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The snow drops above were taken by the U3A **PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP** For further details about the group contact **Ann Littlewood** on email : [annlittlewood@icloud.com](mailto:annlittlewood@icloud.com)

**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**

## NEW GROUPS

**NEW WINE GROUP STARTING - PRE LAUNCH MEETING IN MAY - SIGN UP OR EMAIL**

Contact **Ann Littlewood** on email : [annlittlewood@icloud.com](mailto:annlittlewood@icloud.com)

**NEW MOTORCYCLE (BIKERS) GROUP** - Any Member Interested in joining this Group - please contact **Phil Gregg** by email: [philgregguk@gmail.com](mailto:philgregguk@gmail.com)

**COMING SHORTLY .... A New Local Outings Group .... Details to be announced soon**

**Geraldine Sleight** email: [gbbbsleight@hotmail.com](mailto:gbbbsleight@hotmail.com)

## TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

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**

## WINDOWS 10 GROUP

We met on 18th March, and had a riotous time.

Using a YouTube programme, see link below, we explored the vagaries of this programme,

and even had some laughs - honestly. Windows 10 is not the 'bogeyman'!

After Easter our next meeting will be in the Radcliffe room, The Grange on 20th May 2019. 14.00-16.00. Why not join us? Further details from:-

**Roger Allton** [rogerallton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rogerallton@hotmail.co.uk)

## KNIT & NATTER GROUP



We have been supporting the Friary Charity in West Bridgford during the winter by providing knitted hats and scarves. This is in addition to our ongoing support for the Neonatal Unit at QMC and one of our ladies was so keen to knit an "octopus for a preemie" that she has given us five colourful specimens

**Jan Addiscott**

(see page 3.)

## AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

Our March meeting was attended by 15 members, 1 guest and 3 new U3A members all of whom enjoyed a talk about Walrus (were we in the right group?) given by Brian Cleary brother of a member (pictured centre with Mike and Roger, our Controllers (*Group Leaders*)). Turned out it was about an aeroplane, specifically a flying boat which saw much service in WWII. The most famous of its pilots was Cmdr William Crozier about whom much was revealed. Our thanks to Brian for an absorbing talk.

At the subsequent discussion on our future programme members suggested they would like to visit the BBMF at RAF Coningsby, The Lincoln Bomber Command Memorial near Lincoln, East Kirkby Air Museum to see their Lancaster 'Just Jane', RAF Museum, Cosford, and the Space Museum, Leicester. These visits would be in addition to visits organised by the Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust, where some of our members were recently included in a visit to the RAF Museum, Hendon. In addition, other members will be attending a lecture later this month, organised by the Royal Aeronautical Society at Loughborough University, on the future of electrically powered aeroplanes.

Next meeting is April 2nd in the Radcliffe Room at 1400 hrs If you would like to join our lively group please contact our Flight Controllers

**Mike** on email : seymourmd@aol.com or

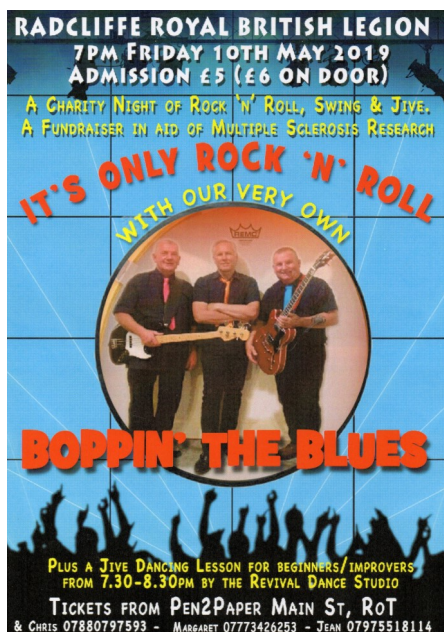
**Roger** on email : rogerallton@hotmail.co.uk



Pictured : Mike, Brian Cleary and Roger

## JIVE GROUP

The success of our Jive Group since its inception last September is demonstrated by its ambition to plan its own Rock & Roll Dance to raise funds for a worthy cause. Here are the details:-



## CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Classical Music Appreciation Group's next meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th April 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.

## GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

On 12th March 30 members attended the first 2 sessions of our "Mini Course" which included introductions to Plate Tectonics and Geological Time.

The next 2 sessions are on 16th April, in Grange Hall Trent Room 2 - 4pm:-

Session 3 **USE AND CONSTRUCTION OF GEOLOGICAL MAPS** (Bob Addison) and

Session 4 **VOLCANIC AND OTHER IGNEOUS ROCKS** (Martin Clarke).

More details from Group Leader - martinclarke@live.co.uk

## CROQUET GROUP

The Croquet Season is nearly upon us!

Would anyone like to join the regular players behind the British Legion each Monday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00 approx. Always weather permitting of course. For further details please contact **Joan Spooner** Tel: **0115 9332696**.

**To ALL GROUP LEADERS** A message from **Diane Kidger** our Membership Secretary:- ....Just for information when you check your member's cards it will be helpful for you to realise that their new current membership card number for 2019-2020 will start with the number **3**

## TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

Trip to Rockingham Castle near Corby in Northamptonshire.

### A Victorian Christmas.

"It is Christmas Eve, 1849. The staff are preparing the Castle for the family's Christmas celebrations. Under the butler's direction the Great Hall table is laid, the silver is polished, the candles and fires are lit, the decorations are in place and the kitchen is a hive of activity". So the scene was set for a very enjoyable day out.

A really good roast turkey lunch in the Walkers House Restaurant was followed by a guided tour of the castle. Our 51 strong party was divided into three groups with each group having a 'themed' guide. The first group was led by the Footman, the Governess led the next group and the third group had the House Keeper. The Guides were in character throughout the tour and almost brought the time period alive. Starting in the sparsely furnished Servants Hall we then entered the kitchen where some of the family's Christmas feast was laid out – it included dates stuffed with marzipan, oranges studded with cloves, mince pies (made with meat) and a highly decorated Christmas cake. We continued on to the sitting room called the Panel Room then dining room before going up to the Long Gallery. Everywhere there were real log fires, Christmas trees and decorations. As one person put it "it all looked very homely".

We thoroughly enjoyed the day which was, in no small part down to the Staff at the Castle. We are especially grateful to the catering staff who worked extremely hard both in the restaurant and in the café.

#### *A brief history of Rockingham Castle.*

*Shortly after the Norman invasion in the 11 century William the Conqueror ordered a Motte and Bailey Castle to be built at Rockingham. Within three decades William 11 replaced it with a stone castle and over the centuries it was added to. It remained in Royal ownership until Sir Edward Watson obtained a lease from Henry V111. Parts of the castle were subsequently replaced with a Tudor house with gardens and it became a hunting lodge for the nobility. Edwards Grandson later went on to purchase the Rockingham Estate from the Crown. For over 450 years the Castle has remained in the hands of the same family.*

**Derek Smith**

### TRIPS & OUTINGS :

**Brewery Centre at Burton on Trent** Wednesday 12th June Cost £34 per person.

We are arranging a visit To the **Brewery Centre at Burton on Trent** where we take the "Full Flagon" guided tour with a visit to their museum. The tour culminates in a beer tasting session (soft drinks are available as an alternative) followed by a two-course lunch (included in the ticket cost)

We then whisk you off to the **National Memorial Arboretum** to take a leisurely ride on their Land Train. This will provide you with lovely views across the landscape & some of the 300 plus memorials. After the tour there will be time to visit the shop & café before boarding the coach home.

**Tickets will be on sale at the April monthly meeting**

### **FUTURE TRIPS & OUTINGS for your diary**

**Weds 15 May Cotswold Steam Train & Cream Tea at Broadway- SOLD OUT**

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

**Tues 17 Sept Boughton House & Gardens with Lunch- Tickets on sale at June monthly meeting**

**Weds 27 Nov Renishaw Hall & Gardens with Christmas Lunch- Tickets on sale at September monthly meeting**

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

**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 Tel: 01158 457398**



**BOWLS U3A's annual course called "Let's Go Bowling"**

Your opportunity to have a go at this fascinating game. A five week course, aimed at absolute beginners, on Tuesday afternoons and each session lasts two hours from 2.00 to 4pm at the Radcliffe on Trent Bowling Club Glebe Lane. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and May 21<sup>st</sup>

if you would like further details contact :-

**Bill Edwards** at billedwards123@btinternet.com or ring **0115 9336306**  
**Dorothy McPetrie** at d.mcpetrie@live.co.uk or ring **07709 516544**

**SPEAKER FOR MAY**

On 16 May at the Grange Hall in Radcliffe-on-Trent, will be talking to the Radcliffe U3A. The meeting will start at 2pm.

Cameron spent twenty years as an undercover operative, informant handler, surveillance commander and phone tapper for Customs and then the Serious Organised Crime Agency. Working all over the world he gathered intelligence and evidence against organised crime. In 2008 he resigned and travelled the world writing the first part of his memoirs.  
**Penny Tytler**



Cameron Addicott

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Since appealing to members each month from October last year the Editors have received only one letter. Come on Radcliffe you can do better than this, surely we can top similar exchanges on Facebook or Twitter! 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**

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE**

The following local businesses have very kindly offered discounts on production of your U3A membership card.

**Café Piano**..10% off lunches and dinners.

**Liquorice Ladies Fashion** 3, Cropwell Rd ,  
15% off all full-price clothing

**FILM APPRECIATION GROUP**

'Capernaum', my film choice for February proved to be a show stopper with members. My trepidations in suggesting this Beirut street flic proved unfounded and we were treated to an emotional rollercoaster that produced a 'best film I've ever seen', three maximum ten out of ten scores and scattering of nines. Phew!

It was the 'true' story of a child's battle for survival and identity in a refugee community. Painful, remorseless, unflinching, gut wrenching it certainly was, yet funny and with the ability to lift the soul. Director Nadine Labaki's depiction of the rawness of life in the streets in Beirut, enhanced by the hand held low level camera work of her crew, was so real you could chew it. Her mission clearly is that none of us should forget how the other half is forced to exist. The realism of the film is perhaps epitomised by the fate of Yordanos Shiferaw, playing the illegal immigrant mother. She was arrested when the picture was released for being just that.

Zain Al Rafeca may not slip easily off the tongue but the twelve year old playing the lead without any acting experience must surely be a name the future. His performance and his relationship with his black toddler companion prompted much discussion in the Group.

We chose 'Border' as our film for March, mainly I think because of its mysterious and intriguing storyline.  
**David.** drichards68@ntlworld.com Group Leader Film Appreciation.

**MAY'S NEWS SHEET**

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

by **18th APRIL**

**Thank you Editorial Team**