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**U3A Member's Monthly Meetings are held in The Grange : DOORS OPEN AT 2:00pm :
Refreshments are served : Group Stalls advertise activities/enrolment:
Announcements are made at 2:30pm with Guest Speaker at 2:45pm**

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello All.

Well The Christmas Social tickets are going like hotcakes. A bargain at £2 each for what promises to be a special afternoon on Thursday 6th December. Not to be missed. Tickets are on sale at the November Thursday Meeting on 1st November.

Our membership numbers hit 557 in October. An impressive record. However, EVERYONE we still need volunteers for all manner of things, both simple and exhilarating. Just ask (PLEASE).

You may wonder what the photograph is attached to this article ? Apart from showcasing The Ryder Cup, (WELL DONE EUROPE) it shows a rather youthful me in the middle (Honest). The fine chap on my right is Philip Coxon, the husband of our very own Ukulele Group Queen Lyn. Sadly Philip, who was my friend and a good man, passed away many years ago and as sometimes happens in life I lost touch with Lyn. Enter U3A !

I was thrilled when at my first meeting as Chair Elect Lyn approached me and reintroduced us. This is another reason why I believe U3A is such an important social networking organization and how I am sure we all benefit from its friendships and companionship. Together with the educational



.....component long may we continue to thrive.
At this rate we may even hit 600!



All the best, *Malcolm*

BRIDGE

The U3A Bridge group and a few friends went away at the end of September for a long weekend to a hotel in Harrogate. Members visited local attractions during the days, played some good bridge in the evenings before retiring to the bar for some long, late and very enjoyable social gatherings.

The group's thanks go to Len and Di Jackson who organised the weekend as well as providing some tuition and help with the bridge. So successful was the weekend that members were enthusiastic about another such weekend next autumn and possibly another one in the spring.

The Bridge group continues to meet every Monday at 2 pm in the Dowson room at the Old Grange and welcomes new members who can play bridge. Please contact **Greg Bungay** on gjbungay@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested.



FILM APPRECIATION

At today's meeting we unpicked 'Blackklansman', Spike Lee's powerful, hard hitting production of Ron Stallworth's biographical story. The core plot concerns his exploits as a black police officer infiltrating the Klu Klux Klan. Yes a black man in the KKK!

The group found the racism in the story nauseating in the extreme but perfectly balanced by the humour that ran through the production, affording relief from the continuous drama.. Although the basic storyline was enough in itself, it was felt the strongest elements were the dovetailed newsreels of actual events such as the Charlottesville carnage and Trump's response, which left the departing audience in a state of sickened shock. A real cinematic tour de force that got big marks from us.

David Richards, Film Appreciation Group Leader. **07817660659** or **01159335499**

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

**Thursday 6th December at
2:00pm**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT
MEMBERS MONTHLY
MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

£2 each.

U3A Members Only

Centenary of the End of World War One

As part of the commemorations to mark the centenary of the end of World War One in 1918, the Radcliffe U3A WW1 Study Group and Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice Choir are holding a concert in St Mary's Church, Radcliffe on Trent on Thursday 8th November at 7.30 pm. The concert will include songs performed by the Male Voice Choir and the Bridge Singers and pieces by young flautist, Katie Miller. Members of the WW1 Group will be reading accounts by Radcliffe residents of their personal experiences of the Great War.

Tickets are £3 and will be available from Pen2Paper, Main Road, Radcliffe or purchased on the door.

Further details from John Parry, email johnparry081@btinternet.com or telephone 0115 933 4060.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This is a new feature. We want to encourage interest, discussion, debate on all kinds of issues relating to what we do in the U3A.

Or what you would love to do. Anything our members would find stimulating or of news interest. If you have a story to tell, pictures to share or issues to raise send it to The Editors by e-mail at.....

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

Or by letter post at

**The Editors. 4 Lime Close,
Radcliffe on Trent. NG122DF**

GARDENING GROUP

21 of us were informed and entertained in equal measure by Corin Tomlinson's talk on Bonsai on October 11th. He brought along some superb specimens, one being a Japanese maple, the colours of which were showing their true autumnal class.

He used a dwarf cypress to show how to convert a garden centre purchase into a bonsai and of course, with 30 years experience, made it look effortless while bits of shrub were flying off the tree in all directions. He used a wound sealant where cuts were made from the trunk and the sealant helped to make the cut blend with the rest of the trunk. He also showed how to use wire to bend branches into a desired shape and showed how to trim roots and fit the specimen into a bonsai pot.

If anyone wants more information about bonsai, go onto the internet and put in Greenwood Bonsai Studio. I think that he said that his studio is the only one of its type in the country and he goes all over Britain giving talks and demos.

Our last event of 2018 is another talk from Alison Foster who some of you will remember from last year. In 2017, her talk was about the role of plants in medicine and this year's talk looks at the other side of the coin - ie plants that can be dangerous. Her talk is entitled " Toxic trees, poisonous perennials and wicked weeds".

We meet on Thursday, November 8th from 2.00pm at the Legion. The cost will be £5.00-£6.00 depending on numbers attending.

Roger Burston Group Leader. Email: roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

NEW — STRICTLY JIVE

Weekly sessions on Wednesday afternoons will run through to Christmas., at the Royal British Legion. From 3-5pm.

Our instructors are the experienced Terry and Lynn from Nottingham's "Revival Dance" Studio.

Cost is £5 per session for U3A Members; £7 for Guests (Max. 2 visits).

**Chris Worthington Tel : 01159332747 or
07880797593**

or email : worthington690@btinternet.com
Or better still – just turn up on the day and rock'n'roll.

NEW — AVIATION AND AEROSPACE GROUP.

I look forward to meeting with you all to develop our programme for the next year and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts.

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**FIRST MEETING MEETING 6 NOVEMBER @
2.00PM-4.00PM @ THE RADCLIFFE ROOM,
THE GRANGE**

GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP.

Having examined the eastern flank of the Matlock Gorge on foot in September, our October event was directed at the western side particularly the hill above Matlock Bath which was accessed initially by Cable Car then by foot. As our group numbered 21 a 20% discount was offered which included entry to 2 "Caverns" which were originally excavated by lead miners from at least the 15th century. From Victorian times portions of these old mines had been adapted as tourist attractions and today are accompanied by exhibits and video illustrating the history and development of both the mines and the extensive visitor activity. After lunch, in brilliant sunshine affording fabulous views, our party left the tourist area, crossing the mine pocked hill side to a former open pit or Quarry, now abandoned but for rock climbers and wandering geologists. Here we able to collect specimens of Blue and colourless Fluorite (Calcium Fluoride) which was the target of the post WW2 miners here. Our next meeting, on November 13th, is a second visit to the Rutland bird sanctuaries in search of Autumn migrants.

For information on this Group email www.martinclarke@live.co.uk

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Classical Music Appreciation Group will next meet on Thursday 16th November 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.

VISITS & OUTINGS GROUP

By popular demand we are running a trip to the covered open air theatre at **Kilworth, Leicestershire to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat on Wednesday 26th June 2019**. The cost is £48 per person to include coach, theatre ticket & a breakfast cob with tea or coffee at a garden centre on the way, there will be time for browsing.

At the theatre venue there are picnic tables available if you wish to bring lunch. There is also a bar on site.

Tickets are very limited. We have to give final numbers & book tickets by the end of January.

We are taking bookings at the November monthly meeting.

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RADCLIFFE U3A GOES TO SKIATHOS

The Holiday Group have been on our biggest adventure yet. A week on the beautiful Greek Island of Skiathos in the Aegean Sea. Nine of us explored the tiny island where the original Mama Mia film was based. It is only 7 miles long by 4 miles wide but has 63 beaches as well as a pine forest. Here are a few of our memories. **Anne McLeod** email: annemcleod55@icloud.com



NEW GROUPS

Our U3A currently has 43 Interest Groups, and we are looking to provide a wider range of activities to meet the needs of the increased membership.

Over the next few months a number of possible options will be listed in the Newsletter.

Members who are interested in joining any of these should register their interest at the Volunteer Desk in the Foyer at the next Monthly Meeting. Those willing to be involved in running a Group are invited to make this known (can be shared).

This month's Suggestions are:

**Folk Music ... Italian ... Jewellery Making ... Singing for Fun ... Railways
... Creative Writing....second Wine Tasting Group**

I look forward to meeting you at the Volunteers Desk or Email: radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

Where sufficient interest is shown, an informal meeting will be arranged to discuss the group framework

Geraldine Sleight Groups Co-ordinator. Email: radcliffeu3a.groups@gmail.com

DECEMBER/JANUARY'S NEWSHEET

For the next **HOLIDAY PERIOD** a double issue of our U3A monthly Newsheet, please send your news, articles and photos to our Editors at Email: **news@rot-u3a.org.uk** by **24th NOV, 2018** **Thank you Editorial Team**