

Radcliffe on Trent NEWS SHEET

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

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Well the really exciting news is the work that your committee has put in working with Notts TV to bring to you our very own TV programme called NG30 (a Nottingham person in 30 minutes) and sponsored by Radcliffe on Trent U3A. As I write, this is due to be broadcast on Saturday 29th August at 7.30pm on Channel 7 Freeview and Channel 159 Virgin TV with a first repeat at 2pm on Thursday 3rd September. There will be other repeats plus it will be available on our website permanently for now.

Our first show features our September Speaker, local man Barrie Page, geologist and mountaineer. The committee felt that this challenging venture has given our members a better alternative than trying to do our monthly speaker online via Zoom or some other platform. We hope you agree.

Which brings me to our monthly Thursday meetings. It is with sadness and a sense of responsibility that the committee has concluded there will be no further Thursday meetings in 2020. This includes The Christmas Party. On the other hand we are keen and think it important that Groups try to continue to function wherever possible. The committee are aware of a number of Groups that are functioning either via social media such as Zoom or live following Covid social distance guidelines. Brilliant ! To Group Leaders a request please. If you are able and it is within the regulations do try and think if your Group could run. If you are unfamiliar with the likes of Zoom just ask Jan or Carol, our Groups co-ordinators who will be able to point you in the direction of help. If you think you could run a face to face meeting they can help with a risk assessment also. If you are unable to re-activate your Group then that is fully understood in these difficult times.

One final request for Group Leaders. Please take 5 minutes to tell Jan and Carol of the current status of your Group. That is say " not active", " limited running" or operating via social media" etc. This is vital information for your committee and U3A generally. Thank you.

Obviously whilst the committee has been working hard on a number of projects our U3A is not really functioning in the manner we would wish at the moment. So may I repeat the message that this year's membership fee has been carried over until next year and no fee will be required from paid up members now until March 2022. However there is a small group of this year's members who have not paid their renewal fee for 2020/21. To benefit from this offer you need to have renewed by 31st August as previously advised. Otherwise I am afraid you will need to re-join U3A thereafter if you wish to continue to enjoy our fabulous benefits.

Finally it has been very gratifying to hear from so many of you how much you have welcomed and enjoyed The Newsletter during lockdown. Thank you for taking the trouble to write.

It seems like a good moment to spotlight our dynamic duo , Editor Rodney Fogg and Deputy Editor and Committee member Patrick Mountford. Your endeavours are appreciated. As well as the newsletter both are energetic " U3Aers" contributing in so many ways. A BIG THANK YOU ! *

To All, keep safe, follow the rules and see you soon.

DUE TO THE GOVERNMENTS ADVICE TO THE ELDERLY ALL U3A GROUP MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED.

CHECK WITH YOUR GROUP LEADER FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THIS, as some Groups are still running using modern technology.

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

The story of a woman losing her job while she was ill and depressed is a bit close to home in these scary times, but Radcliffe U3A members gave this iPlayer T V presentation top marks at our last Zoom meeting. Marion Cotillard's portrayal of the desperate victim seeking reinstatement was engrossing and ultimately uplifting.

That's all folks for the current season. We meet again at the end of October. God, Boris and The Broadway willing. It may be indoors but don't throw away your Zoom kits just yet. I will advise on what film to see in advance, later.... or is it later, in advance?

Stay safe.

David Richards. Film Appreciation Group Leader ; Tel 07817 660 659

BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group like so many others has not met for many weeks. However quite a number of members are playing Bridge together on-line, on a website called Bridge Base On Line (BBO). It is free for casual games and you can watch experts or those who are not quite so expert play their games. Some have even joined duplicate sessions for which a nominal charge is made. Amazingly when you sign in you find over 25,000 people playing Bridge.

In addition, our kind tutors continue to send round to us all, Bridge quizzes, to keep us all improving and on our toes.

Unfortunately, our Bridge weekend away in September has been postponed until Spring next year, when we all hope we will be able to meet again.

Greg Bungay Group Leader . Email : gjbungay@yahoo.co.uk

JIVE GROUP

The U3A "Strictly Jive" Group, not to be too downhearted by the impact of the wretched virus, has recently resurfaced, temporarily, as the "Rock'n'Stroll Group". Jiving is, sadly, likely to be the last in the queue when it comes to restarting the U3A groups but we have discovered that, in this current fine weather, it is still possible for us to meet up, legally, outdoors and do some safe socially-distanced "Stroll" dancing! It isn't, strictly, jiving (apart from those couples amongst us who are in a lawful "bubble") but it's as near as we can get to it at the moment and the music is just as uplifting. We decided to try it as an experiment and arranged to meet up on the grass next to the Wharf Lane football pitch. For our first effort, 24 brave souls ventured out from hibernation and emerged into the sunshine. We thoroughly enjoyed the chance of a picnic, some fresh air, a laugh or two, a bit of exercise and some welcome, safe, social-interaction (i.e. nattering) at a minimum 2-metre distance apart. Our instructors, Terry and Lynn provided excellent 1950's jive music from the likes of Chuck Berry, Eddie Cochran and Elvis – via Terry's state-of-the-art equipment - i-pod, bluetooth and powerful battery-operated speakers! I thought at one stage that all the teenagers on the adjacent skateboard park might be complaining to the council about our noise. We discovered the fun of struggling to master the Rock'n'Roll Stroll, the Charleston Stroll, the Electric Slide and the New York or Savoy Stroll. Some of us performed better than others but somehow there is enjoyment even when you make a mess of it – as I did!

Chris Worthington. Group Leader Email : worthington690@btinternet.com

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

Our Knit & Natter Group has been able to take advantage of the fine weather in recent weeks since Covid-19 restrictions were eased so that we have been able to meet up outdoors in my garden. It has been a tonic for us all to be able to resume our meetings (at a safe distance in the sunshine) and we intend to continue in this manner for as long as the climate allows. We had received a substantial gift of wool recently which was very welcome as many of us were running out of supplies during the lock-down period



We have also recently received a couple of **Tapestry Kits**. Both are free and looking for a good home! There's one in a box that has been opened, but has not been started whereas the second kit needs completing. If anyone is interested in taking these projects on, please contact me.

Jan Addiscott Group Leader Tel : 0115 8447398

Final Reminder to Lapsed Members.

All lapsed members who have so far not renewed their membership this year are reminded that if you do renew before 31st August you will not have to renew again until 2022. Otherwise, if you renew this year's membership after this date the usual fee of £10 will be applied and you will have pay the usual membership fee when you renew again in 2021.

For further information please contact Membership Secretary Diane Kidger on radcliffeu3a.members@gmail.com

REAL ALE GROUP

The Group have continued with their monthly meetings during Lockdown using the on-line ZOOM meetings so popular now. We have all sat with our bottle of ale talking and chatting instead of in a pub, individually in our own homes.

However with the easing of lockdown we have divided our large Real Ale group into smaller sub-groups with a maximum of six members in each and these sub-groups have visited local pubs and sat outside to socialise. sub-group A went to The Chestnuts and Sub -group B went to The Radcliffe.



It worked very well in August and the weather was kind to us. Members have a feeling that these smaller groups are the way forward. A group of six are more socially intimate and friendly than when all twenty- five of us meet en bloc and in the current climate we're Covid compliant.

Further details from **Rodney Fogg** Group Leader Tel : 0797 1537 119



Editor Rodney Fogg and Deputy Editor and Committee member Patrick Mountford.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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