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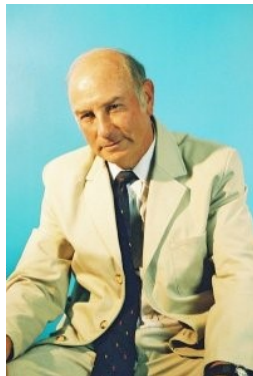


THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



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

OUR OCTOBER GUEST IS PHIL COOPER



On Thursday Oct 3 at the Grange Hall, the Radcliffe-on-Trent U3A will be entertained by Phil Cooper, talking about "The Silk Road in Central Asia".

This part of Central Asia includes in particular Kunya Urgench, Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand. The buildings are simply stunning and the area is historically very interesting. Two figures feature prominently, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, who both established huge empires in the region.

It is the arena where the Great Game was played out (the political and diplomatic confrontation between Britain and Russia) in the 19th century. The final throes of this confrontation were played out in Western China,

Penny Tytler

LETTER FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Hello All,

Well The Village Show seemed to be a great success as seen from the vantage point of our U3A stall, (see pic page 3) well placed at the front of The Grange. To all of you who popped in to say "Hello" it was much appreciated and to all of you who helped during the day, planned team of volunteers or impromptu many thanks too. My goodness we had a lot of enquiries and even signed up new members. We are approaching 600, now, a tribute to what a friendly and inclusive bunch we are. We even sold one of our two U3A tee shirts!

The committee have community support high on our agenda and we are thinking it might be useful to have the occasional "mini" meeting at the end of planned Thursdays for those who wish to stay on for 20 minutes to hear something that is of interest to them. There is also the case for an important issue and important speaker to take a short slot at the start of a meeting if the topic warrants general interest to us all. If you have an opinion we would love to hear it.

Finally do keep pictures flowing to The Newsletter and Website. We are all very interested. Details of where to send them are in your directory or just ask a committee member.

All the best, *Malcolm*

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE GROUP

We will be taking a summer break from the end of May until September. It is great fun and good exercise; you may like to think about joining us for the new season.

Watch this space for start date, or contact **Jean** at rotscd@gmail.com.

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Our meetings will be on the last Monday of each month at 2:00pm in The Dowson Room.

Further details from **David Richards** Tel : 07817 660659



FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

Having had a successful year so far the Friendship & Support Group moves into its sixth year. The group celebrated with their summer luncheon at the newly refurbished "The Radcliffe" on Shelford Road in the village. The groups other annual event this year using the villages community minibus was when fourteen of us went on a days outing to Calke Abbey, a National Trust house, grounds and parkland.(see photo)

Interested in joining this group for people who live on their own or who are carers then do contact

Rod on Tel : 0797 1537119



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

We enjoyed a summer stroll along the Canal from Bassingfield towards Cotgrave and back. Back to Diane's for coffee and cake! It was a sunny afternoon and offered opportunities to photograph swans, ducks and wild flowers, all in line with our current challenge of producing an image of summer.

At our September meeting, we reviewed the projected images, enjoying some interesting and varied photographs. As usual, the comments were positive and constructive in our spirit of friendship and mutual support.

In October our topics will be, the basics of Photoshop and Photoshop Essentials.

In November we intend an Autumn stroll, along the riverbank; followed in December by tea and cakes in a local café, then into Nottingham for Christmas Markets.

We still have room for more members, so if anyone is interested in joining us, either meet us at the next U3a meeting or contact;

David Henderson on 0115 8451148 or davikath@virginmedia.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

Our next meeting is on Thursday 17th October 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

email : joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

GARDENING GROUP

On Thursday, Sept 12th, members of our garden group visited Meynell Langley trial gardens and nursery, near Kedleston Hall west of Derby - only about 40 mins away. We were all impressed by the set up there and we enjoyed the walk and talk given by Robert Walker who runs the place. He proved to be a very knowledgeable and interesting guide and many of us decided that we would visit the place again next spring especially to buy plants for our containers and baskets. Our October event, on Thursday 10th, is a plant and seed exchange, hosted by Elaine Walker. This gives members an opportunity to exchange or buy "spare" plants and seeds from their gardens.

Roger Burston email : roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

OUTING TO BOUGHTON HOUSE- Tuesday 17th September 2019.

With a prompt start off from Radcliffe on a lovely sunny morning, it was a good start to the day. After about an hours journey, we stopped at a lovely little village called Geddington, to view a monument to the wife of King Edward. It was one of seven built across the county, but only three remaining.

After viewing the monument we travelled to Boughton House, where we were met by Marion and Peter our guides for the house. The tour lasted for two hours and it was packed with lots of historical knowledge, which was passed on to us with humour. Marion was a very knowledgeable and entertaining lady.

There were lots of beautiful tapestry's and wonderful paintings of past Dukes, Duchess, Kings and Queens through the centuries of the family, which was very interesting and beautifully told by Marion.

We came out of the house to a lovely sunny day to go for a lovely hot lunch in the cafe attached to the grounds, then we visited the gift shop, which was small but very nice.

As we had seen everything within house and grounds, it was then decided to have a diversion to Stamford for a couple of hours, which everyone agreed to, where we could "do their own thing", either shopping, a coffee, or in some cases a nice glass of wine.

Back to Radcliffe for 6pm. A very enjoyable day out was had by all. Very well organised!

Maria Cartwright and Cynthia Burrows



U3A STALL AT THE VILLAGE
SHOW



STRICTLY JIVE GROUP

The Strictly Jive Group spent most of July on weekly "Go-it-Alone" sessions without our usual professional instructors, Terry and Lynn, who were on holiday. It was a welcome chance to practise jive moves half-learnt and half-forgotten from the past year. August was left blank for holidays and the opportunity to recharge batteries ahead of the next term's restart on Wednesday Sept. 4th.

New members are always welcome – with or without a partner, beginners or improvers – and there is a special need for gentlemen in order to address the slight gender imbalance within the group! We meet every Wednesday at 3:15p.m. in Radcliffe Hall (Royal British Legion).

Trips out are also arranged whenever our social committee spots a "gig" involving a live band which may offer the chance to do a bit of jiving. The Rock'n'Roll scene within the village appears to be in good health and we have enjoyed visits by "Boppin' The Blues" at the Royal British Legion, "The Moonshiners" at the Manvers and "Rocket 88" at both the Legion and the Royal Oak - where certain members of our group disgraced themselves by spilling out of the crowded venue to dance in the street!

Looking further ahead, a definite date for the diary is Saturday Nov. 16th, again at the Legion Club when Radcliffe's very own Vince Eager is putting on a Charity Fundraising evening for the R.S.P.C.A. Animal Rescue Centre in Radcliffe. Vince is bringing the nationally famous Rock'n'Roll band "Glenn Darren and the Krew Kats". A night not to be missed even for the non-jivers. Come and join in the fun with us!

For further details contact **Chris Worthington** on email : worthington690@btinternet.com

AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

At our meeting on 1st October we will be meeting in the Trent Room, The Grange. The meeting starts at 2.00pm and finishes at 4.00pm. We charge £2.00/head for members and guests that pay s for the room hire and mid-way refreshments. At our meeting the following talk will be given:-

SECRETS BEHIND THE DAMS RAID

Since the film of the 'Dam Busters' was released in 1955, much research has been undertaken to reveal what actually happened in terms of the technology and tactics used. Many technical issues were encountered before and during 'Operation Chastise' that were not available at the time the film was made as they were still secret. The speaker will reveal the myths associated with the raid, describe how the bouncing bomb worked and was delivered by 617 Squadron on that Sunday night 16/17th May 1943.

Further details from **Mike Seymour** via email : seymourmd@aol.com

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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IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOVEMBER'S NEWSHEET

The deadline for your **NOVEMBER** issue of our U3A monthly Newsheet .

Please send your news, articles and photos by **24th OCT** 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**

KNIT'N'NATTER GROUP

We have had an urgent request from the hospital for tiny ventilator hats for premature babies. Let me know if you need a pattern.

Our other on-going projects include Twiddlemuffs for dementia patients, baby clothes and blankets and - with cooler months fast approaching - hats and scarves for the Friary in West Bridgford.

We meet at 2pm on the second Tuesday each month. For more details, please contact me.

Jan : Tel: **01158 457398.**