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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



U3A Member's regular Monthly Meetings are held in The Grange Hall

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

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Phew. A year has passed for me as Chairman. A very enjoyable year for me. Much much more important, of course, is how it has been for all the membership. I know The Committee would welcome feedback. It helps us make good decisions. So do remember "The Letters to The Editor" page in the Newsletter and the comments box at the back of the hall at our Thursday monthly meetings.

As many of you will hear at The AGM we have had a successful year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to that but specifically, on this occasion, if I may, my personal thanks to your and my hard working committee.

All the existing committee plus two are standing for re-election or election at The AGM and if accepted we will have a full committee which is particularly good news as we go into next year with a likely record number of groups and a new website to launch.

The full list of nominations are as follows:

Jan Addiscott ; John Addiscott ; Steve Harris; Diane Kidger; Beverley Lawe; Ann Littlewood; Anne McLeod; Patrick Mountford; Geraldine Sleight; Mary Smith; Penny Tytler; Carol White and as Treasurer, Cliff Murray; as Chairman, Malcolm McDowell.

Whilst roles may change the current roles are on the notice board at the back of the hall.

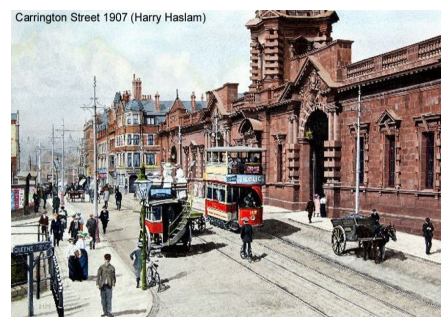
So thanks for all the support and I hope to see you at The AGM.

Malcolm

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

KEVIN POWELL

He will give a talk about The Carrington Street Gateway
Carrington Street is less than 200 years old and its story began with the building of the Nottingham Canal at the beginning of the 19th century.
The coming of the railways would see it grow into one of the major gateways into the heart of a town and later, a City.



As Nottingham stepped into the 20th century it would see major changes when a new railway station was built, new buildings and hotels would emerged along its length.
Carrington Street, has had its ups and its downs, but now it is being reborn and new life is being breathed into it. But it still remains a 'gateway' into a City.

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Our first trip of 2019 is on Wednesday 15th May to Cheltenham Racecourse where we will be taken by Steam Train to Broadway. We will have free time in the quaint, picturesque village of Broadway, often referred to as the "Show Village of England". We will then have Afternoon Tea at the "Tea Set" served on vintage china consisting of sandwiches, scones with cream & jam, dainty delights & a choice of tea or coffee.

The cost of this trip is £35 per person. Tickets remaining unsold will be at the March monthly meeting.

Please make a note in your diaries for upcoming trips during the year.

Weds 12 June Burton Brewery, lunch & visit to National Arboretum- Tickets available at March meeting

Weds 26 June Kilworth Open Air Theatre-Joseph & Amazing Dreamcoat—**SOLD OUT**

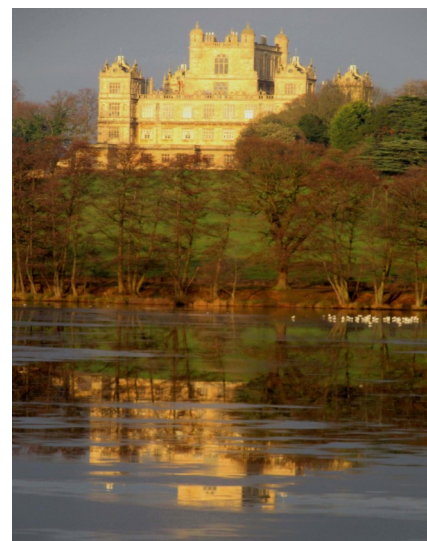
Tues 17 Sept Boughton House & Gardens with Lunch

Weds 27 Nov Renishaw Hall & Gardens with Christmas Lunch

Any queries, contact **Steve Harris** on **0115 9333011** or **Sandra Straw** on **0115 9123141**

Outings Group:

An interesting tour of Wollaton Hall, followed by a walk round the lake - see photo.



George Smith

THE JIVE GROUP

Resting after their session!!



Since our humble beginnings in September last year, the group has progressed from being "hopeless" jivers to being "a bit less hopeless" !!

But we have, at least, gained some confidence about having a go in public. Now, as well as maintaining our weekly lessons, we are branching out to attend away sessions at suitable jiving "gigs" usually with live rock'n'roll bands performing. The photograph shows our group at an event for our Christmas party upstairs at the Poppy and Pint, West Bridgford.

We always welcome beginners any time, with or without partner, and we start every learning session by going back and rehearsing the very basics. It's fun, good exercise and easy to learn!

So, if you want to give jiving a go, just turn up at Radcliffe Hall (Royal British Legion) any Wednesday for 3-15p.m. and be ready to rock. Be careful though – you might enjoy it!

Enquiries to Chris Worthington - worthington690@btinternet.com

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT

This group is for members who live alone or carers who want to develop their social life and enjoy the company of friends, sharing interests and planning joint activities each month with others. The group meets in Platform29 Café, Station Terrace in Radcliffe on the first Monday of each month at 2:00pm. There members in smaller groups will plan what and where they would like to go and what they would like to do. It can be going to the cinema, theatre, to a garden centre or just out somewhere different for lunch or morning coffee. Anything is possible. If this appeals to you do come along we are a friendly group and you will be made most welcome. We also help and support each other in other ways.

Contact **Rodney Fogg** Group Leader Tel **07971837119**

Geology and Environmental Studies Group

Next Meeting - 12th March at 2- 4 pm
Trent Room Grange Hall.

"Introduction to Geological Time scales and rock groupings."

This is the first of 6 x 40 minute sessions which will together comprise a mini course on Geology.

This initiative is to slightly formalise our activities towards a learning approach. Each session will include discussion of illustrations and specimens rather as occurred at our last (12th Feb.) "Quiz" event. Handouts will be supplied at the end of each session which will cover topics covered.

Tea and Biscuits available between sessions. Later sessions will include a) Use of Geological Maps, b) Volcanic Rocks and their setting, c) Fossils related to Evolution, d) Economic and decorative Minerals.

A summer time program of Field visits is also in course of preparation. The accompanying photo is of the group on such a visit.



For more details please contact:

martinclarke@live.co.uk (Group Leader),

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE GROUP

Since launch on Nov 6th we have enjoyed two more meetings and now consider ourselves in orbit.

The December meeting saw an account of the life of Alex Henshaw who was Chief test pilot at the Vickers Armstrong factory at Castle Bromwich (Birmingham for non-brummies) manufacturing fully half of all Spitfires during WW2. A fascinating account of the career of a real flying "ace".



The second half of this meeting was devoted to trialling a flight simulator kindly brought in by a member. At least 3 of us had a session landing a Cessna with mostly hazardless results cheered on by the onlookers who kept a careful eye open for drones!

Our January meeting was unexpectedly entertained by a talk from Adrian Cresswell (ex RAF Jaguar pilot) who saw extensive service in Germany during the "Cold War". His illustrated talk was full of little known information about the technicalities of flying the cutting edge aircraft of that era. - wonderful stuff! After leaving the RAF Adrian joined BA retiring as a Captain Flight Instructor since when he has involved himself with the Air Cadet Force.

After a refuelling interval the members saw an incredibly well made film about Eric (Winkle) Brown a famous Fleet Air-Arm pilot who was the first to fly onto and take off from an aircraft carrier in a jet powered aeroplane. We saw the development of sea borne aircraft from about 1936 onwards through to the present day Eric Brown playing a vital part in it all. Additionally his career included being tasked with interrogating Goering prior to the Nuremberg trials, being present at the liberation of Belsen and test flying the first jet fighter developed by the Luftwaffe about 1945. What a man! Despite the stresses of his career he attained the ripe old age of 97. We left the meeting rather awestricken.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 2nd in the Radcliffe Room at 1400 hrs.

More information from Group leaders, Mike Seymour at seymourmd@aol.com
Or Roger Allton at rogerallton@hotmail.com

COMPUTER USERS

WATCH OUT FOR SCAM E-MAILS

There are a few simple steps to take that can help you reduce the risk of opening scam emails. Such emails can harm your computer or share your information with rogues. Here are three questions to ask about emails coming in to your inbox:

DO I KNOW WHO THE EMAIL IS FROM?

'Barclays Bank peter@barcleysbankplc.co.uk' would seem to be a valid email address. But, look at the spelling of barcleys in the actual address. **DO NOT OPEN OR RESPOND TO THIS TYPE OF EMAIL**

IS THE SUBJECT SOMETHING THAT THE SENDER WOULD EMAIL ME ABOUT?

If the subject doesn't seem to be right for the sender, or if there is no subject **DO NOT OPEN OR RESPOND TO THIS TYPE OF EMAIL**

IS THE LANGUAGE RIGHT?

Are the words used in the email correct – do they make sense or are they written in poor English with bad spelling and grammar. **DO NOT OPEN OR RESPOND TO THIS TYPE OF EMAIL**

Finally: **DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS ; OPEN ANY ATTACHMENTS; OR REPLY TO OR FORWARD THE EMAIL**

Jan Jones

IT Skills Group Leader

Classical Music Appreciation

The Group's next meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st March 2019**, 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.

Whist Group

Will meet on Friday Morning 15th March 10am until noon in the

Dowson Room at Grange Hall.

All Members Welcome

Group Leader Margaret Walker

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REMINDER:

Group Leaders who have not already done so, are requested to return their Updated Group Information form at the March monthly meeting, so that work can begin on the new website.

Geraldine Sleight, Gp Co-ordinator

POETRY FOR PLEASURE GROUP



The group enjoying a January luncheon

Group Leader - Anne Mountford

annemm510@gmail.com

Knit & Natter is a convivial group: we knit for charitable causes and meet in the afternoon of the second Tuesday each month. We have a good supply of needles, wool and patterns. Contact me for details.
Jan Addiscott 01158 457398."

BOWLS



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

This will be the Fifth 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 at absolute beginners, during **April and May on Tuesday afternoons and each session lasts two hours from 2.00 to 4pm.** 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 all we ask is that you wear flat soled shoes.

The cost will be just £2 per session and this will include tea or coffee.

The sessions will take place on :-

April 23rd, April 30th, May 7th, May 14th, and May 21st

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 :-

Bill Edwards at billedwards123@btinternet.com or ring 9336306

Dorothy McPetrie at d.mcpetrie@live.co.uk or ring 07709 516544

Alternatively we will be manning an information desk at the regular monthly meetings.

We look forward to meeting you

SPEAKER FOR APRIL

The speaker will be **Dr Irfan Malik**. The topic is the story of Dulmial village.

Dr Irfan Malik is a Nottingham GP, born in the city. His family originated from Dulmial, a village in the Punjab, Pakistan. In 1914 Dulmial was part of India and sent 460 of its men to fight with the British Army, the largest participation of any village in Asia. In recognition of their service, the British government offered the village an award of their choosing. What did they choose? How did the award, made in Scotland, reach the mountainous village? Where is it today?

Dr Malik's research on what happened at Dulmial after WWI has attracted much attention. Last autumn he was interviewed on Sky News and by The Telegraph about the now famous award given to the village. Don't miss the opportunity to hear his intriguing story. **Penny Tytler**

APRIL NEWSHEET

For the next issue of our U3A monthly Newssheet please send your news, articles and photos to news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **23rd MARCH**

Thank you Editorial Team

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

David advises members to contact him for dates :-

David Richards Group Leader

0115 9335499 or 07817 660 659

2019/20 Membership Renewal

Thank you to all members who have already renewed their membership and a reminder to others that your membership subscription runs from 1st March 2019 until 28th February 2020. You can renew either at the monthly meeting and AGM on Thursday 7th March at Grange Hall or post your completed renewal form together with a cheque and SAE to the membership secretary. All details are on the renewal form.

Diane Kidger. Membership Secretary

NEW GROUPS NEWS

Windows 10 First meeting started 18th February

Creative Writing dates/times to start new group will be decided shortly

Wine Group (2nd) the new group leaders hope to start in September

Italian, Railways, Singing for Fun, Jewellery making, Ballroom Dancing

I'm still hoping to find new group leaders.

Potential New Group Motor Cycle Group (Bikers)

(New member has suggested this group)

There would be a Regular Monthly Meeting and **Rideouts**, Guest speakers, Advanced Training, Service and maintenance of motorcycles

Interested? Please contact Geraldine Sleight Group Co-ordinator

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