



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 our new Chairman



George Roberts

Hello, I would first of all like to say I am honoured to take on the position of Chairman of Radcliffe on Trent u3a.

The main reason I decided to stand was, having been a co-opted member of the committee, I know that they are all very committed to Radcliffe u3a and the support they will give me will be first class.

I believe the most important quality required to carry out the role is IMPARTIALITY, to see all points of view and reconcile any disagreements, to the benefit of all.

I believe that the Chairman's role is to be a CONDUIT between all the members and the Committee, to ensure every member who has a concern or point to make is able to do so and most importantly, if needed, to get an answer, even if it is not the one they wanted.

I also believe that as Chairman I should be available at any reasonable time for members to contact, either by mobile, phone or e-mail I will also try to visit all the groups at least once during the year, by appointment with the group leaders.

When we moved to Radcliffe in January 21 we did not know anyone, but by getting involved we now have many good friends in the village. I would encourage all to get involved by joining as many groups as they are able.

If I hope to make one thing happen it is that we all enjoy being involved in the u3a in Radcliffe, have fun and make many new friends along the way.

George

(I can be contacted at 01159175141; 07971 593802 or e-mailed at gjandmroberts@gmail.com)

SPEAKER FOR APRIL

Bob Reed

“We Need to Talk About Toilets”



A serious, yet entertaining talk from a Civil Engineer who has specialised in water supply, sanitation and disaster relief. Robert Reed was a lecturer at Loughborough University before he retired.

So why **should** we talk about toilets?

In 2020, around 3.5 billion people around the World did not have a safely managed toilet and half a billion did not have a toilet at all.

Why should we care?

What can be done about it?

Bob is prepared to give us some of the answers.

Anne McLeod

KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

Following the recent devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria, our Knitting Group made a great effort to increase output with the result that we were able to give several bags of blankets and warm clothes for Police Aid which supports overseas disaster areas such as these.



Also on our radar is Tara's Angels : a local organisation which has been set up to help families escaping domestic violence. The picture shows a collection of knitted toys recently donated to Tara's Angels. We hope they will bring some solace for children who have, of necessity, needed to find shelter with very few of their own belongings to comfort them. Jan Addiscott - jan@addiscott.net

CANASTA GROUP

We hold a Canasta Group every other Friday. The next one in April is Friday 14th. We are a very friendly group of around twelve people and would really like more members.

You will be most welcome.

The session starts at 1pm in the Dowson Room at Grange Hall. We finish at 3pm.

If you enjoy playing cards do come along. If you have never played canasta before don't worry it is a very easy game and you will soon learn.

The price is £2 including tea coffee and biscuits.

Please get in touch with Margaret Walker

email mwalker61@btinternet.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10-30 to 12.30 in the Dowson Room at the Grange. Next meeting 20th April.

FREE REFRESHMENTS!!!

Just relax and listen

Michael Riggall — Group leader

APPEAL FOR MEMBERS TO JOIN THE u3a COMMITTEE

We are always encouraging our u3a members to join our Committee. The idea is to give an opportunity to members to take an interest in how our organisation is run. It is not essential but you might have had past experience or the skills needed to support, plan or organise. If you are feel you would like to help, in any way, to maintain or develop the Radcliffe on Trent u3a please speak to any u3a or committee member at our monthly meetings.

We would love to hear from you.

REAL ALE GROUP

We always travel on the local bus/tram routes. Each month the group decides its real ale venue for the following month. We always visit at lunch time on the last Wednesday each month, somewhere where good pub food is available as well as guest ales. Our next venue is yet to be determined but it will be licensed!
For more details contact. **Rod Fogg** email: rodneymogg@gmail.com

Let's Go Bowling Group

For those who are not aware of a special arrangement we have with the Radcliffe Bowling Club, here is the relevant information that can give you an ideal opportunity to try it out.

The club will again be with us at the next Monthly meeting in the Grange on Thursday 13th April

Venue : Radcliffe Bowling Club, Glebe Lane, off Cropwell Road

MONDAY: MAY 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 £2.00 per session

These informal sessions will allow you to have a go at this fascinating game. The bowling club will supply bowls and tuition. Bowling can help to improve your general health, give your muscles and joints some good exercise and loosen up those ligaments and tendons. It will exercise your mind, as you try & outwit your opponent.

Bowls is a Sport for Life – Just try it!

For some light exercise, lots of fresh air and loads of fun

contact **Dorothy McPetrie** on **0115 7831901** or email bowlradcliffe@gmail.com

The Pub Trail Group

We held another convivial Nottingham city centre 'trail' in February and welcomed two new members, Mick and Lesley. They started with food and a beer at the historic and Grade II listed Bell Inn, the earliest building in Nottingham to be used as a pub.

After that the group visited the hidden tiny gem that is The Barrel Drop on Hurts Yard. Next it was a short hop to Lillie Langtreys (ex Peach Tree) now named after the Socialite and Actress who appeared at the nearby Theatre Royal.

Finally we literally moved next door to The Hop Merchant, which you might remember as the Turf Tavern Thanks to George for the suggested route.

Phil Gregg Group Leader contact at pubtrail@rot-u3a.org.uk

THE STRICTLY JIVE GROUP

We are taking a bold step this April. For the first time, they have decided to present "live" music at one of their regular weekly meetings.

On Wednesday April 26th, the extremely talented Rock'n'Roll band "The Moonshiners" have been booked to perform at the group's afternoon session from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event is primarily a way for the committee to say thank you to those loyal members who have steadfastly supported the group over the last four years. Because a larger-than-usual attendance is possible, the venue has been switched from Radcliffe Hall to the British Legion Club.



ALL U3A MEMBERS are very welcome to attend - as are non-members who may be thinking of joining the U3A.

No tickets are being issued. It is simply a case of turn up and pay £5 on the door. Gentlemen are very welcome - to correct our current slight gender imbalance! There will be a brief jive beginners' lesson at the very start of the afternoon for anyone wanting to try their hand (or feet !) at it - with or without a partner. But jiving is not compulsory!

People are very welcome to come to simply enjoy the excellent "live" music along with a drink from the bar and a catch-up on all the gossip!.

Details:- **Chris:** worthington690@btinternet.com or **Margaret:** kimpson1@virginmedia.com

AVIATION GROUP

We have organised a coach outing to the Imperial War museum at Duxford aviation museum on May 2nd. It is open to all members of the u3a and the cost is £50 including the coach and entry.

Duxford is the largest plane museum in the UK with over 200 aircraft displayed. It is also an active airfield so there may be some flying to be seen. There are also military vehicles and even some small naval vessels.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Jim Benn at thebenns76@gmail.com.

Trips & Outings Group

Latest news:-

Kilworth House Theatre - Hairspray West End Musical

Wednesday 12 th July 2023

SOLD OUT

Liverpool Trip Thursday 25 th May

!!! SOLD OUT !!!

Put your name down on a reserve list in the event of a cancellation

Advance Notice

A Visit to Doddington Hall and Bomber Command is planned in September

Contact :

George Roberts 07971 593802 or *Sandra Straw* 0115 912 3141

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Members saw two films in February, both about misogyny, involving sex and violence in fundamentalist societies.

In 'Women Talking', in a Mennonite Christian community in Manitoba Canada the abuse is appalling but unseen, whilst in 'Holy Spider', in Islamic Mashhad, it is also appalling but upfront and filmed gratuitously.

Despite this the latter was awarded high marks mainly because of the film's unrelenting tension, whilst in 'Women Talking', following an animated and polarised debate, the 'imagined response' storyline was generally considered ill conceived and even boring. What marks it did attract were more the result of the brilliant acting.

After those two harrowing flicks you would put money on us voting to see a good belly laugh production in March (Alan Bennett's 'Allelujah' anyone?) but no, we opted for 'The Age of Innocence', a period drama, on at The Broadway from the 17th.

There's n'owt s'queer as folk....

David Richards—Group Leader contact d.richards68@ntlworld.com

The Chairman and members of Radcliffe on Trent u3a extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mary Habron
June Taylor
Ian Sankey
Frank Wilson
Kate Howat
Andrew Clarke
Gillian Parnell
Norma Cosgriff
Paul Cosgriff
Jan Waters
Louise Garvey

Melanie Gregg

Membership Secretary

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We send our thanks to Group Leaders for their articles and contributions especially with photos.

Please send your items, articles, photos or sketches to:

radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is MAY 2023

So the deadline for articles will be

APRIL 23th 2023

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors

Trips & Outings Visit to Hull

Tuesday 21st March

A Party of 49 members made their way to Hull, starting at The Deep Aquarium. The trip was on a free-style basis so we made our way around in small groups, and marvelled at the variety of fish on show. From Sharks, Swordfish and Manta Rays down to multi coloured tropical fish of many sizes, Jelly Fish and many that defy explanation. The many displays on show explained the growth of man from the earliest microbes to what we are today.

Eventually members drifted out to the Old Town and Museums Area for which there was no charge for entry. Many paid a visit to the Streetlife museum with its many transport orientated items including Horse drawn carriages, buses, railways, bicycles and a Morris 8 Motor Car. Next door was the Museum of Hull & East Riding that took us through 235 million years of history, from the Bronze, Iron, Roman, Britain, Saxon & Viking periods with many articles on display, including a Roman Bath & Mosaics. Some members visited the Ferens Art Gallery with its large excellent range of Paintings from European Old Masters, Portraiture, Marine & British Art all set in beautiful rooms. With plenty of interesting places to eat our members enjoyed a wide selection of good food.

Two of the highlights of the visit were the Red Arrows practising right in front of our coach, followed by our crossing over the stunning Humber Bridge.

There was unanimity that Hull had surpassed the expectations, with many commenting they intend to return for a more in-depth visit in the future. *George Roberts*

Church Visiting Group.

We initially set this group up just before the Pandemic and so had to delay the actual start until summer 2021. We have so far visited nine Parish Churches in the area.

During the winter just gone I decided to arrange a one off visit to four alternative faiths in Nottingham.

Our first visit was to the Sikh Temple involved us wearing the appropriate headwear and joining in their delicious vegetarian lunch which Sikhs provide for all their visitors. See Pic 1

Secondly we visited the Hindu Temple and again we were most warmly welcomed.

In both cases these temples made use of pre-existing redundant buildings in the city.

Our Muslim visit took us to a purpose built Mosque full of lovely Islamic art. See pic 2

The Imam who speaks at least four languages proved fascinating, and his seven year old son sang a beautiful call to pray.(It was half term)

Our final visit was to the Liberal Synagogue where a Radcliffe resident gave us a wonderful presentation which kept us absorbed for the best part of two hours.

What fascinated me was how many similarities there are between these four faiths and Christianity. We are now about to start our summer season with visits to six more Parish Churches.



Pic 1



pic 2



300 year-old scrolls

If anyone is interested in joining our group please contact *Maggy Holmes* on 01159128926