



"Christmas Decorations in Radcliffe on Trent" Photo Supplied by The Radcliffe u3a Photographic Group

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To all Radcliffe on Trent U3A members.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year,
from your ViceChairs, Committee and News Editors

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



LETTER FROM A VICE-CHAIR

It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas everywhere you go.....

By the time you read this the Christmas Party held to be held on 1st December may well have come and gone - if that is the case then I hope you enjoyed it but if this reaches you before the Party then I hope you are looking forward to it as am I. I'm sure it was/will be a great party (delete as applicable!!)

Well our u3a continues to thrive with membership now at 612 and still growing. Active membership of most of our groups has now recovered post-Covid although the Family History, Archaeology and Photography groups could each do with a few more members.

If any of those interest you then why not contact the relevant Group Leaders and find out more. Alternatively come along to the next free coffee morning at the Royal Oak on 28th December at 11:30 a.m. and we can give you contact details. In fact why not come along anyway if only for just a chat?

John Addiscott

We extend a warm welcome to our new members:-

Eileen and Neil Greenwood, Michael and Wendy Berry, Robert Cockburn, Cathy Lacey.

Melanie Gregg, Membership Secretary

Photography Group

At our October meeting we spent some time discussing and experimenting with taking photographs in difficult lighting conditions. We then viewed our photographs, on the room monitor, of our shots corresponding to the previous month's topic, 'Light and Shade'. This subject provided a huge variety of shots, both interesting and even stunning.

We are a small group who meet monthly, not only to share our common interest in photography, but also to enjoy a good social afternoon. If you wish to give us a try, do feel free to contact me for more details.

Janet Groves Group Leader Tel: 07743 543 577



KNIT'nNATTER GROUP



We were able to deliver these little pumpkin baby hats to the neonatal unit just in time for Halloween. Our Knit & Natter Group meets on the second Tuesday each month. For more information contact

Jan Addiscott. 0115 8457398.

BOOK GROUP

Are you a book lover? If so come and join us! We choose a book a month and meet usually on the last Friday of the month to discuss it. Our meetings are very informal and friendly, not at all intellectual. When we have discussed our book, we tend to put the world to rights: in any case have a good natter. If you are interested, please give me a call:

Sue Terry on 07863128492 or 0115 9120129.

The Evening Wine Tasting Group

We had a record turnout recently with 40 people attending. We were pleased to welcome Ross and Dan from Laithwaites who presented four whites and four reds which were either best sellers or staff favourites. The wines were from various countries, including Sicily, Greece and Lebanon.



As usual, Maureen and helpers provided a fantastic spread of food half way through the tasting. As a bonus, members of the group could optionally buy the wines at a discounted price at the end of the evening. This is the first time the session has been presented by a third party.

Usually the Group Leaders, Malcolm and Maureen, present eight wines around a 'theme'. Alternatively a member, or members of the group will volunteer to do the same. The theme might be based around wines from a country, continent, grape variety, etc. We look forward very much to our next session in December.

Contact **Malcolm McDowell** on mcdoweemm@hotmail.com

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

The critics panned Phillipa Langley's 'true story' of her part in the discovery of Richard 111's remains in Leicester City Social Services car park but as I guessed, we loved it, scoring Steven Frears and Steve Cougan's film almost a straight 8 across the board.

Without as much as a medieval parking ticket to help her, Phillipa hit His Majesty's legs with the first pass of her excavator bucket right under the letter R on the tarmac. And it was true! You couldn't make it up.

OK, King Dick's ghost regularly appearing for a chat in the flic stretched credulity a tad but whatever, we loved this triumph of the little woman against the Establishment and top photography of Leicester completed our enjoyment. Heartwarming and funny. Go see.

Our next monthly outing is to see 'Living'. National treasure Bill Nighy stars. It's on at The Broadway among other outlets initially until next week the 10th and we meet again to discuss it on Monday December 5th at 2.00pm.

David Richards Group Leader - drichards68@ntlworld.com

BOULES GROUP

We have now finished our "summer" season. It went on longer than usual because of the weather.

We were seldom even rained off!

We met on the last day for a drink and a chat and have arranged to do the same a couple of times before next season.

Di and Steve left during the year and we are pleased to welcome Peta and Janet.

We have a great social group that is not too serious about the quality of the Boules - and it shows!

We continue to meet at the Golf Club and enjoy the venue and the friendly staff.

Al Reed Group Leader
almo9@btinternet.com

NOVEMBER'S SPEAKER

Our Speaker last month was Bob Massey who spoke of the Mysterious Death of William Smith Tanner.

(in a BARREL????)

Over 100 members were in the Grange Hall to listen to an entertaining talk from Historian Bob Massey.

On 7th January 1888 a death notice for William Smith Tanner appeared on page 3 of the newspaper, odd in itself as during Victorian times obituaries were usually on the front page.

An Inquest found that William had committed suicide - a crime in Victorian Society. However, there were many inconsistencies about the case which Bob highlighted and which he covers in much more detail in his book.

Melanie Gregg



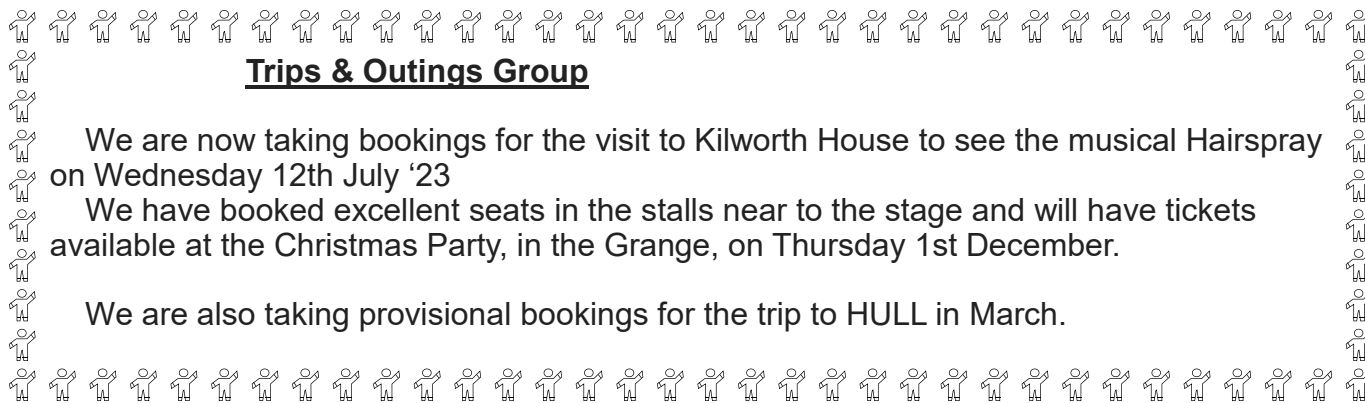
 * **THE SECOND FRIENDSHIP GROUP** *
 * This Group meets every 2nd Monday at 2p.m. at Costa in the village. *
 * We have a natter with our coffee and plan where, if anywhere we would like to meet the following *
 * month or an additional day. Occasionally we go for a meal but we have been on a couple of days out *
 * to Bakewell and Matlock and November we went to Downtown, near Grantham. A few of us went to *
 * the Nottingham Playhouse also. We are planning a further couple of trips but not until the weather *
 * warms up now. *
 * We have 2 or 3 spaces in the group, if anyone would like to join us. *
 * I have been asked to specifically ask for at least one more man as we only have one in our group *
 * and he would prefer to occasionally have a conversation about football!! *
 * If you would like to get in touch, you can ring **Diane Williams** on 0115 9331905 or 07747710425 or *
 * email nottslclass1946@yahoo.co.uk. *
 * We look forward to seeing you. *



WALKING GROUP

Nov 9th proved to be a lucky walking day for a group of 13. 5.5 miles from Epperstone to Woodborough and the edge of Lambley, in sunshine and a moderately warm, dry day.

George Smith -
georgeasmith@gmail.com



Trips & Outings Group

We are now taking bookings for the visit to Kilworth House to see the musical Hairspray on Wednesday 12th July '23

We have booked excellent seats in the stalls near to the stage and will have tickets available at the Christmas Party, in the Grange, on Thursday 1st December.

We are also taking provisional bookings for the trip to HULL in March.

AN EXTRA TALK at our 5th January monthly members meeting.

Age UK (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) will give us a 10 minute talk, prior to our main speaker, on how they can help you improve your IT Digital Skills. This will be at our meeting in the Grange on Thursday 5th January 2023.

This could help you stay in touch with Loved Ones, learn to Shop from your own home and Access information of all kinds. They are able to help you to get the best use from your Smartphone, Laptop or Tablet. They can loan you a Tablet Computer and Internet Connection on a 6-8 week loan period. This could be most helpful to those who are wary of such things.

For more information contact **George Roberts** at gjandmroberts@gmail.com

iPad Group

I will be holding some more iPad sessions in the New Year so please email me if you would like to come along.

I usually just do a couple of very informal sessions with just a small group of people. After covering the basics of using the iPad and looking at some of the settings I go on to some useful tips for editing text, using different keyboards and improving photos. There is always time for questions and specific queries.

My aim is to give people confidence with using their iPad so that they can go on to discover more things for themselves.

Rosie Garner Email: erg.garner@gmail.com or phone 07766518708



Family History Discussion Group

The Family History Discussion group is one of our oldest groups. It is suitable for those starting their Ancestry research, as well as those with years of experience. This diversity of knowledge allows the more experienced to help newcomers quickly find their ancestors and to build a Family Tree, so we are able to help each other and learn together

We meet at 2pm on the third Thursday of each month in the Radcliffe Room of the Grange. At our next meeting on Thursday December 15th we shall be discussing the uses of the Census returns in family history research.

Come along and see how interesting this subject is. **Dave Barton** on 07906 537699

"There's now't so queer as folk"

How true that old saying is. Just last week I read in the Times that there is a current vogue for setting up groups dedicated to digging holes - there is even a formally constituted Hole Digging Society at St Andrews University in Fife, Scotland. When I read the article I checked the date at the top of the page to confirm that it wasn't April 1st.

I don't anticipate any of our members proposing to start a Hole Digging group within the Radcliffe u3a but you never know - as I said above "There's now't so queer as folk"!!

John Addiscott

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

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

Please send your items, articles, photos or sketches to:
radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is JANUARY 2023
So the deadline for articles is
14th DECEMBER 2022

MEMBERS NOTICE

U3A member Carla Gordon has written to the Editors as follows (abridged version—Ed)

“ I am 57 and practising hard at retirement. I went to Dayncourt School aged 11 years in 1976.

Five different class/year mates who have led very different lives are organising a reunion to be held in Radcliffe next year.

We are trying to reach out to everyone & some of the parents of our classmates are currently members of the Radcliffe U3A.

If you, like me, would be interested to meet up with members of your year group please follow the instructions in this advert.

Here's hoping for a great turnout. Carla Gordon “

DAYNCOURT CLASS OF '76 SCHOOL REUNION

**FOR EX PUPILS WHO WERE MEMBERS
OF THE YEAR GROUP STARTING IN 1976**

SAT JULY 1ST 2023 2-6PM

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