



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

FROM THE CHAIR.....

It feels sad and strange to write my last Chairman's note because at The Annual General Meeting on 4th March I shall stand down after serving my three years.

Please lookout for the notifications of how to join The AGM, (page 3).

I shall use that opportunity to thank many people who have made my life as Chairman as trouble free as it has been possible to be. Suffice for now to say that list will include the wonderful supportive committee who have been great throughout my time but never more so than during this Covid crisis.

It is now apparent that Beverley Lawe will stand unopposed as Chairman Elect and is expected to become the next Chair. So slightly prematurely , but my last chance on these pages, I wish her every success and all my support.

In spite of this strange final year our u3a remains buoyant and vibrant. We have even had 40 new members this year. The committee and I have worked hard with Group Leaders and many others to achieve this success. Behind the scenes we have toiled at our technology particularly, and this is visible to all with our super website and our facebook offering.

Let us hope as 2021 progresses all Groups will be back and up and running. In the meantime we will keep everyone up to date via this Newsletter, that has been so welcomed over the last year.

Finally if all goes to plan April will see us running Speaker meetings again, albeit at first, virtually, using the now familiar Zoom platform.

Best Wishes Everyone.



Malcolm

PS please see the important note about the AGM on page three

Your hard-working committeein session.



MESSAGE FROM THE UKULELE GROUP

Hello Malcolm

I wanted to contact you before you hand over the reins but lost all your contact details. Diane K came to my rescue however.

Just to tell you that I am so proud of our U3a ukulele group. We started meeting on zoom in March and we have met on a weekly basis ever since, including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve! Everyone is so enthusiastic and it is such a friendly group.

Even though we cannot meet face to face, the concern for one another's welfare is always uppermost. Chris, our volunteer host is brilliant and 3 or 4 brave volunteers from among the group lead the sessions.

I think this to be a perfect example of what U3a is all about and wanted to share those thoughts for with you for the record.

Enjoy your second retirement.

Lyn Coxon Group Leader

lyncoxon@btinternet.com

Membership Renewal 2021/22

A reminder that due to Covid-19 the committee decided that as a one off for this year only, members who had paid their 2020 membership fee will have it carried over with nothing to pay, no membership renewal form to complete and will be able to use last year's membership number and card.

In order to keep our records up to date I will be contacting members shortly either by email or post asking them to check that their details which we currently hold are correct and if there are any changes please let me know by emailing

radcliffeU3A.Members@gmail.com or calling 0115 9811247.

Diane Kidger. Membership Secretary.

IMPORTANT

TO ALL MEMBERS,

AGM

As you are aware from previous notices and emails we are holding our 'virtual AGM' on 4th March at 2pm. If you haven't already done so, we would love you to have your say and vote in the Committee elections. It is a very simple form and your vote is anonymous (we ask for your name to verify membership but your vote will not be shared).

Please complete our simple voting form online here <https://forms.gle/2Wbz95Sm2EXVZyUt7>.

More details about the AGM and how to join us at the meeting may be found on this page online <https://rot-u3a.org.uk/agm2021/>.

We would really like you to join us on the day via the big red button at the foot of that page. We will also email the meeting link nearer the time so you may use either method.

YOUR COMMITTEE

WATCH NOTTS TV NG30 ON 27TH FEB



Well known to everyone at our Thursday Monthly Meetings, Anne Featherstone (pictured left) is to be the last speaker to appear in our NG30 Series on Notts TV.

She has written two novels and much non fiction.

An accomplished speaker her special interest is 19th Century popular entertainment including theatre, music halls, circus and literature.

We are in for a treat.

The programme "NG30" is broadcast on Notts TV (Freeview Channel 7 and Virgin Channel 159) at 6pm on Saturday 27th February and repeated on Monday 1st March at 1.30pm.

Thereafter it will be available to view via our website and also Notts TV website.

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KNIT'n NATTER GROUP

Amongst some bags of wool which were donated to us was a half-completed clown kit. One of our ladies took it on, and with the help of her daughter, this cheeky little fellow was born.

It has been suggested he should be the mascot for our group. Would anyone like to suggest a name for him?

Jan Addiscott..... jan@addiscott.net



The STRICTLY JIVE GROUP

Members of this Group are keeping in touch regularly via Whatsapp and e-mail and one of our members, Dave Halliwell, is doing a sterling job of leading socially-distanced walks whenever Boris allows it.

To keep our spirits up and to keep us looking forward to when we may be able to restart, the group are also running a competition amongst members to guess the exact date as to when we will have our first post-Covid jive session.

A first prize of £25 is on offer from our group's surplus of funds for the most accurate guess. We must have our fair share of optimists, pessimists and realists in the group because the guesses entered so far range from April 7th. 2021 to January 5th. 2022!!

Contact [Chris Worthington](mailto:worthington690@btinternet.com) on worthington690@btinternet.com

A Recipe from *Janet Groves*

SWEET POTATO SPANISH OMELETTE

4 eggs beaten

Knob of butter

100g feta cheese or you can use cheddar

Sweet Potato peeled and sliced

Parsley (optional)

Seasoning

Boil potato until cooked but still firm

Crumble feta (or grated cheddar) into beaten egg, add parsley & seasoning

Add chopped potato to egg mix and stir

Melt butter into omelette pan, then pour in mixture

When underside is set and brown, put whole pan under grill until golden brown

Cool & slice ----(Oh boy...Ed...)...

REAL ALE GROUP

There were eight of us joined our Real Ale Group zoom meeting in January and thoroughly enjoyed the banter. So nice to have a catch-up after the recent isolation of lockdown over the Christmas and New Year.

A good selection of ales were represented at the meeting:- Blue Monkey, " Primate" 4%, Banks Bitter, Hobgoblin, "Gold" 4.6%, Victory Ale 6% and Adnams, "Dark Ale" 6.3%

Good to hear that three of our Group so far have had their first jabs and that by our next meeting held on the last WEDNESDAY of every MONTH at 12 noon, others will have had theirs.

Take care everyone until then and keep safe. Here's hoping we can get back to having proper meetings soon.

If any u3a Member would like to join in our Zoom Meeting. Contact **Rod** Tel ; **0797 1537 119** for access codes.

MONTHLY MEETING - NEW DEVELOPMENT !

As we cannot get together in the Grange for our monthly meetings we are going to try a talk by ZOOM ON

Thursday April 8 2021 at 2.00 pm

Our speaker will be **Mark Shardlow**

' A career in Sports journalism'



Mark Shardlow is a Sports journalist. He left the BBC to go freelance at the end of last year. He has commented on and been to Olympic Games, Paralympics, football and hockey matches.

Mark says that as a child, he got a tape recorder for Christmas, not to play music but to practise sports commentary.

From the age of nine, his Saturday afternoons were spent glued to Grandstand. Mornings were spent studying the horses, the names, the jockeys, the colours- every detail so that he could deliver the perfect commentary.

On Midweek evenings he sat next to the family's old radio, listening to crackly European commentaries on BBC Radio Nottingham. Nine years later, he was in the Press box at Nottingham Forest, delivering his first football commentary. For the 20 years he endured the highs and lows of East Midlands sport.

If you are not sure how to join a ZOOM meeting, hints and tips will be in our April NewsSheet

Beverly Lawe and Penny Tytler

APPEAL FOR NEWS ITEMS

We all need news and items of interest to continue to inspire and entertain us during these strange times.

Any member can submit content for inclusion in this, your NEWSHEET.

Send your contribution, to continue to support each other, to the email address below and by the deadline date.

Thankyou.

APRIL

NEWSHEET

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

radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Thank you Editorial Team