



**Until further notice Members' monthly meetings, usually held in the Grange Hall on the first Thursday of each month are suspended .**

## From the Chair



Hello All,

I hope you are all coping in these suddenly tougher times again. Stay safe and well. Your u3a committee members are putting well being first and foremost, and it is good to know a few groups are still running.

As ever if you are aware of anyone who is really struggling for whatever reason let a committee member know. Our contact details are in the last directory you received. We will see if we can help in any way.

The months will pass quickly now and suddenly it will be time for Annual General Meeting in March. It might be we still will have to figure out how to run this come the time. However it is time to think if you would like to join our committee, subject to both vote and vacancy. I would love to hear from you. Working for the committee to keep our wonderful u3a going is rewarding, interesting, a manageable workload and fun. IF NOT YOU THEN WHO ?????

Nominations are also sought for a potential new Chair as my time is up in March. We also need a new Treasurer in March 2022 and the successful nominee would much benefit from a year on the committee beforehand. Without volunteers for these roles our u3a is put at risk. So again PLEASE WHY NOT YOU ????? Do get in touch with me.

As I write we are still working on the tv scheduling of our next NG30 programme on Notts TV. We have had difficulties courtesy of that enemy Coronavirus ! We will let you know when we know but we should be broadcasting before the end of the month or very early November.

However you might like to know the headlines from our survey feedback. Firstly thank you to those who responded. It is appreciated. Inevitably as with all surveys the response overall was quite low but sufficiently clear cut to be robust. 88% found the show interesting and 94% want us to do it again. Phew.

Take care,

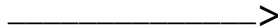
*Malcolm*

## WALKING GROUP



← A small informal group of U3A members crossing A52 on the Cotgrave Linear path after a successful walk and outdoors lunch at Shepherds on Thursday 8 October.

Walking group at Car Colston lunch stop at the Royal Oak on Tues 7 October



Follow that dog ..... what dog?

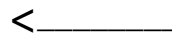


Photo from the Keyworth-Bunny walk on 29 September, taken near Whysall.



As you can see the WALKING GROUP is doing its best to combat the Covid –19– by as much activity as possible whilst observing the rules of social distancing.

For details of our programme please contact GROUP LEADER George Smith at

[georgeasmith35@gmail.com](mailto:georgeasmith35@gmail.com)

### **A TRIBUTE**

It is with great sadness that I am writing this tribute following the sudden death of **Doris Southgate**, one of our active members.

Doris became a friend of mine through our meeting in the Methodist church art group. She moved to Radcliffe from Wales, sensibly down-sizing and becoming nearer to her son and daughter.

Despite being in her early eighties, she was very determined to keep going and joined the Knit & Natter Group, Scottish Country Dancing group and the Art Group. She was researching family history by using the libraries and was knowledgeable about plants - a keen gardener.

Rockley Park was a place she chose to help maintain the borders and footpaths down to the lily ponds. She joined the Station Adopters and helped improve the areas around Radcliffe station and slip road where there are now wild flowers and plants. We will be planting something to remember her in recognition of her hard work and keen interest.

She died of natural causes on 3rd of June 2020 and will be remembered for her quiet manner and interest in the people around her.

*Helen Wallace*

September 2020

### **CHILDLINE, CARRINGTON, NOTTINGHAM.—VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Childline is there to give young people a voice when no one else is listening. Whatever problems or dangers they're facing, we're a place for them to turn for support – any time of day or night.

We are urgently seeking more people to volunteer with us on our helpline in Carrington, Nottingham. We provide full training so no previous experience is needed. We look for compassionate people who are good listeners and want to make a difference.

If this is of interest to you please do get in contact by either visiting our website, emailing [katie.bannister@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:katie.bannister@NSPCC.org.uk) or calling **Telephone : 01158963259**.

### **CROQUET GROUP**

We are a group of 8 (including one brave gentleman). and we usually start playing on the first dry day in Spring on the lawn behind the Royal British Legion.

This brings its own challenges of terrain, some grass being long, some bare patches and the odd branch or tree stump. All adds to the fun -there's never a dull moment.

This year we did not start until August and when we're all present we can play two sets. It has been more difficult because of the limit of six but we've still managed by rotating two members per set.

We intend to go on playing until the bad weather sets in or we decide the café beckons more strongly.

New members would be good and very welcome so have a word with Group Leader **Joan Spooner** on

[df.spooner@btinternet.com](mailto:df.spooner@btinternet.com)



### Parlez vous .....?

The French Conversation group is still "Zooming" every Tuesday morning, and 7 of our members are still participating regularly.

For meeting codes and any other query contact

**Patricia Fox** (Group leader) on

patriciafox22@gmail.com



British Legion Hall 8 St Mary's Church, Radcliffe on Trent, Notts. 14.7.2020.

A fine pen and ink sketch from our multi-skilled Editor, Rodney Fogg.

### Knit'nNatter Group

We have recently received a message from QMC which advised that they will no longer be able to accept donations of baby knitting and that this situation will exist for the rest of 2020. Therefore, if any of our supporters have knitted items for the baby unit *please hold on to them* until further notice.

As an alternative, however, you may like to consider knitting hats, gloves and scarves for the Friary instead, or squares which can be made into warm blankets for those in need.



The photo shows a blanket made up with some we donated earlier to the "Knit for the Community" venture which was highlighted by BBC local TV news during the summer.

**Jan Addiscott**

Group leader (jan@addiscott.net)

### Message from the Royal British Legion

Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has had to adapt to the threat of Covid-19. We're calling on the public to support us like never before, because every poppy counts.

With some people unable to leave their homes as they normally would to find a poppy, and with many of the charity's collectors unable to carry out face to face collections, we've unveiled a range of new ways for people to show their support remotely.

From donating for poppies through the post for your neighbours and local community, displaying a poppy in your window, donating online or undertaking a virtual Poppy run, there are many ways to support the Poppy Appeal from home in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Visit the Royal British Legion website (just type Royal British Legion in your search box) for ideas or if you can,..... shop locally.



### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**THE MEMBER'S U3A NEWSHEET WILL CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY ON-LINE TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED**

**MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT ON-LINE WILL ALSO RECEIVE A COPY**

**DECEMBER'S NEWS SHEET - COPY DEADLINE is 22nd NOVEMBER, 2020**

Please send your comments, suggestions for articles, news, reports or photos to The Editors, **Rodney Fogg and Patrick Mountford**. OUR email address is

**radcliffeu3anews@gmail.com**

**Thank you Editorial Team**