



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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Subject always to the current Government Covid regulations the doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will open at 2pm for members to sign in. Access to the Hall will then be available for refreshments and seating which will be spaced to conform with current regulations for Covid Safety.

Anyone wishing to communicate matters of interest to the members can request a slot for this social time after which the Speaker will be introduced.

FROM THE JOINT VICE-CHAIRS

Beverley Lawe stood down as Chair of Radcliffe on Trent u3a Committee with effect from 6th December following a vote of “ No Confidence” in her style of leadership and its effect on the operation of the committee process, however, she remains a member of the committee until the 10th January 2022.

Also standing down at this time are Committee members Diane Kidger, Membership Secretary and Geraldine Sleight, Speaker Finder.

The Committee offer sincere thanks to them all for their significant contributions and hard work for Radcliffe u3a.

Membership and Speaker duties have been successfully reallocated and a new Chair may be appointed at the AGM during the Committee election process.

Our Christmas Party

The Committee have received many comments reflecting admiration for the table decorations and thought you would like to see those responsible

Alison Rashford

Eve Glover

Ann Snayde

Stephany Fogg



Wonderful job, ladies.

Changing of the guard

At the Christmas party on Thursday Dec 2, our Chair, Beverley, gave her thanks and presented flowers and a card to the refreshments team who are:

Janice Allen (team leader), Judith Beresford, June Rockett, Linda Moses, Yvonne Kennedy and Heather Flynn (who is staying on in her role).

This group of people have done a wonderful job, efficiently preparing drinks once a month at the Thursday meeting for the last 8 years and washing up afterwards!

Having a drink at the monthly meetings is a good way for new people to meet existing members and for those existing members to catch up with their friends. It helps to create a welcoming atmosphere, encouraging new members to join and keeping our excellent u3a going.

You can see why it is essential for members to volunteer to keep this tradition going. This request has been in the newsheet and we ask you to consider volunteering so that you only have to help out every so often. If you've enjoyed your cup of tea or coffee, don't sit back and let someone else do the work!

Penny Tytler

Trips and Outings Group.

We had an enjoyable Festive visit to Rockingham Castle where we were treated to a Victorian Christmas.

We were transported back to Christmas Eve 1849, to the reign of Queen Victoria, as the Watson family were gathering for their traditional Christmas celebrations.

With the Castle rooms decorated just as it would have been at the time, we were entertained by the housekeeper, governess, butler and footman, who shared delightful stories of Victorian family life.

After the tour around the house, we had free time to look around the gardens and the church situated in the Castle grounds.

Although the Festive meal did not run as smoothly as we would have liked nevertheless our members enjoyed the day.

Melanie Gregg



POETRY FOR PLEASURE GROUP

Dr Chris Towers from Nottingham Trent University visited us in November.

He talked to us about his recently published book describing his last visit to Singapore and why he wrote the poems in it.

This was something new for the group as it was the first time we have sat and listened to a guest speaker.

It was an enjoyable afternoon.

Anne Mountford - Group Leader

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UKULELE CLASS OF '21



This merry group of U3A members recently completed an eight week beginners' course on the ukulele. They are pictured taking a well-earned break from their music making.

Well done team! Here's to many years of happy uke playing.

Ian Pardon Group Leader - ian.pardon@hotmail.co.uk

2022 - MONTHLY PROGRAMME FOR THE AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

All of the following meetings are to be held in the Trent room, Grange Hall, starting at 2.00pm and finishing at 4.30pm. Group members are reminded that they can bring along a friend for the £2.00 admission fee for up to two of these meetings.

Tuesday 4 January 2022 – CANCELLED

Tuesday 1st February 2022 – Talk by Jim Benn - 'METAL FATIGUE IN AIRCRAFT'

Tuesday 1st March – Talk by Brian Cleary - 'JOHN FORD – FIGHTER & TEST PILOT AND CO-PILOT OF THE AVRO VULCAN THAT CRASHED AT RAF SYERSTON IN SEPTEMBER 1958'

Tuesday 5th April 2022 – Talk by Prof. Joe Colls - 'ADVANCES IN THE NEW SPACE RACE'

Tuesday 3rd May 2022 – Talk by Kev Rumens - 'VULCAN XH 558'

Tuesday 7th June - Talk by Mike Chatterton - 'LANCASTER WITH THE BBMF AND EAST KIRKBY.'

Tuesday 5th July – Talk to be arranged. No meeting in August. Any members of the Radcliffe on Trent U3A are cordially invited to attend any of the talks at £2.00/head.

Mike Seymour – Group Leader - email: seymourmd@aol.com

THE FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT GROUP

Members of the u3a Friendship Group having their Annual Christmas Lunch at the "1909 Restaurant" at the Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club.

Rodney Fogg, Group Leader Tel 07971 537119



GEOLOGY GROUP

We reluctantly postponed December's meeting due to possibly negative COVID outcomes.

It is now scheduled for 19th January and re-named "A New Year Quiz and Specimen identification"

For the future we plan to have meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Martin, Greg and Bob.

Contact - **Martin Clarke**, Group Leader - sumatraman947@gmail.com

THE FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

The *'Power of the Dog'*.

There were still just seven of us at the last meeting but I cannot remember a flic that produced such a wide ranging and interesting discussion. For starters the meeting was split on whether or not Peter was a killer. Despite a plethora of circumstantial evidence that we listed, the majority believed otherwise, but either way it opened up a whole raft of theories. Was Peter actually straight and sought revenge ? Was he gay but hate overcame his proclivities?

Clearly a misogynist and a closet gay, what other forces were driving Phil [Benedict Cumberbatch]? Why was he sharing a bed with George and did this have any bearing on his attitude towards Rose? Why did Rose start drinking, given her background? (Also importantly, was Phil Roy Rogers and did he ever take his chaps off?)

The list went on, the answers carefully cloaked in Jane Campion's tense, slow burn, production. There were faults however and there were time jumps that simply threw the viewer.

In essence this is not a film in which one can nod off for a few minutes. This is a multi-layered production, subtly directed with actors at the top of their game. It needed chewing over on the way home for full appreciation [or at a U3A meeting!] We gave it high marks.

If you missed it then it's on Netflix and you can stop and start it to find the answers.

Finally with a Covid escalation, we decided to leave the choice of our next film until later. I will be in touch with Members when we know what's on and possible.

A really safe and fulfilling New Year to you and yours.

David Richards Group Leader - d.richards68@ntlworld.com

WALKING GROUP



A surprisingly warm and mostly dry 6.5 mile walk from Nottingham station, via the canal down to Trent bridge and along the river to the Water Sports centre and back along Holme Lane into Radcliffe; enjoyable and with good company (again!).

George Smith Group Leader - georgeasmith35@gmail.com

APPEAL FOR NEWS ITEMS

FEBRUARY **NEWSHEET**

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

radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Thank you *Editorial Team*

**WE WISH ALL MEMBERS AND
ESPECIALLY OUR MUCH VALUED
CONTRIBUTORS,**

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR