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Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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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

5th DECEMBER, 2019 - 2:00pm U3A ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY in THE GRANGE

Introducing "THE UKULELE LADY" Sara Spade

Have you got your tickets £2 from the Trent Room desk at our Monthly 14th November & 5th December meetings as places are limited.



GEOLOGY and ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP.

Since we last reported two months have passed during which, in September, 15 folk enjoyed great weather while studying the Markfield and Beacon Hill area of Charnwood where ancient, 600 million years old, igneous rocks are exposed as hill top crags and in many quarries. One of the objectives was to find evidence of "folding" of the solidified volcanic ash layers originally laid down nearly horizontally but later tilted as a result of massive earth movements long ago. We were able to conclude that the region had been so affected by using compass and clinometer to record the direction and amount of tilt in the two areas - 40 to 50 degrees to the NE at Beacon Hill but a similar tilt to the SW in the Markfield area. The above photo (courtesy Kathy Thomas) shows the group examining tilted strata at one of the locations visited.

At our last meeting, on Oct. 15th, 33 members attended a talk on Scottish Islands, when group Leader Martin spoke of things learnt and experienced during several sailing trips amongst the Hebridean, Orkney and Shetland Isles. The Mull volcano, tidal streams, George Orwell's connection with Jura, whisky making on Islay and the death of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum were some of the subjects covered which also included some, often mundane, challenges related to crewing sailing yachts in such areas.

Our next meeting, on Nov. 19th at 2pm in the Grange Hall Trent Room will be led by Alan Forster, ex BGS, who will discuss the development, variety and uses of Microscopes and will include the chance to use such to examine, amongst other items, thin sections of rocks.

For more information re the Group and forthcoming activities contact **Martin Clarke** - Group Leader by email:- martinclarke@live.co.uk.

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Clearly, suggesting a double bill for the predilection of our U3A Group was a step too far on my part. Members missed seeing 'Bait', en masse, in favour of 'Downton Abbey'. So much for intellectual pursuit. One can but try.... Downton certainly polarised opinion in the Group who heaped invective on the film or lauded it, at one end of the spectrum labelling it 'trite rubbish' and, at the other; 'sumptuous'. I can't think where we learned to express such divergent views in recent times. As well as the general enjoyment, of interest to the discerning viewer was the use of cinematography to achieve totally different! in the two films. In 'Bait' it was black and white 16 mm scratchy film, with natural light married to non-diegetic (it sez here) sound to bring gritty realism to an otherwise quintessential picture postcard Cornish environment. In Downton it was all bells and electronic whistles employed to magnify the social fantasy and tropes of Little England that so mesmerise its worldwide audience. Our next offering is 'Official Secrets', a political thriller. It's on at the Broadway from Friday 18th until we meet again in the Downson Room to disagree with each other, on Monday the 28th at 2.00pm

David Richards U3A Group Leader Film Appreciation.
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NOVEMBERS SPEAKER PAUL DYSON



On Thursday November 14th at the Grange Hall, the Radcliffe-on-Trent U3A will be entertained by Paul Dyson, who will be talking about his adventures and travels as a wildlife artist. He will tell tales about camping wild in Africa, watching tigers in India, trekking the mountains of the Himalayas in search of snow leopards and about his British adventures.



WINE TASTING AT THE U3A

Our second wine group was launched this month due to popular demand and both groups had strong attendances for the launch of the new season. David Harrison gave his 63rd U3A tasting for the afternoon group which is called "Wine Tasting" whilst Maureen McDowell presented her first for U3A at the evening group known as "Wine Appreciation". As the only person attending both I can report a good time was had by all! A little learning too?

Details are in our current Directory and on our Web Site :

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Malcolm McDowell

GARDENING GROUP

On Thursday, October 10th our group had a get together to exchange plants and seeds. It went really well I thought. 32 of us made it up to Elaine Walker's and it was a good opportunity to meet up and have a chat. The rain held off and we had a good opportunity to acquire new plants. None of us seems prepared to throw away unwanted plants when someone else might be prepared to try them out. I suppose that I thought that taking plants up to Elaine's would create some more space at home for me but I seem to have come home with quite a few new additions which themselves now need a suitable space. We also had the opportunity to look around Elaine's lovely garden and see new plants for future reference. A big thank you to Elaine for hosting the event and for providing tea and biscuits. We will try to take away the spare plants destined for the station surrounds asap as well. This certainly seems to be the sort of event that we could repeat in future. Looking ahead to November, we have nothing definite on the calendar at the moment. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me have them. We once held a question and answer session at the Legion where members could bring up garden issues that they wanted to know more about eg plants to identify, how to tackle pests and diseases, best plants for certain locations. This may be a possibility for November.

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Diane Kidger won the 'Best Picture' award with the above photo at this years Village Show.



On Thursday, Sept 12th, members of our Garden Group visited Meynell Langley trial gardens and nursery, near Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire.

BRIDGE GROUP

We had another wonderful weekend away at the end of September, this time to a hotel in Banbury. This event was, as usual, brilliantly organised by Di and Len Jackson, who provided some interesting hands, competitions, quizzes and some useful tuition. Our grateful thanks go to Di and Len for their hard work and organisation.

Twenty eight of us went on the weekend and, when not playing Bridge during the day, visited some nearby attractions including Blenheim Palace, Upton House and Oxford. After playing Bridge in the evening, a large group gathered in the Bar (as you can see in the photo) for some fun jokes, stories, poems and songs - and of course plenty to drink.

Group Leader **Greg Bungay**
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DERWENT VALLEY RAILWAY OUTING

We had a lovely day out on the Trent Valley Railway which runs from Nottingham to Matlock. You can get off at any stop along the way and back on again. We went to Matlock Bath and Cromford Mill, but there are several other stops.

Ann & Maureen

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THE LONG WALK 2019

Ten intrepid walkers covered the 'Inn Way' walk earlier in June - a total of just over 76 miles in 8 days around the glorious Yorkshire Dales. The weather varied from brilliant sunshine to total mist/rain over a variety of terrains. The route was: Horsehouse (our farmhouse accommodation) to Aysgarth Falls, Reeth, Gunnerside, Bainbridge, Buckden, Grassington, Kettlewell, Horsehouse. Thanks to **Derek Smith** for all the pre-planning.

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 November U3A monthly meeting. 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 as we will be limited to numbers.

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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 your questions.

KNIT & NATTER

Thanks to all who responded to the appeal from QMC for baby ventilator hats. They have asked us to keep them coming - in the smallest size, but with one important alteration. For details please call me...

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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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CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

Our next meet is on Thursday 21st November 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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

DECEMBER/JANUARY's

NEWSSHEET

The deadline for your **DEC/JAN** issue of our U3A monthly Newsheet .

Please send your news, articles and photos by **21st NOVEMBER** 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**