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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.

A NOTE FROM OUR VICE CHAIR.

We are privileged and proud to have such a successful and proactive U3A within our village. It's vision is to be inclusive and empowering; encouraging friendships and linking with community support to combat loneliness, exclusion and isolation.

To enable this to continue we constantly require more volunteers at every level of commitment, be it helping at monthly meetings, helping at the regular coffee mornings as well as the more fundamental roles.

Volunteering is a rewarding way to feel included and meet people as well as providing the essential services required to continue to move forward.

Our monthly meetings are fully restored post Covid with a speaker and refreshments, providing the ideal opportunity to socialise and keep updated. We hope to see you on September 1st for the popular return of Vince Eager with "What time is the Midnight buffet" a comical insight into working on cruise ships.

It's hard to imagine Christmas in this hot summer but plans are afoot for our Xmas party on December 1st. We are planning "A Xmas Variety Show" including old favourites with a light hearted sing-along, a comedy act, the ever popular quiz and a raffle not to mention good food and good company. Tickets will be on sale after the summer at our monthly meetings and at Pen to Paper and thank-you for all your continued support.

Carol White

AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

The Aviation & Aerospace Group are organising a coach trip on October 4th 2022 to visit RAF Cranwell for a tour this RAF Officer Training Establishment followed by a visit to the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln for lunch and a tour.

Please contact **Mike Seymour** (Email : seymourmd@aol.com if you are interested.

OCTOBER'S TALK WILL BE...
"A SOLO WALK ACROSS AFRICA"

Speaker FRAN SANDHAM

TRIPS & OUTINGS

The Trips and Outings Committee once again did us proud with a very enjoyable day out that started with a visit to Belvoir Castle Engine Yard and culminated in a tour and tasting at the Hanwell Wine State, Hickling.

After being picked up outside The Grange, our first stop enabled our members to browse the classy artisan shops at The Belvoir Engine Yard, in the shadow of Belvoir Castle. These included clothing (selected by The Duchess herself), jewellery, toys, chocolate, specialist tea and coffee and a deli to name a few. Some treated themselves to refreshments at the Fuel Tank café. There was also a small well-stocked garden centre on site.



Next, it was back onto the bus for the main event. Members were warmly greeted with refreshments on arrival at Hanwell Wine Estate, Hickling. Having been served tea and coffee, they then sat down to listen to a short talk about the history of wine production at Hickling and the other family-owned vineyard at Bunny. This was followed by a buffet, before they headed out to the vineyard itself. Down in the vineyard, members received a talk from Hanwell's very knowledgeable viticulturist Alice. She explained how the vineyard was originally transformed from overgrown fields into a professional vineyard containing 8000 vines! Grapes planted at Hanwell are Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay. Alice explained the inherent difficulties of wine production in England, as well as the great care and attention that goes into tending the vines throughout the year. Members were then able to take time to stroll amongst the vines and down to the lake. Next was a guided tasting session where each member sampled 6 of Hanwell's wines in turn. During the tasting the intricacies of the making of the different styles of wine were explained to the group. These wines were on sale afterwards and judging by the number of bottles bought, the wines had definitely hit the right spot! All members seemed to agree that it had been a very enjoyable day out.

Phil Gregg

KNIT'N NATTER GROUP



Our Knit & Natter group was invited to take part in the 2022 Inspire Charity Knitting Challenge and here are our efforts. All Twiddlers submitted will be shown in an exhibition at Worksop Library Gallery from 17 August to 2 October this year. When the Exhibition closes all the Twiddlers will be distributed to people who need them by Dementia Action Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

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GARDEN GROUP

Our group recently visited the Naturescape Wildflower Farm, Langar. 17 of us were on the trip and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Brian Scarborough- seen in the photo - gave us a guided tour. He briefly gave us a history of how he set up the wildflower farming business in the 1970s and how it gradually developed from then.



He then took us to see the many rows of wild flowers from which seeds will ultimately be harvested (Vipers bugloss and Corn poppies seen in the photo)

Along the way, various other topics arose such as the no dig approach to cultivation that he favours, use of weed killers etc., He is obviously very passionate about what they are doing and very knowledgeable about the various plants and how to grow them.

They have a cafe and shop and it is possible to simply turn up and have a wander around - no charge. I would certainly recommend it and if you decide to go, don't leave it too late if you want to see most of the flowers at their best.

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OUR SPEAKER AT OUR SEPTEMBER u3a MONTHLY MEETING

Vince Eager will be talking about....."WHAT TIME IS THE MIDNIGHT BUFFET"

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.

BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge group continues to meet every Monday afternoon at 2 pm in the main hall at the Grange. We are a very friendly group who play Bridge for a couple of hours having a chat and a laugh over our successes and failures. If you can play bridge and would like to come along we can always find you a partner.

The group is off on another one of its very successful weekend away trips at the end of September this year. As usual the Bridge will be interesting and the bar well supported.

For anyone who would like to join us but cannot play Bridge at the moment, there is a course for beginners run by local Bridge Groups starting in September. This is not being run by the U3A and you have to pay for the course, but when you have completed the course you are very welcome to join us on a Monday afternoon. If anyone is interested please email or ring me.

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THE BRIDGE GROUP IN ACTION

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 **OCTOBER 2022** So the deadline for articles is **20th SEP 2022**

Rod & Patrick

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....

THE u3a TREASURER

The Group Leaders do a fantastic job of managing the collection of money for their groups. As Treasurer I am responsible for collecting that together, entering it into our accounting system and banking it. Groups are at the heart of our u3a and not all group's income and expenditure always match so I try to help with that too.

There is the occasional equipment expenditure and related items to consider and capitation payments to u3a nationally. I settle the bills for items such as venues, printing, Speakers, trips and outings etc. Most of our items are usually for prompt payment so I endeavour to keep on top of this daily whenever I can.

The biggest time of the year is Membership renewals and we seek ways to make this easier for everyone. As necessary as these practical tasks are working with the committee to ensure we are prudent in what we do is key too. It is important we endeavour to ensure we always have a healthy contingency surplus which has proved to be so helpful to us during the last two years of Covid.

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP & GERMAN BEGINNERS GROUP

"Bonjour and Guten Tag !"

As we begin the new academic year and think about perhaps starting out on a new adventure, I would like to refresh your memories about two of the languages classes that the U3A offers in Radcliffe.

The first, an intermediate French Conversation Group meets on alternate Monday afternoons in the Methodist Hall. We are a friendly group of likeminded people with diverse interests who enjoy getting together for good conversation and a some fun. There is a learning element in this group and the question at the end of each session is, "Have you had fun?" and "Have you learned something new?" We look forward to welcoming newcomers

The second group was initially a Beginners' German Group but we have been going for a year now and the level of language is really coming on. If you have some basic language, this class would be appropriate for you or if you would like to pick up your old school German, please join us. We have a lot of fun. We will be meeting on Tuesday afternoons in the Methodist Hall

For either group please contact Audrey Squires at a.s.squires@icloud.com
One of the pleasures of retirement is being able to try out new things and develop new skills. You have nothing to lose, so why not try to keep a healthy, active mind and get your brain cells working again. You might find that you surprise yourselves.

Audrey Squires

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PLAYREADING GROUP

The Playreading Group has enjoyed a mix of comedies and thrillers in its last few meetings. We have read two plays by the prolific comedy playwright Ray Cooney, one of which "Run for your Wife" held the record for the West End's longest-running comedy. Cooney said that for him the essence of great comedy is to make it real. "No matter how ridiculous things get, keep a link to the believable" he said. The group read both "There goes the Bride" and "Run for your Wife" and agreed that we had not laughed so much for ages - in fact at times the tears rolled down our faces. For variety we've also chosen to read some thrillers, specifically by Francis Durbridge. Some readers may remember his famous Paul Temple character and other radio and TV plays. Perhaps the fact that in our discussion of his "Sweet Revenge" no-one had managed to guess "who did it" is testament to the strength of his writing.

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FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

They say sex sells. Whatever, this film story of an unworldly 63 year old widow (an excellent performance by Emma Thompson) who seeks the services of a sex worker to bring knowledge and adventure into her otherwise cloistered existence, certainly packed 'em in with our June meeting attendance back to pre-pandemic levels. There was lots of room for laughter to desensitise any embarrassment, both in the cinema itself and at our meeting, but also serious issues such as ageing and ego, the abuse of power in such relationships and modern attitudes to sex were explored. We thought it an excellent film and gave it high marks.

However, a word of warning. For those of you who may be tempted to follow our Emma's bold essay into the unknown, we decided the chances of pulling a Leo Grande sex worker; drop dead gorgeous, intelligent, and sensitive to boot, are probably just west of remote!

So thats it for now. We ended the year on a high note and meet again this Autumn; film and date to be announced.

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Continuing with our series explaining the roles of various members of our committee.....

THE GROUP CO-ORDINATOR'S ROLE

1. Does what it says on the tin!
2. Liaise with/support Group leaders and provide information as necessary.
3. Provide information to members with queries concerning groups.
4. Support and encourage those with an interest in a new group to get it up and running.
5. Keep the committee informed of groups' news.



SWEENEY TODD THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET

Dr Anne Featherstone stepped into the breach at the last minute at our July Meeting to give us a talk about Sweeney Todd the Barber of Fleet Street. It seems he was a returning convict originally named Benjamin Barber deported to Australia for 15 years by a corrupt judge and having returned, changed his name to Sweeney Todd. During his time as a convict he learned to cut hair and on his return set up as a barber finding a room over a pie shop in Fleet street. He became friendly with his landlady and it was rumoured, made use of her pies to dispose of those upon whom he exacted revenge for his wrongful deportation.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP.

Dear Members Please be aware that when organising our trips we have to pay in advance for the Coach and the places of interest we are visiting. Please also be aware that all tickets are sold on a 'Non Refundable' basis and in the event you are unable to attend the responsibility would lie with you to sell the tickets to another Radcliffe on Trent u3a member, to recoup the cost. We would however always give any help we can, including giving contact details of any members on a waiting list should we have one.

Our next trip is to York on October 12th, including an afternoon tea in the Countess of York Coach in the National Railway Museum. This trip is sold out, but if interested we can put you on a waiting list, in case someone has to cancel.

We are currently planning our Annual Christmas Dinner, at the Morley Hayes Golf Club in Ilkeston, with a visit en-route to Bardills Garden Centre to see their Christmas displays and maybe for a little retail therapy. This will be on Tuesday 6th December and we will start taking bookings at the Monthly meeting at the Grange on the 1st September. (or October) Plans are in progress for next year and visits to Hull, including The Deep Aquarium and the Street Life Museum followed later in the year to Liverpool and the Albert Dock & Museum of Merseyside, so exciting times ahead.

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](mailto:ptytler@ntlworld.com) on ptytler@ntlworld.com