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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



Members' meetings are held in the Grange Hall on the first Thursday of each month (except August when there is no meeting). Doors open at 2pm and refreshments are available. Group stalls advertise activities and enrolment. Announcements are made at 2.30pm followed by the Guest Speaker

CHAIRMAN'S DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Well, the festive season is with us again, witness our Christmas party on the 5th.

Whilst for many of us it is joyous in our Golden Years, please remember others for whom it can be challenging for many different reasons.

Also spare a thought for Diane Kidger, our wonderful Membership Secretary, who has been working prodigiously, putting our membership administration onto U3A's Beacon system (a national computer system) which will help the committee to do the very best job it can for our thriving Radcliffe U3A. Well done Diane and thanks also to Phil Gregg, our IT Guru, without whom it would all have been a big mystery!



Talking of thinking of others, I was privileged to be able to do just that over The Armistice weekend.

Firstly I attended The Annual Nottingham Services Club Remembrance Dinner where I was proud to hear Wing Commander Tom Benson speak so well about the sacrifices our military make for us. Tom grew up in our village and his parents still live here. In fact his Dad, Charlie, is a U3A member!

Secondly, on Sunday, on behalf of all Radcliffe U3A members I laid a Remembrance wreath at the Cenotaph after the Annual Parade from Walker's Yard to St Mary's. In these testing times it is important we do not forget.

Now we anticipate Santa's arrival at our Christmas event. He and I look forward to seeing many of you there and to all Members we wish the very best for the festive season and beyond!

Malcolm

Psst—there are a few tickets left (says Santa) see page 2

Your Committee and editorial team send you all

Best Wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas and prosperity in the New Year

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

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE GROUP

Our pilots (accompanied by some navigators) are flying to the Nottingham Golf Club for a Christmas lunch on 3rd December—1200 for a 12.30 start.

Altogether some 23 are booked in but there is runway space for more of our group so e/m **Dave Holmes** on davidholmes895@gmail.com SOON if you would like to go.

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**

Christmas Party

There are a few tickets still available at

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Hurry there before they're gone!

Editor

HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity that trains dogs that help deaf people leave loneliness behind and reconnect with life. The dogs do this through constant companionship and emotional support, giving deaf people the confidence to reconnect with their family, friends and community around them. Equally as importantly, they help by alerting deaf people to important and life-saving sounds like the smoke alarm, alarm clock and oven timers. Their burgundy coats also signal to the public that their partners are deaf. This combination of practical assistance and lifelong friendship can be completely life-changing.

To learn about our life changing work why not join us for a tour of our Beatrice Wright Training Centre in Bielby just outside of Pocklington East Yorkshire? Our tours take place on a Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm and include a presentation about our work, a live demonstration, a tour of our training facilities and tea and cake. £5 per person and booking is essential.

To find out more visit <https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/support/tours/> or call Lucy on 07769 901292.

Geology and Environmental Studies Group.

Our October meeting, Sailing in Scottish Islands, described marine, geographic and historic features learnt during 5 sailing trips to the Outer and Inner Hebrides, a circumnavigation of the Mull of Kintyre and cruises in both the Orkney and Shetland Isles. (See Photo).

November 19th saw Alan Forster's presentation on the history and variety of Microscopes including "hands on" use of his large collection.

Our 17th December meeting, also lead by Alan, has a festive aspect as it describes the relationship of soil and geology to wine, with samples of two French vintages, one grown on volcanic soil, the other on limestone.

Our January 21st meeting will include snippets and photos from the 2019 activities.

For further details and future plans contact



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



ARCHEOLOGY GROUP



Radcliffe's own Time Team

We have just had a geophysical survey done of The Grange grounds. It is hoped that this will tell us the position of old buildings, particularly along Vicarage Lane.

The survey can detect the presence of any ground density changes. If you want to join our archaeology group we meet every Friday from 1pm to 3pm in the Boys Brigade Hall.

We are taking a break over the Christmas period but start again on Friday 10th January.

Anne Mcleod Group Leader

U3A CREATIVE WRITERS' GROUP

We are a friendly group of like-minded people who enjoy writing as a hobby. We listen and share, are respectful of the work of all our members, give positive feedback, and receive some advice regarding the 'how to' of writing for all areas of creativity.



We welcome new members, and welcome back those who return to the fold.

For details on how to join, please email Julia:

julia_kdavison@hotmail.com

or ring/leave a message on

07900 400019

WHIST GROUP

The whist group meets every other Friday from 10am to 12 noon.

Next date is December 6th. (Editors note—that's the day after the party!)

We always have a very enjoyable morning but would love a few more members. If you don't play whist don't worry just come along and give us a try. We are a very sociable group and would love to see you. If interested give me a ring.

Margaret Walker tel no 01159333094. or e-m at mwalker61@btinternet.com

I-pad tutorial group ?

We have been asked about the possibility of this group being set up again. In the past it has worked quite successfully. If anyone is interested please contact either Jan on 8457398 or Carol on 07742434437 (GROUP COORDINATORS) or see them at the next meeting.

January's Speaker**MIKE STORR**

On Thursday Jan 2, Mike Storr will give us a talk entitled 'Masters of Mirth'

This is an affectionate look at some of Mike's favourite Music Hall laughter makers. He will talk about how Music Hall began, tell us a little bit about his favourite characters, including Robb Wilton, Stanley Holloway, Bernard Miles and others and he will give examples of their acts, including their famous monologues.

Penny Tytler

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

A well attended pre Christmas meeting.

The group members, well lubricated and full of nibbles and mince pies, gave our film of the month; "The Irishman," very good marks. It could have been a step too far at 2 hours 29 mins in length but Messrs de Niro, Pesci and Pacino held our attention throughout in Scorsese's tale of Mafia power and political influence

We also enjoyed a Grand Christmas Film Competition. It would be wrong to name the winner of the life changing (!) cash prize, but if you're looking for a cheap loan to see you through Crimbo, then Jill Sowerby could be a good bet.

We meet again on 27th January, film to be announced later, but in the meantime we wish all Radcliffe U3A members a very Happy Christmas.

David Richards Group Leader

07817 660 659.

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

Our next trip to Kilworth open air theatre is planned for Wednesday 24th June 2020 at 2.30pm to see the matinee production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical 'Carousel'. The show includes the well-known songs 'If I Loved You', 'June Is Bustin' Out All Over' and 'You'll Never Walk Alone'. Richard Rodgers later wrote that Carousel was his favourite of all his musicals. Tickets will go on sale at the U3A monthly meetings. Price £48pp. This will include coach travel, a breakfast cob stop en route and theatre ticket. We have to pay for all tickets in January so please book and pay for your place soon as we will be limited to numbers.

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We also had very interesting trip to the Veolia Materials Reclamation Facility in Mansfield, which sorts all Nottinghamshire's recycling waste bins - NOT the general waste (which goes elsewhere for incineration - nothing goes into landfill). A well presented and entertaining presentation was followed by a viewing tour of the sorting plant - a mixture of specialized machinery and 80 human final line sorters who minimize 'contamination' before final bailing and onward delivery to companies who actually recycle the various materials, i.e. paper, plastics, metals and aluminium containers.

George Smith

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Radcliffe U3A now has **50** activity or interest groups.

Of these, only about a ten groups regularly tell us what they are doing.

All our members would like to hear about what other groups do and get up too

COME ON GROUPS!

LET'S BE HEARING FROM YOU!

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING GROUP

Dancing has resumed for the season. Why not join us to have fun, learn and exercise with others?

We meet in St Mary's Church hall, 2-4pm on Wednesdays (excluding the last Wednesday of each month).

Just turn up or contact **Jean Hudson**- group leader via our U3A website or email : rotscd@gmail.com. with

IMPORTANT NOTICE**FEBRUARY'S****NEWSHEET**

Please send your news, articles and photos by **21st January** to our new email address which is **radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com** N.B. The old email address is no longer in use so please delete from your address books.

Thank you Editorial Team