



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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In view of the need to inform members of the new meeting arrangements the Editors have decided to publish this edition earlier than usual. The next issue will be in October.

FROM THE CHAIR



Hello and welcome to the August/September newsletter; it is with great excitement that I am writing to you all today. For the second year running the committee have felt the need to have an extra-ordinary meeting during August, when we would normally have a break. We are hoping that September will see almost all of our groups returning to something like normal activity.

On **Thursday September 2nd** we have **Ian Maber** (see note below) in the **Grange Hall**; our first “in person” monthly meeting for 18 months. You will find that the seats are more spaced out and we will not be serving refreshments at the meeting and you will be required to wear a face covering until seated. We will review how we conduct monthly meetings as the situation changes.

We are so looking forward to welcoming you back.

For the September meeting you will need to **reserve your seat via Eventbrite; only one ticket per member**

Please look out for an email with a link to book your seat later this month.

On **Saturday 11th September** we are celebrating u3a day and I am extremely grateful to our group leaders and regular members who have volunteered in great number to promote our u3a. Believe it or not there are still lots of people in our community who do not know about the wonderful opportunities the u3a offers here in Radcliffe. Our presence will be very much in evidence outside the newsagents, and on the Grange lawns (weather permitting) and in the Boys' Brigade Hall. If you know anyone who has retired/semi-retired in the last 18 months; please bring them along and encourage them to join us.

Beverley (radcliffeu3a.chair@gmail.com)

OUR SPEAKER ON THE 2ND SEPTEMBER



Ian Maber will give a talk entitled 'Only in India'

He relates some of the bizarre and humorous situations in which he found himself. It is a light-hearted look through the eyes of a westerner who finds himself instantly accepted and embedded in a peculiar and somewhat mystifying culture.

Penny Tytler

EVENING WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

The Evening Wine Appreciation Group is planning to recommence on Tuesday 14th September 7- 9pm in The British Legion. This is a new venue; the change is the result of COVID and our determination to make our group as safe as possible.

The new venue means we can accommodate a few more members for those of you who wish to join us. The group is designed so that it is sociable fun for people with a range of knowledge and tastes. The meeting costs £15 and includes sampling interesting and sometimes very different wines and a light meal. Protocols have been put in place to enable the safe service of food & wine. Our risk assessment is available upon request.

I look forward to welcoming back our existing members and also anyone else wishing to join us. Please contact me on 07771938642.

Malcolm McDowell - Group Leader

FREE— Garden Storage Box

The croquet group have had to replace their storage box. They are looking for a new home for their old large green box (the lid doesn't lock). Do you want it? If so contact Sue Prest:

sandsprest2016@gmail.com

Radcliffe Twinning Association invites you to...

Learn to play boules!

Join us on:
Sunday 12th & 26th September
2pm – 4pm at The Grange

- **Everyone welcome – great for kids**
- **Drop-in sessions – no need to book**

Suggested donation:
£1 per person / £2 per family

Raising funds for Radcliffe Twinning Association



GARDEN GROUP

On Thursday, July 8th, we had our first proper get-together since February 2020 - our annual garden trail. It was a very welcome return to a version of normality and as we were outside, everyone felt comfortable.

Over half of our members came on the trail and we had a good look around 4/5 gardens. A big thank you to those who opened their gardens for us. It's always good to see what other people are growing, how they arrange their gardens and to find new plants. Above all, it was good to meet up and have a good chat about whatever. The weather was kind to us as well - perfect in fact for what we were doing.

Another big thank you to Mick and Sue Warriner who hosted our refreshments at the end and of course to everyone for taking all of those snacks and drinks for us to enjoy.

Our plan for our August event is to visit Coton Manor in Northamptonshire to look around the gardens there.

Roger Burston, Group Leader Email : roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

REAL ALE GROUP

As we come out of lockdown and restart our group activities it's time to rethink our groups membership level as Covid considerations, risk assessments and protocols demand and is the sensible way forward to minimize infections and other risks to our membership.

The Real Ale Group has 31 members on its books and this is obviously too large should all descend on an innocent public house one lunchtime each month.

The group considered these issues at their July meeting. It was agreed that twelve members at a meeting was an ideal and socially coherent maximum. As not all members attend every month it is best for the existing group to become two groups of fifteen members each.

This will be achieved as democratically as possible. I will continue to offer to be leader for one group but will require a volunteer from our current groups membership to lead the other group.

The Real Ale Group is an easy enough group to manage. The whole group decides which public house to meet in for the next month and that's it.

Rod Fogg - Group Leader.Tel:**07971537119**.

WALKING GROUP : ANNUAL LONG WALK

At the third booking change, six members finally made it to Green Lane Farm, Hudswell, near Richmond, in Yorkshire towards the end of June, for six days of circular walks round the Dales.

After two damp days the weather cleared and the distances increased slightly to give us a total of about 46 miles along and across various dales, often using alternative routes - all well organised as usual by Derek Smith. Also, there was good food (both in-house and at local hostelryes) and companionship, as well as tired knees at the end of the day.

The photos give a flavour of the area.



George Smith Group Leader . Contact - georgeasmith35@gmail.com

PLAYREADING GROUP

Playreading meetings have begun again.



We meet monthly to read a range of plays rented from the Performing Arts Library's rich stock - usually a mix of comedies, thrillers and satires.

We enjoyed Ray Cooney's "There Goes the Bride" last time and will be choosing from Alan Bennett's "The Lady in the Van", Dylan Thomas's "Under Milk Wood" and various Ayckbourn farces in the next couple of meetings.

New members are very welcome. If interested, please contact

Jan Powis via email at jan_powis@yahoo.co.uk or on 0115 9336048.

NEW GROUP NEWS.....

I am looking to start a U3A board games group.

We would play a variety of modern games, and if you have heard of games like Catan, Carcassonne or Ticket to Ride (or even if you haven't!), this group may be for you.

Playing board games is a very sociable and pleasant pastime, and until we are able to meet physically there is even an excellent online forum we can use with lots of games available.

We don't need many members to start a group, so please let me know if you are interested in giving it a try -

Tony O'Hagan; a.ohagan@sheffield.ac.uk.

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We send our thanks to Group Leaders for their articles and contributions throughout the year.

Our members really enjoy and love to know about the activities of all our Groups.

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Please send your items, articles, photos or sketches to:

radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is now due for OCTOBER

So the deadline for articles is

20th SEPTEMBER 2021