



RADCLIFFE 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 May and I trust you are all keeping well and getting those vaccines. I am eagerly awaiting my second dose this month; I am informed that vaccine take-up in Radcliffe is 98% which should give us confidence. I hope you are all able to take advantage of the limited freedoms we are gradually earning as we continue to follow the rules.

It was gratifying to see so many of you tuned in to see Mark Shardlow; our first Zoom speaker for our regular monthly meeting. Mark was a particularly engaging speaker and I say this as a person who does not follow sport. It felt like everyone had a fun afternoon; don't forget to be there for Graham Keal on May 6th. We have paid for enough Zoom capacity to accommodate all the membership at our monthly meetings, so please do join us this month.

We had some very productive meetings with our group leaders and it is good to think that many of our activities are continuing in some way and that lots of you are keen to return to your interest groups. As we emerge and meet again in person we are required to have a COVID risk assessment for each of our groups. The risk assessment should reassure you as members that your group is returning in the safest way possible. We have a checklist for you as individual members so that you can make your own decision as to when and in which activities, it is right for you to participate.

My own Fit & Toned group did resume face to face meetings for an all too brief period last autumn, so I know many of my group are itching to return to live sessions on Wednesday mornings.

Here's wishing you a bright future as we move into the warmer months and longer days....

Beverley Lawe

SPEAKER FOR MAY

On Thursday May 6th at 2p.m, via Zoom, Graham Keal will regale us with stories from his long career.



'Terry Wogan's Hairweave and other stories

Ex-showbiz journalist Graham Keal has interviewed literally thousands of celebrities in nearly 35 years of TV columns and interviews, Terry Wogan included. He has entertained scores of Ladies' Luncheon Clubs, Rotary Charter nights, WI gatherings, U3As and professional groups with Oprah Winfrey Touched My Elbow, his collection of amusing anecdotes from his countless celebrity encounters as a freelance roving reporter.

Penny Tytler

FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Our Group is eagerly awaiting the release of the 1921 Census, which should go a long way to filling in details of family members between the Census of 1911 and the 1939 Survey. (By now I hope everyone will have filled in their 2021 Census returns, which should help our descendants find out what we were up to 100 years earlier!)

The Group has kept in touch through email over the last year, but that is not the same as having regular monthly meetings, which hopefully can be resumed in the Autumn.

We are always looking for new members to join our Group and if anyone is interested please contact me by phone (0115 933 2353) or email (valdave_morgan@btinternet.com).

If you are just starting out on your family history research and need a bit of advice then please contact me anyway as I can arrange some familiarisation sessions to get you up to speed.

Dave Morgan Group Leader

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

The photo shows a very small sample of the 113 creatures made by Anita during lockdown. They will eventually go to raise funds for the Notts Wildlife Trust at their summer fair in Ruddington. Aren't they cute - especially the Blue Tit!?



Group Leader **Jan Addiscott** email : groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

FRENCH / GERMAN CONVERSATION

- INTERESTED?

Improve your French conversation, have fun and grow in confidence.

I am intending to start an "Improvers' French Conversation Group " and a Beginner's German group " when COVID restrictions permit and to that end I would like anyone interested in the French group to meet in the Grange gardens on Tuesday 18 May at 2.00pm to discuss this and for those interested in the German group to come along at 2.30.

Audrey Squires

Contact at

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FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

Monday 29th March marked Phase One of the Governments Lock-down Easing Plan when six people or two households could meet outdoors.

It was a lovely warm afternoon and six members of our Friendship and Support Group rose to the occasion to meet in a friends garden as seen here.



In a controlled rotational basis each Monday group members will continue to meet this way for a coffee and chat until 12th April when Hospitality Outdoors opens, the R-Number permitting.

New members welcome. Contact :

Rodney Fogg Email ; rodneymogg@gmail.com Tel : 0797 1537 119



Radcliffe Eco Group was formed several years ago as part of an initiative by the Parish Council to reduce single-use plastic in the village. It quickly expanded to encompass many of our current environmental issues.

A simple **“Where Can I Recycle?”** guide to disposing of most unwanted products was produced and a successful Facebook page has been developed which gives loads of advice on becoming greener as well as having up-to-date environmental news.

Go to **Radcliffe Eco Group** and join today.

Anne McLeod

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

As we drag ourselves clear of Lockdown, I think there is at least one more WhatsApp meeting necessary which I have scheduled for Monday the 26th April at the usual kick off time of 2.00 pm.

There seems to be a dearth of good flics on iPlayer at the moment but I have chosen 'Colette' from a recommendation by Jill Sowerby..... just so you know if it s rubbish! It's a period version of 'The Wife' so it's not a new theme but having seen it I believe it should give us lots to discuss in terms of issues, storyline, acting and unfortunately, the frocks!

For the meeting after that, I want to change provider if that is possible, for us to see the 2014 version of 'Phoenix', a little known but highly rated drama about a Holocaust survivor after WW2. It's currently available to rent from Amazon at £3.99. Please let me know now if this future proposal meets with technical difficulties for you.

Keep safe everyone, *David Richards* - Group Leader

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

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Thank you Editorial Team