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Friendship and Support Group members enjoying their own "picnic in the park" at The Grange.

# 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 promptly starting at 2.15pm or as soon as everyone is seated.. Seating will be spaced to conform with current regulations for Covid Safety**

## FROM THE CHAIR



Hello and welcome to the October newsletter; I don't know about you, but after the last 18 months, I am now feeling very busy. My very productive fruit and vegetable garden has kept me occupied throughout the summer and it is good to be able to take part in all the activities I was involved in before the first lockdown; however, this does make for a hectic life, which I had almost forgotten. As I write this we are awaiting the birth of our second grandchild so by the time you are reading this our first grandson Nathaniel should have a younger sibling – life goes on.

I think our first 'live' monthly meeting was a success, though we are making some tweaks that should improve the experience for the October meeting. I expect our next speaker Jas Bilkhu to attract a larger audience than in September, so please see the instructions below with regard to obtaining tickets. We will be reserving the front row so that no-one needs to arrive early. Please only sit on the front row if you have a need to be at the front of the audience. In the meantime keep active and stay safe.

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

**Members wishing to attend the October 7th talk by Dr Jas Bilkhu will need to book their seat (one only per member) by 6th October via the on-line Eventbrite facility as was done for the September 2nd Talk. Please remember to specify the names of all the members for whom you are booking to comply with the "Track and Trace" regulations. Covid restrictions also mean we are limited to 150 seats in total. Please refer to the Membership Secretary's September e-mail if you need a reminder of the procedure**

## GARDEN GROUP

We had an excellent trip on Thursday, August 12th to Coton Manor Gardens in Northamptonshire. The weather was kind and the gardens were really good. Lots of interesting plants - often with labels - and a good plants sales area. The countryside and villages nearby were very picturesque, and it seems to be a land that time forgot. Very few gardeners are employed there, and the work is mostly done by the woman who owns it - a true labour of love. If you couldn't come with us and haven't yet been, it is well worth a visit. Later, some of us also ventured to the ancient church in the nearby village of Brixworth - one of the oldest in the country

Regarding the next two months, visits are proposed to Ellicar Gardens and at Norwell nurseries. Thanks again to everyone who contributed especially to the drivers who gave lifts.

Bye for now. **Roger Burston**. Email : roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk

## FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP

We met for the first time in 18 months in September and intend to meet on the third Thursday of every month as previously, but at a new venue. This is the **Radcliffe Room at The Grange** which should allow us to maintain safe social distancing even with an increase in numbers. So, I'll look forward to seeing everyone again, and hearing about breakthroughs we've made during our enforced leisure time, at 2.00 pm on Thursday 21 October in the Radcliffe Room. If anyone would like to join the Group but is only just starting on their family history research, then they can contact me to arrange an introductory session.

**Dave Morgan** tel: 0115 933 2353 email: valdave\_morgan@btinternet.com

## CHURCH VISITING GROUP

At last, we have started. On Friday 13th August 15 people meet at East Bridgford Church at 11 a.m. Here we were met by Lynne our guide, who is both a Church warden and secretary to the East Bridgford local history group .

We first walked around the outside of the Church where we discovered some Anglo Saxon stone and memorials to important people in East Bridgford's history .

Once inside the church we learnt about it's development from Anglo Saxon times to the current time. this included several human-interest stories.

Finally, we all pursued our own interests in and around the building. Then about half the group then went to East Bridgford pub for coffee or lunch.

The whole morning provided a very positive start to the future development of this new group.

If anyone else would like to join us on this visit, please email me **Maggie Holmes** at davidholmes895@gmail.com



## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT GROUPS

As our u3a makes plans to meet up again for the first time since March 2020, we should like to take this opportunity to highlight the following information, concerning both existing and proposed new groups. Since we will soon have an opportunity to make a new start, we would urge all our members to explore what is available within the Radcliffe on Trent u3a. The following new groups are being offered :

Rummikub Board Games Ukulele Group No. 2 French Improvers  
German Beginners

The following groups, in particular, look forward to welcoming more participants:

Family History  
Healthy Baking and Cooking (formerly known as Healthy Eating Group)  
Scottish Country Dancing

We should like to send thanks to both David Harrison for masterminding the Wine Tasting (afternoon) group so successfully hitherto and to Ruth Shelton who will be organising this group from now on.

Details of all the groups in our u3a can be found in the latest directory or on our website. : Why not look at the list of groups and think about "trying out" something new?

Last of all, we have a message for all of our Group Leaders : we are here to support you and all the groups within our u3a. Please do get in touch with any issues which may arise and (most important!) keep us advised of any pertinent changes so that our records are always up-to-date. Thank you!

**Jan & Carol**, Group Co-ordinators 07742434437 or 0115 8457398

## WHIST GROUP

Hello Everyone. It is so long since we have been able to meet up. I do hope you have all kept safe and well. I was wondering how many members would be interested in me starting the whist sessions. All U3a members are welcome. If you don't play you will soon learn. I was hoping to start the group on Friday morning 15th October  
10am -12pm.

If you are interested, would you contact me on my  
**email** [mwalker61@btinternet.com](mailto:mwalker61@btinternet.com) Mobile number **07779511124** or the Landline **01159333094**. Many thanks. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Margaret Walker**



## PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

Pictures are of Coughton Court in Warwickshire, an interesting National Trust property, with lovely gardens. Our Group are going to meet on Wednesday 13th October in the Trent Room in Grange Hall

**David Henderson** Group Leader

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## AFTERNOON WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

The U3A afternoon Wine Appreciation Group started up again on the 30th September in the Trent Room at Grange Hall. After many years of admirable leadership David Harrison is stepping down from running it so the group is “under new management”! David has done a fantastic job of introducing us to the finer points of wine, bringing us new wine finds as well as some of the best old favourites. The new management team hope that we will be able to live up to his standard and that David will feel able to sit back and enjoy each glass as it comes ... though he has promised to present us his Xmas choices for the December meeting.

Very sadly Alan Forster, a founding member of the group who regularly presented his favourite selections and sometimes stood in for David in his absence, died a few months ago. We will all miss his knowledgeable and helpful contribution to the group.

Our first September meeting will be devoted to a selection from the Wine Society’s “Wine Champions”, which have impressed the WS’s experts in blind tastings. The group’s current membership is 37 (with another 7 on the waiting list) but unfortunately the Trent Room can only take 30 maximum according to the Parish Council’s Covid rules. Our experience is that not all members attend every meeting and we are hopeful that we will be able to manage numbers and stay within the rules, but it is essential that members respond to emails promptly and let us know if they will or won’t be attending. As and when Covid restrictions change we will be able to look again at the waiting list.

New Group Leaders: **Peter Brodie, Ruth Shelton and John Thorn.** Tel: 0115 9118228 and Mobile : 07773 577143

### 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 October 21st. All welcome.

**Michael Riggall** for more details :  
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### FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

For those of you, like us, who are still wary of visiting Broadway Cinema during the pandemic, we went last night. This is our experience. You book and can choose your seats. We were shown to our seats. There were only eight others there. Everyone wore masks when they were moving about. You sit down and are served if you want a drink in the bar which was empty. Entry and exit from each film area is one way. As to the film, “**Wildfire**”, it's certainly discussion fodder!

**David Richards** Email ; d.richards68

### 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 NOVEMBER**

**So the deadline for articles is**

**20th OCTOBER 2021**