



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.

TRIPS AND OUTINGS GROUP

**Belvoir Castle Engine Yard and the Hanwell Wine Estate.
Tuesday 2nd August**

We will spend a couple of hours at the Engine Yard in the morning and then continue on to the Hanwell Wine Estate for a buffet Lunch, tour of the vineyards followed by a wine tasting of their wines. Let's hope for good weather!
Tickets will go on sale at the June meeting. More information to follow. It will also be on the website.

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.

Anne McLeod

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER

Well-known local Forensic Lecturer **Paul Newsham** last month gave a talk to Radcliffe on Trent u3a on "Biometrics 1 - There will never be another you". Paul, a retired Forensic Expert Witness, explained about the uniqueness of the Human Being and how this is being used in today's modern society and world environs as part of the Genome Project. Eyes, Teeth, Fingerprints, Feet and DNA was explained as was much more. Paul also brought into his talk Theology, Philosophy, Biology, Physics and Chemistry as well as Ethics which included Forensics and Biometrics which made the talk very interesting and gave the members much to think about.

Welcome to the following new u3a members who joined recently:-

Derek Waldram, David Haddon, Susan Silverman, Helen Kirkham & Barbara Smith

To all Group Leaders,

PROPOSED MONTHLY u3a GROUP FEATURE

Just letting you know that the editorial team feel that some groups don't get the publicity they deserve and should have an opportunity to highlight what they do and how they do it!

As a result, in this our u3a Newsheet circulated to over 500 members, we want to shine the spotlight on a particular u3a Activity Group each month and remember we have over 50 groups in our Radcliffe on Trent u3a. In our future Newsheets we hope to list all our Groups with contact details.

Some of these groups are already regular contributors to the Newsheet but what about your group?

What is your group called? Where do you meet ? When do you meet? How regularly do you meet? How many in your group ? What do you do and how do you do it? Where do you do it? What are your achievements? What would you like to tell other u3a members about your group?

It would be lovely to hear from you. Do send us your details and we will feature them in our monthly Newsheet. If you have photo's of your members or group in action we would also be delighted to receive them.

If we, the editorial team (Rod & Patrick) can help in any way, do email us at this email address.

Rod & Patrick email: radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

At our May meeting rain kept us from our planned outdoor photography. However, we spent a useful meeting indoors learning and discussing how to use alternative camera settings and also viewing members' photographs, taken during the last month, of our set project 'Shop Signs'. We were all amazed at the variety of shots taken, mostly in Radcliffe, but some elsewhere.



Next month at our meeting on 8 June we are hoping for fine weather, so that we can go around the Village photographing Jubilee Celebration decorations.

Janet Groves Group Leader Email:; cliffjanet@john-lewis.com

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP : “ THE OUTFIT”

Despite a late change of meeting date and twelve apologies we still had a reasonable turnout to argue the merits of this excellent film with all its twists and storyline conjecture. Our latest national treasure; Mark Rylands, was a “shew” in (yes, I have spelt it right) as the fastidious English suit cutter... "don't call me a tailor"... making Saville Row quality gear for Chicago's nasty hoodlums. Sooner or later you knew the fertiliser was going to hit the fan and we weren't disappointed.

Tailor made for the theatre it also well suited the cinema, seamlessly working towards a complex denouement with no hint of a stitch up; well there was one, and leaving no loose threads. It perfectly measured up.....enough! enough!...go see it.

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

AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

A Tale of 2 Lancasters!



Speaker: Mike Chatterton

Mike will talk about flying the Lancaster with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and operating the Lancaster at East Kirby Museum

Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 2pm
Grange Hall
Radcliffe on Trent

All welcome - Admission £2

Mike Chatterton retired from the RAF in 2013 after a career of nearly 40 years as a multi engine aircraft pilot with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. With a number of still pictures and a few short video clips he is going to talk about his experiences with 2 Lancasters;- the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's "City of Lincoln", and the privately owned "Just Jane" of the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre at East Kirkby.

FLASH MOB SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2022

MARKET SQUARE NOTTINGHAM TIME TBC - EARLY AFTERNOON

Ever feel frustrated that the over 60's are portrayed as worn out and old? Senior people are a large part of our society, but so often we are overlooked and written off!!! Well here is a chance to show the younger generations that we still have abilities, a bit of energy and we can have fun!



As part of the u3a celebrations, we are planning to surprise Nottingham City Centre by taking over the Market Square in a Flash Mob.

We are choreographing a simple line dance, and we need a huge number of happy u3a members, from all over the county, to take part.

We are planning to distribute the dance routine to all u3as for men and women to practise in their own homes and meeting places. We can also arrange some practise sessions if required.

The main feature of a Flash Mob is that everyone moves in the same direction, so even though we will try to do the correct steps, the main element of this is simply keep in time and move the same way! The visual impact is superb!

We also need people to video the event and post those videos on social media. We will alert the media and hopefully raise the profile of u3a throughout Nottinghamshire.

THIS IS AN EXCITING, POSSIBLY ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITY, TO TAKE PART IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS. SIGN UP WITH YOUR PUBLICITY OFFICER/COMMITTEE TODAY!

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUITABLE SONG TO DANCE TO ARE WELCOMED. Send ideas to du3achair2020@gmail.com

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.

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

Our next issue is JULY 2022 So the deadline for articles is 20th June 2022

Rod & Patrick

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REAL ALE GROUP TWO



On Wednesday 4th May an intrepid group braved the bus and the rain and went into Nottingham for Lunch, Beer (or favourite tipple) and a chat. We started at the “Trip to Jerusalem” where we discussed the legend of the “Cursed Galleon” over food and a drink. A few different beers were tried by the members (Old Peculiar, Old Trip and Time Traveller).

We then moved on to the Castle pub where we talked about Watson Fothergill the well known Nottingham architect who designed the pub next door, although we didn’t go into Fothergill’s because there was no hand pulled beer! In the Castle we tried Mystic Water and Bajan Breakfast beers plus a glass of Red and a lime and soda!

Finally, we walked up the hill to the “Round House” which was built in 1897 and housed the Jubilee Wing of the old General Hospital. This was our final stop where the accompanying photo was taken. Here they served Black Sheep and a blast from the past Shipstones “Gold Star”.

This is a new group with an appreciation of real ale and we will be going to pubs that serve good beers. However we would very much welcome anyone, no matter what your tipple! Look out for a name change in the near future that will better reflect this new group.

ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

At long last, the archaeology group is starting up again. Everyone - existing and new members are welcome. We meet on a Friday afternoon 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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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

Thank you . **Penny Tytler**

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

THIS MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILE....

Phil Gregg - IT and Social Media

I joined the Committee primarily to revamp the website but soon became involved in other IT-related areas. I set up our Facebook page, helped to implement the Beacon Membership system and introduced automated postal mailing of the News Sheet. I also assist with membership and publicity. Future projects are online renewals and bank and card payments. I am Group leader of the Motorcycle Group and Real Ale Group 2. I am also a member of the Evening Wine Appreciation Group.

Phil Gregg