



# RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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**Doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will not open before 2pm with the meeting proper starting at about 2.15pm or as soon as everyone is seated. Seating will be spaced to conform with current regulations for Covid Safety**

## FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to November; what a difference a day makes!

Last month overnight we went from trying to share out 150 seats in the Grange as fairly as we could, to being able to allow everyone who wanted to, to attend what was a fascinating and entertaining talk from Jas Bilkhu. I hope our next speaker will prove to be as big a draw.

Despite our instructions not to arrive early we still had a large crowd gathering outside the Grange before 2.00pm. Winter is coming and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to open the doors in future before 2.00pm; we will however, continue to keep the front row seats for those who need them at future meetings.

I am pleased to say that our annual Christmas Party should be back this year after the cancellation in 2020. We have local band Higgs Bo'sun and as usual tickets are limited. You can buy a ticket at the November meeting for £3. If any member would like to donate a raffle prize for the Christmas party raffle, please bring it along to the November meeting or give it to a member of the committee.

If you are reading this as a paper copy which has been being posted out to you since the first lockdown; then this will be the last you receive that way. Copies will be available at the monthly meetings and in the library.

Our next monthly meeting will see us try to get back to something like we were used to; however we are going to try a slightly different format and we will be looking for feedback in the New Year to find out what the membership enjoys about the monthly meetings.

*Beverley* (radcliffeu3a.chair@gmail.com)

### **SPEAKER FOR OUR MEETING 11th NOV**

Paul Stafford will tell of his experiences during his visit to North Korea, the most bizarre and secretive country in the world.

## CHURCH VISITING GROUP

Our Hickling Church visit on the 21<sup>st</sup> September proved to be highly successful with 31 people attending.

The weather was perfect. We spent about three quarters of an hour in the churchyard, concentrating on some interesting trees, for example a Black poplar. On the outside of the church was some interesting stonework including a stone coffin lid built into the structure, and finally the famous Belvoir Angles on the gravestones.

Inside, Carol, our local guide went over the highlights of the structure, history and artefacts. Jane, her colleague, gave us the human stories from around the world of people emanating from Hickling. The most famous artefact was a carved stone Anglo Saxon coffin lid which was very well displayed and in excellent condition.

As well as all this Hickling W I provided a wonderful Ploughman's Lunch, followed by trifle, coffee and cake, all for the princely sum of £6.

A huge thanks to Carol who masterminded it all and Jane and the Hickling W I.

*Maggy Holmes*, contact at [davidholmes895@gmail.com](mailto:davidholmes895@gmail.com)



## FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Well its got to be, **hasn't** it? Not our usual genre but the last in the series. The hero retires. Will it live up to the hype? Is it woke enough or has this killed the very essence of the books that broke the mould back in the days of yore and stiff upper lips? Yes, 'Its No Time to Die' and its on everywhere on the planet including The Broadway until Thursday week at the earliest.

See it and lets dissect it on the 25th.

*David Richards* Email, [d.richards68@ntlworld.co](mailto:d.richards68@ntlworld.co)

## CANASTA GROUP

Just to let you know that Canasta has now started in the Dowson Room at the Grange. The next session will be on the 5th November at 1pm until 3pm and then fortnightly. Everyone is most welcome. We are a very friendly group and even if you don't play you would soon learn. I am Margaret Walker and have taken over from Annette Ayers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Annette for all her time, hard work and energy she put in to creating this group which has made Friday Canasta very enjoyable.

My telephone Number is 07779511124, mobile 07779511124

email - [mwalker61@btinternet.com](mailto:mwalker61@btinternet.com).

## Knit & Natter Group

We had a very lively afternoon (indoors at last!) in October, with some knitting and plenty of nattering to catch up on. We have also made contact with another charity called Taras Angels which offers practical support to Nottinghamshire refugees, their residents and families who have survived domestic abuse.

They are looking for any hand knitted items (blankets and knitwear) along with any hand knitted toys. There is a particular need for teddies, all of which will be accepted with enthusiasm.

We can help provide a teddy bear pattern if needed."

*Jan Addiscott* Group leader  
Contact [jan@addiscott.net](mailto:jan@addiscott.net)

### WALKING GROUP

Thursday 14 October saw the group back in action - with 16 participants, including 2 new members who signed up on the Open Day.

Fine weather and a pleasant 6 mile walk from Saxondale, via Newton and Shelford, back along the floodbank back to Radcliffe was enjoyed by all. Group photo taken at lunch stop at Shelford church.



**George Smith,** Group Leader - [georgeasmith35@gmail.com](mailto:georgeasmith35@gmail.com)

### PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The Photography Group met on Wednesday for the first time since the lockdown

We had a constructive meeting with lots of ideas for future meetings and 'challenges'

We agreed to continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Trent Room in Grange Hall, 2-4 pm

The challenge for the next four weeks is Autumn, being open to interpretation by individual members.

Next month we will be practising 'close ups'

Each member is to bring along a small object, to photograph with help from more experienced members. We will then view the Autumn photos on the monitor, adjusting with photoshop if needed.

**David Henderson** Group Leader - [davikath@virginmedia.com](mailto:davikath@virginmedia.com)

### BRIDGE GROUP

At last the Bridge group has started meeting again face to face, after a long period playing on line. Many of us found it very strange having to play with real cards, hold our own cards and even sort and shuffle them, but gradually it is all coming back to us.

We now have over forty members including a number of new members who we were pleased to welcome at our first meeting on the 20th September. We are still meeting every Monday afternoon in the main hall at the Grange at 2pm for a couple of hours of Bridge.

Members of the group, along with a few friends, also managed to get away for its twice postponed Bridge weekend.

Twenty eight people went to Gloucester for a long weekend playing Bridge and visiting Gloucester and the surrounding countryside. We all had a great time, as the group get on very well together and if, for some of us, our Bridge was not sparkling we were able to enjoy ourselves in the bar afterwards.

Our very grateful thanks go to Len Jackson who organised the whole weekend and made it such a success.

**Greg Bungay** Group Leader

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Help wanted .....

Does anyone have calligraphy skills they would be happy to use to make entries into the Book of Remembrance for St Mary's Church?

Families are asked for a donation to cover the cost of materials and time which would be paid to the person doing the calligraphy.

The time commitment would not be great and can be done at home.

Anyone interested in taking this on, please contact me by email in the first instance and we can have a conversation and I can show you the book and what would be required.

[sue.megahy@stmarysradcliffe.org](mailto:sue.megahy@stmarysradcliffe.org)

Sue - Churchwarden (my thanks to the committee allowing this request to be published).

### POETRY FOR PLEASURE GROUP

Our first indoor meeting since lockdown was in September and we all enjoyed being together again.

We followed this with a lunch in a local restaurant which was even better!



**Anne Mountford** - contact - [annemm510@gmail.com](mailto:annemm510@gmail.com)



## NEWS OF TWO GROUPS

The German Beginners Group has got off to a flying start and much fun is had, not only tackling basic grammar but singing along to some old favourite songs, including Lili Marlene. We are a mixed group, ranging from complete beginners to those who studied German many years ago. The group is open to anyone with a sense of humour and a desire to learn this beautiful language. We meet on Tuesday afternoons at 2.30 in the Grange hall. Please contact Audrey Squires at [a.squires@icloud.com](mailto:a.squires@icloud.com).

Anyone interested in improving their French Conversation, with some practical tips and grammar thrown in, please contact Audrey Squires at [a.squires@icloud.com](mailto:a.squires@icloud.com). We are a small group of like minded people with a good sense of humour and a willingness to learn together and from each other. We also sing a few songs and read the odd poem. All good fun. We meet for an hour each Monday afternoon at 3.00 at the Grange Hall.

### REAL ALE GROUP

For our monthly meeting in September fourteen of us met at lunch time in the Trent Bridge Inn. An excellent choice at £1.65 for a pint of real ale, together with a meal.

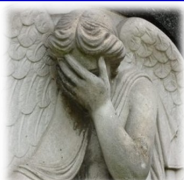
Fourteen is an ideal maximum and manageable membership number for this popular U3A group.

Demand for membership however is still encouraged as we try to form a second Real Ale Group. That is also dependent upon the need for leadership, someone has to guide such a new group.

As a result if you would like to join this second group or become its leader a "waiting list" is being created and names and contact details taken.

So do contact me. Every help and support will be given to a new leader including a list of all venues in the area. The Real Ale Group decides which venue on a bus/tram route to visit each month and that's all it takes to organise.

Contact **Rodney Fogg** ...Tel **0797 1537 119** or Email: [rodnevfogg@gmail.com](mailto:rodnevfogg@gmail.com)



*"Hark the Herald"*  
A miscellany of  
Christmas inspired  
poetry & prose

At Radcliffe Library  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at  
10.30am

Come and enjoy a hot drink and festive nibbles whilst listening to some seasonal readings.

**Booking required – please  
visit the Help Desk  
or ring 0115 933 2312**

### CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

The Classical Music Appreciation Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 10.30 am in the Dowson Room. This month's meeting will be on November 18th. All welcome.

**Michael Riggall** for more  
details :

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### GEOLOGY and ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

This Group will be restarting on Wednesday November 17th, from 2 - 4 pm in the Trent Room, Grange Hall.

Subjects covered will be an outline of local (Nottinghamshire) geology, including the formation of the Trent Valley floodplain.

Later in the afternoon you will be able to try your luck/knowledge while examining a series of rocks and minerals.

It would be useful, but not essential, to know, by email, how many plan to attend.

You may like to know that Bob Addison and Greg Chapman are again joining forces with Group Leader Martin C who can be contacted via email - [sumatraman947@gmail.com](mailto:sumatraman947@gmail.com).

### New Board Games Group

A new group has been formed - Board Games - and we are on the lookout for a few more members. We will be meeting on alternate Friday mornings, which started on 1st October.

So why should you join us? We play board games! For fun and for socialising. At each meeting we expect to play two or more games, chosen from a huge variety of modern board games. The rules are always explained for each game, so no previous experience is necessary, just an enjoyment of sitting down with a group of friends to play games.

If you would like to give it a try, or want to learn more, just contact **Tony O'Hagan** at [a.ohagan@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:a.ohagan@sheffield.ac.uk) or phone 07801 868511.

### An up date from your 'Let's Go Bowling' Group'

We are sorry that due to those Covid restrictions, it has not been able to organise the course during 2021.

However, we are looking forward to reintroducing the course during the early Spring of 2022. For those of you not familiar with the aims of our group, it is to introduce you to the fascinating game of lawn bowls, giving you the opportunity to get outdoors, enjoy a bit of light exercise and meet new friends.

Full details of the programme will be available in January or February. In the mean time, if you would like to know a little more about U3A 'Let's Go Bowling', you can ring the Group leader, Bill Edwards on 9336306 or email [billedwards123@btinternet.com](mailto:billedwards123@btinternet.com)

### NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

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

**YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS  
APPRECIATED**

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

[radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com](mailto:radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com)

**Our next issue is now due for  
DECEMBER**

**So the deadline for articles is 20th  
NOVEMBER 2021**