



# RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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## **MEMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING**

**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 and had refreshments.**

**From Vice- Chair John,**



I hope you all had an enjoyable extended Jubilee bank holiday.

We were fairly lucky with the weather - at least it didn't rain on the events - well not real rain!!

Our u3a is thriving despite the impacts of the Covid pandemic and we now have 588 members including 13 who joined this month. However, we mustn't slip into a self congratulatory mode as notwithstanding a healthy membership we still need volunteers to step forward and fill a few gaps in the 'back office' and 'front of house' roles.

As you are probably aware we have no Chairperson at present; the role is being covered by a group of four Vice-chairs; however, this is not ideal and come the next AGM we need to identify somebody to stand as Chairperson - could that be you?

Currently we have 47 interest Groups most of which are now up and running again post Covid; we even have a couple of new Groups - a second Real Ale group and a second Friendship group. These are new groups established as offshoots of the original groups that became too popular and too big to operate as single groups.

A number of people have expressed an interest in joining an Italian language group but as yet nobody has offered to set it up and run it - could you do it? Have a chat with any committee member if you'd like to give it a try.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on 7th July when the speaker will be John Hope who will be telling us about "Time through the Ages"

*John Addiscott*

**We extend a warm welcome to our newest u3a members .....**

Paul and Tricia Rotherham; Mike and Di Chase; Richard and Joyce Lindsay; Richard Kupfer.

**Melanie Gregg** - Membership secretary

## UKULELE GROUP

The Ukulele Group were invited to participate in the recent Radcliffe Music Festival, organised by the Methodist Church, to raise funds for the Ukraine Appeal and The Rainbow Children's Hospice.



Great fun was had, as always, and the audience were able to enjoy a good singalong as all the words were displayed on screens around the church. It was obvious much thought and hard work had gone into organising the weekend which had the desired effect of bringing the community together for one good cause.

Our session ended with tea and scones served for us in the school room - most welcome.

Thanks to everyone at the church and well done for your very successful fund raising event.

**Lyn Coxon** - Group leader    Contact - [lyncoxon@btinternet.com](mailto:lyncoxon@btinternet.com)

## KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

Here's a picture to round-off the Jubilee celebrations.

Spotted on a post box in Biddenden (near Ashford), Kent during the Jubilee weekend. Whatever your views on street art like this, one must admire the effort

and dedication required to craft such a magnificent specimen!



Speaking of craft work, our Knit & Natter group will meet on July 12th.

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

### FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

The votes are in and it's **Good Luck to You, Leo Grande**, by a short head. This well publicised film with Emma Thompson is on at The Broadway from this Friday 17th until the following Thursday at least.

The date for our meeting to unpick it is confirmed as **Monday 4th July**, one week later than normal, at the usual time of 2.00 at the Grange.

**This will be the last meeting of the Group before the summer break and I would like to discuss our future in the light of fallen numbers that have not picked up since lockdown.**

Enjoy the film

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### CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

There will be no meeting in July or August.  
The next meeting will be on Thursday 15th September in the Dowson Room at 10.30 a.m.

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### Photography Group

As our meeting took place just after the Diamond Jubilee, we spent time looking at the members' photographs of the decorations



Continuing our theme from the previous month, we took our cameras off the 'auto' setting to experiment with focusing at various distances. As this was done indoors, our project before the next meeting is to use this experience individually in our outdoor photography.

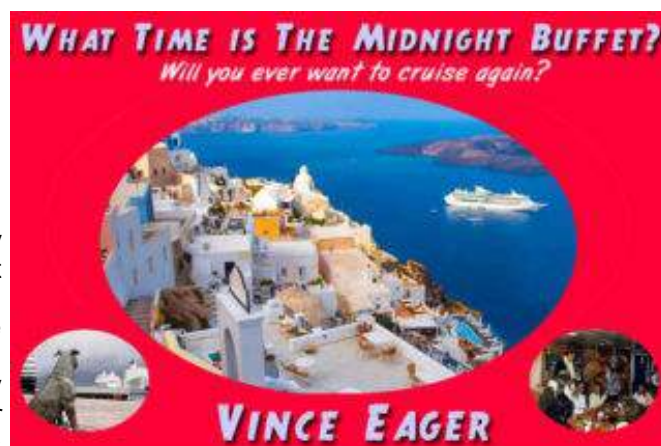
We then spent some time discussing our forthcoming meetings. It was decided to continue throughout the summer, namely July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in the Radcliffe Room.

If anyone would like to join us, you would be made most welcome.

For more details, please contact **Janet Groves** – Group Leader on 07743 543 577

## OUR SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER

Vince Eager will be talking about.....>



From the age of ten I've always been infatuated by oceans, ships and the places they visit, so when I was offered my first cruise as an entertainer in the late 1960s I jumped at the opportunity. Following many cruises as an entertainer, I eventually took on the more permanent role of a Cruise Director. With my wife by my side as the onboard travel manager, we sailed the seven seas for fourteen years. My cruise presentation reveals almost everything you didn't or wouldn't know about cruising. It goes behind the scenes and reveals often hilarious, or worry facts about cruising.

From the glamorous to the ginormous, I go behind the scenes looking at what some passengers get up to, and how the crew get their own back!!

## **APPEAL FOR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE u3a COMMITTEE**

U3a members are invited to join the committee. The idea is to awaken interest from people who are interested and might already have experience or interest in the skills needed by each role. If you are interested to help maintain the development of Radcliffe's u3a please speak to any committee member.

See May's News Sheet for a list and portraits!

## **Our June talk**

June's speaker, John Whitfield gave a most entertaining talk entitled "The 1960s—great times and lost opportunities"

During his narrative it was clear how many of the audience identified with the events to which he drew attention. Mutterings of "I was there" and "oh gosh I remember that" were heard frequently.

We hope to recall him for a session on a later date.

Here he is chatting with an audience member before his talk



## **ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP**

At long last, the archaeology group is starting up again. Everyone - existing and new members are welcome. We meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 1 pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, [next to Tesco]. Cost is £2 to cover room hire.

We process and catalogue finds from digs done in the village.

No experience necessary. Wear old clothes and bring reading glasses.

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## **NOTE FROM THE EDITORS**

We send our 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](mailto:radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com)

**Our next issue is September 2022** So the deadline for articles is 20th AUG 2022

*Rod & Patrick*



## MOTORCYCLE GROUP



The Motorcycle Group welcomed new member, Paul Rotherham, who joined them on their monthly ride in June, which included stops at two windmills.

Five members of the group set off in perfect weather from The Radcliffe car park at 9.30am. They rode a circular route via Harby, Melton, Wymondham, Rutland Water, Bourne, Heckington and then home via Grantham and the Vale of Belvoir at around 3.30pm. Refreshment stops were taken at Wymondham Windmill tea rooms and Heckington Windmill tea rooms.

The group rides monthly, usually on the first Friday.

***Phill Gregg***

GROUP LEADER

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In this month's Newsheet we are continuing our series explaining what members of our u3a Committee members do.

### **THIS MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE....**

#### Minutes Secretary. Role.



I have had this role for 6 years. I attend and minute any meetings of the committee. I previously also looked after the audio equipment and projector. I sign in members at monthly meetings, and help out at any other functions we are running, and also keep the register for the Wine Appreciation Group, and participate in other groups. I am the Charity Commission Contact which usually just means updating the committee each March at the AGM or if any change over occurs during the year. I enjoy working with the team and getting to know everyone.

Anne Littlewood

**MEETING & GREETING TEAM** We are looking to increase the number of u3a members volunteering to help out at the beginning of meetings to greet people as they enter. In addition to the people we already have meeting and greeting, we need volunteers to tick members off as they arrive. If enough people volunteer, your turn will only come round every so often. If you could help, please email ***Penny Tytler*** on [ptytler@ntlworld.com](mailto:ptytler@ntlworld.com)

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## Support for Ukraine

We now have several Ukrainian families in Radcliffe and Shelford. Children are enrolled in schools, Mums are settling in and taking care of the mountain of paperwork that is necessary to settle in the UK. There are however many more people who need to leave their homeland and, for a variety of reasons, wish to come to the UK. If you would like to open your home to them, either a young family, a single woman or an older person, but are unsure what it involves please speak to me either at the monthly meeting or by contacting me directly.

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