



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 .

FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to June; as a relative baby within the u3a I can now say that I will have had my second vaccine by the time you read this. On that basis, I hope that if you were able to, or wanted, you too have had the jabs. I do sincerely hope that the vaccine is going to give us all the confidence to move forward with our lives and that the u3a can finally start to emerge like the phoenix from the ashes.

In many ways I do not want to have to think about COVID, but I know that we do, and to that end with our group leaders we are putting in place both general and COVID risk assessments. I was warmed by the response some of our group leaders gave us to our appeal for risk assessments and I am pleased to say that we now have in place a risk assessment sub-committee to help all groups move forwards. Risk assessment is not a one off job and will need reviewing periodically, as they are a requirement of our insurance. Review is not only good practice, but is necessary with government guidance changing so rapidly. The committee have co-opted Melanie Gregg to join the committee as she has experience of the risk assessment process from her career. We have made Melanie chair of the risk assessment sub-committee.

Some of you may have seen the link on our website to order your **free lateral flow tests**; should you wish to take this up, I think this may be another tool to help give us confidence when attending group meetings.

We now have more freedom since the last newsletter, so I hope you able to see more of your family and friends.

Beverley Lawe Chair

**Radcliffe u3a Zoom Meeting on Thursday
June 3rd at 2:00pm**

'Popular Songs from the 1920s to the 1950s'



Jayne Darling is a highly acclaimed and accomplished vocalist and entertainer based in Nottingham, specialising in the sounds of the swing, jazz and big band eras and will present this programme. Jayne trained with renowned vocal coach Lynne Wayman. She holds a Diploma in Music Theatre Performance from the London College of Music in which she gained a Distinction. She continues to develop her voice at the Lynne Wayman Voice Centre in Nottingham as well as training to be a vocal coach.

Jayne's passion is in the music of the 1940s and 1950s and she can be regularly seen at many of the 1940s re-enactment events across the UK as well as at private bookings and engagements for private parties, celebrations, weddings, in restaurants and hotels. Her ability to build rapport with an audience combined with her versatile vocals means that she is a hugely popular artist with credits spanning some of the biggest vintage events in the UK.

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

What to do? I have been putting off a decision re our next meeting as despite restrictions being eased from 17th May, we still cannot meet indoors with more than six, outdoors we are at the mercy of current weather extremes and Gov advice is hedged with 'personal judgement' and 'exhibit caution' warnings, not to mention the Indian variant abroad in Nottingham.

However, we can pick a film and I have chosen 'Nomadland' with Frances McDormand starring. (her of 'Billboards') It's on at The Broadway, Showcase, and the Bonnington Theatre Arnold, until the end of the month. It is also very understandable that some of us are still reticent about visiting theatres at present.

I intend returning to The Grange for our meetings at 2.00 pm on the last Monday of the month once restrictions are lifted but in the meantime watch this space for an early June last home meeting. For more information contact....

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We send our thanks to Group Leaders for their articles and contributions to this NewsSheet each month throughout the last year.

Our readers really enjoy and love to read about the activities and what is going off in all our u3a Groups.

YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED

Please send any u3a related items, articles, photos or sketches to:

radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Thankyou.

Editorial Team

CANASTA GROUP

Hi, its me, Annette your Canasta Group Leader. I have missed you all and hope to be able to return soon to our regular meetings. I am hoping this can happen in July as restrictions are lifted. It will be at the same time and venue, but social distancing will be crucial for us all to stay safe. I should have more information for you in July's NewsSheet. In the meantime please keep safe and I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Annette Ayres Group Leader

PLAY READING GROUP

We are hoping to start the ball rolling with a meeting of the Play Reading Group. Weather permitting, our first meeting will be in a member's garden locally on Thursday 24th June at 2:30pm; we hope to continue to meet outside during July and August, aiming for our usual meeting day, the **fourth Thursday of each month**. New members are very welcome. If you are interested in joining the group please ask for more details by sending me your name and contact details (including telephone number).

Best wishes Jan Powis, Margaret Hodgkinson and Janet Groves (joint group leaders)

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KNIT & NATTER GROUP



These pictures show three blankets which have been made recently from scraps of left-over wool which are knitted into squares and then sewn together. It is always gratifying to be able to use up oddments and to see the interesting “artwork” which results!

Our Knit & Natter group hopes to be able to re-convene soon, either outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors, taking the appropriate Covid precautions.

Jan Addiscott Email : jan@addiscott.net

PROPOSED CHURCH VISITING GROUP

As we slowly emerge from lockdown and I emerge from moving house, I have now arranged two church visits, just to get us started. I see this very much as a practise run and I hope to gain enough experience to put out a more structured format for next year. The proposed dates are as follows:-

Friday **13th August - East Bridgford**. Tuesday **21st September - Hickling**. For these visits I propose that we meet at the church for 11 am. Both visits will be led by local knowledgeable people and we will have the opportunity for a follow up coffee or lunch afterwards. Nearer the time I will email all those who expressed an interest before the pandemic and will suggest ways of getting to our destination. If anyone else is interested in joining us or if there are any queries; please contact me at:

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APPEAL FOR NEWS ITEMS

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Please send your news, articles and photos by **18th June** to our email address which is

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Thank you **Editorial Team**