our first meeting of the season. We all enjoyed it and look forward to the rest of the season. Although it was good to meet up again we have met regularly as part of the Real Ale Group !!

Unfortunately we were one short of our regulars. Philip Lodge, one of our founder members, passed away on the 5th April. We had missed him on Mondays since he became a regular guest at Dove Cottage Hospice in August.

He had found it necessary to have the occasional rest when playing a game but that didn't stop his enthusiasm for the game. He was still as good, if not better, than the rest of us.

His wife, Anne, has asked that any donations should be sent, in Philip's name, to Dove Cottage Day Hospice.

Al Reed <alnmo9@btinternet.com>

KNIT'n NATTER GROUP

We have recently begun to provide hats and blankets for baby bundles which are put together by the Inner Wheel (in addition to those hats and blankets which still go to the hospital for premature babies).



Our photo shows a matinee jacket and booties which will also be included in the baby bundles. We urge any of our knitters who'd like to vary their output to think of baby clothes such as these for a change. Perhaps you have some old patterns sitting at the bottom of the knitting bag which would like an outing...?!

In March and April we have donated many Twiddlemuffs to the Rotary Dementia Cafe, as well as to several local care homes in and around Radcliffe.

Contact Jan on

jan@addiscott.net

Visits and Outings
Group

Outing to Burton upon Trent Brewery

and National Memorial Arboretum

Friday 15th June 2018

Cost : £35

Payable by **cash** or **cheque** (made payable to RoT U3A Social)

Depart Radcliffe 8.00 a.m.

Arrive Radcliffe 17.30 approx

A day out to visit the Brewery at Burton Trent and National Memorial Arboretum

Our first stop will be the **National Brewery Centre** in Burton upon Trent where we take the 'Full Flagon' guided tour around this historic museum.

The tour culminates in a beer tasting session followed by a pre-ordered two-course lunch (included in ticket cost).

We then whisk you off to the **National Memorial Arboretum** where we take a leisurely ride on their Land Train. The 50-minute journey will provide you with lovely views across the landscape and will introduce you to some of the 300 plus memorials.

After the tour there will be approximately one hour to explore, or visit the shop and café before boarding the coach for home.

Seats will sell out fast for this outing so BUY now !

Rush to contact.....Steve on

steveharriswork@hotmail.com,or

Joyce on joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

STRICTLY JIVING

We have a proposal to form a New Group called ... **Strictly Jiving Group** ... Would anyone interested in joining this group please contact:

Geraldine Sleight ... Group Coordinator ... email:

radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

FILM GROUP

At our last meeting we unpicked 'A Fantastic Woman' which in the event won an Oscar. This just shows we know how to pick 'em at Radcliffe U3A or at least you do as it certainly wasn't my choice!

Not only was this story of the trials of a trans-gender woman after her partner died, a beautifully made piece of work and gripping, but the subject matter lent itself to an in depth discussion which in turn led to us upgrading our marks in the final scoring following a fuller appreciation of the film. We meet again on the last Monday of the month (every month as usual) at 2. For

Our April choice 'Custody' certainly turned out to be a pressure cooker drama that fully deserved the technical high marks we gave it. As with our last offering, the subject matter; abuse, was very new and provoked some sensitive discussion.

But would we recommend this film to others? Difficult. If we knew them well seemed to be the answer... or then again, didn't like them perhaps? Thomas Gioria's acting, as the son; Julien, deserves special mention. Critics said 'sitting through his ordeal was the kitchen sink equivalent of watching Dunkirk'. His face was 'eaten alive with stress and despair'. In addition Director Xavier Legrande's quest for tension through story line, real time narration with overt and subliminal cinematographical (!) effects, made this a roller coaster of an experience not to be missed but what a relief to get off.

Our choice for **May** is 'Redoubtable' on at the Broadway from 11th to the 24th. A biographical comedy drama, it tells the story of famed Director Jean Luc Godard falling out with the French film industry which among other things puts his young marriage to the test. There's lots of film industry intellectual phraseology in French from critics for me to internalise thanks a bunch before we meet again to unpack it on **28th May**.

This will be at a venue to be decided. I will write again when I have had time to check alternatives.

contact

David Richards Group Leader Film Appreciation Group, Tel: **07817660659**

Our June Speaker

Jane Barnes



Tales from a Dairy Farmers' Wife

Jane tells amusing tales about her life on her family farm in Somerby, near Melton Mowbray.

Jane will bring Blue Stilton Cheese for sale after her talk, so please bring some cash as this delicious Blue Stilton is YOUR local cheese and can only be made from cows grazing within the three counties of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire. The Cheese is made at Long Clawson Dairies in the Vale of Belvoir.

Penny Tytler

BALLROOM DANCING

We have had a suggestion for a new group -

(Strictly) 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

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

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**

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

JUNE'S NEWSHEET

June's NewsSheet, please send news and photos to our Editors at news@rot-u3a.org.uk by

22nd MAY, 2018

Thank you **Editorial Team**

Tailpiece.

"After the game the King and the Pawn go in the same box."

(Old Italian Proverb)