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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



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As you will hear at The AGM we have had another successful year. We are now a substantial U3A with record membership and a record number of groups with more to come.

Where else will you be able to go on a church visit, read a play, drink wine and ride a motorbike whilst speaking French?

Our achievement of the year? Well just check out our new website or go on our facebook page and "like it" Well done everyone but very specifically my big thank you to your very hardworking committee.

All the existing committee plus one are standing for re-election or election at The AGM and if accepted we will have a full committee.

The full list of nominations is as follows:

Jan Addiscott, John Addiscott, Phil Gregg, 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 and as Chairman, Malcolm McDowell.

Roles other than Treasurer and Chairman may change after The AGM but current roles are on the noticeboard at the back of the hall during The AGM and at our regular meetings.

Thank you all for your support.

Malcolm

MARCH'S GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker at this meeting is **Rosemary Gibson** who will give a talk about the history of canals in general and the Grantham canal in particular.



She will describe what working life was like during working days and what the Grantham Canal Society is doing to maintain and restore this valuable part of our historical and environmental heritage.

Penny Tytler

NOTE FROM THE GROUP CO-ORDINATORS

As mentioned at the last meeting, the French Conversation Group is currently oversubscribed and is looking for a volunteer to lead a second Group. The proposed Pop Quiz group is still looking for more members.

We are pleased to advise, however, that we now have two new groups, namely an I-pad group and a Visiting Churches Group. (See page 3...Editor)

Like to know more? then please contact: **Jan or Carol** - Joint Group Coordinators - 07742 434437

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.

PLAY READING GROUP

We meet in the Rainbow Room of St Mary's Church hall for a 2pm start.

Next dates are :- March 26th

April 23rd

May 28th

New members welcome!

Contact joint Group leaders :-

Jan on janpowis@yahoo.co.uk

Janet on cliifjanet@john-lewis.com

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Please note the following Trips & Outings for this year

Thurs May 21

Stamford, Guided tour of Burghley House with Afternoon Cream Tea Tickets available at March meeting

Weds June 24

Kilworth Open Air Theatre to see Production of "Carousel" This trip is fully booked

Weds July 15

Visit to Bomber Command, Lunch & River Boat Trip at Lincoln Tickets available at May meeting

Tues Aug 4

Garden Centre near Oakham with Lunch & visit to Hanwell Estate Vineyard with talk & Wine Tasting Tickets available at June meeting

Tues Oct 13

York Entrance to Jorvik Centre then Afternoon Cream Tea at the famous Countess of York Victorian Railway Carriage situated in the York Railway Museum. Tickets available at July meeting

Unfortunately, we cannot reserve tickets before the sale date.

Tickets will be limited to each trip so please come early to reserve your preferred trip.

If you would like further information on any of the trips please contact: -

Steve Harris on tel: **0115 9333011** or.... **Sandra Straw** on tel: **0115 9123141**

LOCAL OUTINGS GROUP

A recent trip to the old Nottingham Courts of Justice, High Pavement, resulted in the re-enactment pictured, Rod in the box as witness Constable Dodds and John as the JUDGE. Steph Fogg was relieved to get her husband back!



FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT GROUP

This group (for U3A members who live alone or who are carers) had its annual lunch in the Radcliffe Golf Club Restaurant (see photo) kindly arranged by Eunice one of the group and an ex-golf captain herself.



So far this year we have joined in local events in the village such as Silver Screen in the Grange Hall. Also 15 of us in January sampled lunch in The Chestnuts where we were very well looked after.

We are off to the Cote Restaurant on Central Avenue, West Bridgford in February. We plan to use the community mini-bus in June to Well Dressings in Derbyshire.

We meet regularly each first Monday of the month at 2pm in Platform 29 Cafe and at 2pm each second Monday at the Costa Cafe in Radcliffe. For more details contact

Rodney on tel: 07971 537119 or email : rodneymogg@gmail.com "

CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

The Classical Music Group will meet on **Thursday 19th March 2020** from **10.30 to 12.30** in the Dowson Room at the Grange.

Cost is just £1.50 per head, including tea/coffee and biscuits.

New members welcomed.

For further details contact

joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

AVIATION AND AEROSPACE GROUP

We will be meeting on 3rd March to hear Brian Cleary talk about the Handley Page bomber of WW1 fame.



On April 7th we look forward to hearing all about the VULCAN. Note in your diaries for 2pm please.

In May we are planning an outing to the Museum of Flight AND the BOBM flight.

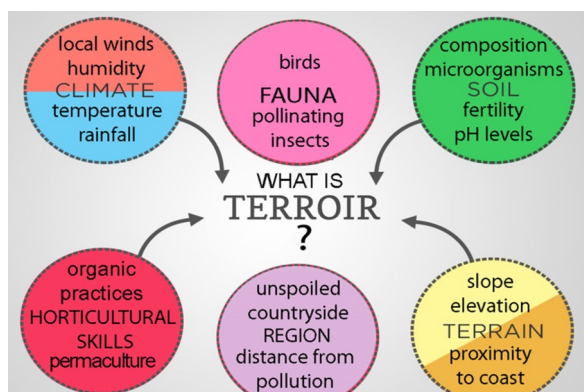
Names to Mike asap please.

Mike Seymour at seymourmd@aol.com

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

This report covers our Dec, Jan, & Feb meetings.

On December 17th 27 members much enjoyed a presentation by Alan Forster on the relationship of wine and geology. Alan described the Terroir associated with several different wines from France and Germany and one from the Mendoza area of Argentina. Terroir (see sketch) is an almost untranslatable French term which defines the combination of environmental factors which contribute to the character of an individual wine.



Geology clearly has a part to play in relation to soil, slope, and altitude. The latter part of the afternoon involved a careful sampling, or as the wine buffs say, tasting.

Our January 21st meeting, attended by 29, led by Greg Chapman, involved a series of paper, ruler and pencil exercises aimed at a better understanding of Geological maps. We may repeat this!

On Feb 18th we reviewed the 11 meetings/visits of 2019 and discussed plans for 2020. (If any non members of our group would like to know what we do we can email a one page summary).

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 17th March at 2pm in Grange Hall -Trent Room and will consist of a non competitive Quiz (teams of 3-4) featuring Geological specimens, photos and diagrams. This will be revision for long term members and a learning opportunity for new comers!!!!

Further details available from [Martin](mailto:martinclarke@live.co.uk) at martinclarke@live.co.uk

New Group News Church Visiting Group

Our initial thoughts for this group are as follows .

We plan to make monthly visits to 6 local Parish Churches between the months of April to September. These will generally take place on a Friday morning.

I am certainly no expert and plan to use some local input .

If you are interested in making some visits with us then we are having our first short meeting immediately after the meeting on March 5th in the Trent Room in the Grange.

If you cannot manage this meeting or want further information ,then please contact me directly on 01159128926 or e-mail.

davidholmes895@gmail.com .

We already have a number of interested people so you won't be alone!

Film Appreciation Group

Gripping, totally immersive, a real "tour de force" were the initial comments on our January film choice, the technically ground breaking '1917'.

High marks were duly recorded and nobody (admitted) falling asleep during the performance, a record for our Group!

However as the story line was unpacked, at least fifteen issues were identified as errors of fact or of dubious provenance and the case for it being just a 'Boys Own' adventure gained ground. At times opinions were forcibly stated, no names no pack drill, and our Leader, a diffident retiring chap, was hard pushed to maintain control.

Finally however in true British style all were agreed; it was a splendidly entertaining flic and why let the truth get in the way of etc etc. Marvellous!!!!!!!

Our next offering, ' Mr Jones', initially on until the 20th at the Broadway, is the story of a Welsh journalist who exposes the starvation and genocide visited the people of modern day Ukraine by the Soviets in the 1930's.

We meet as usual at 2.00pm on the last Monday of the month to discuss our findings. [Dave Richards](mailto:DaveRichards) - 07817 660660

BRIDGE GROUP

As can be seen from the photograph below the Bridge Group continues to thrive and grow.



We are a very friendly group who will be meeting from Monday 2nd March just before 2pm., in the main hall of the Grange. After a very short tuition session, designed to improve our play, we play Duplicate or Chicago bridge, enjoying ourselves and not being too serious.

The group get on very well and as in previous years most of us are off for a Bridge and social weekend later this year, when we will play Bridge, enjoy the local sights and meet in the bar.

As we have had a number of enquiries from people who would like to join the Group, we have decided to move to this larger room, and so increase numbers who can attend. Regular members, please remember the venue change!

If you are a Bridge player and would like to join us, please contact Greg Bungay on gibungay@yahoo.co.uk or 01159334942, we would be delighted if you come along and join us.

APRIL'S SPEAKER



Mark Shardlow

Sports Journalism

Mark has been working as a Sports Journalist at BBC East Midlands for more than thirty years.

He has been at the biggest events and met some of the greatest people in British sport, from Brian Clough to Rebecca Adlington.

He has covered the Olympics, the football World Cups, the Hillsborough disaster and Super Saturday at the London Olympics in 2012.

Mark has a busy 2020 ahead – he'll be leading the BBC Nations and Regions team at the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics and will be covering the Wimbledon Tennis Championship.

Mark will be talking about his experiences of having the best seat in the house and will give a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the world of sports journalism.

Penny Tytler

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

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

Thanks to Group Leaders for their articles and contributions in this month's edition of our Newssheet

All our members love to know what other groups do and get up to.

THANKS AGAIN

And please send your items and pics to:

radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

MEETERS and GREETERS

We need 2 or 3 extra members to welcome visitors to our monthly meetings.

Please contact **Mary Smith** via email on:-

mary.11.smith@outlook.com

or tel: **0115 933 4482** if you would like to join our team

IMPORTANT NOTICE

APRIL'S NEWSHEET

DEADLINE

Please send your news, articles and photos by **19th MARCH** to our new email address which is

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Thank you **Editorial Team**