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MEMBER'S NEXT MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST

Doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will not open before 2pm with the meeting starting between about 2.15pm-2:30pm or as soon as everyone is seated and had refreshments.

FROM THE CHAIR



Our Great Group Leaders

When I became Chairman in March, I indicated that it would one of my aims to visit as many of our groups as possible, during my time in office. I have to date visited 15 and what has become clear is the enthusiasm and importance of the Group Leaders, to the success of each group. My visits have been welcomed by the groups and they are helping formulate ideas to ensure Radcliffe remains a vibrant and enjoyable experience for our members.

One thing that did crop up during my visits was that some members are only involved with one group, which I feel leaves them missing out on making new friends and learning opportunities. We have such a varied range of interests, all led by enthusiastic and knowledgeable leaders who are keen to share this with their fellow members. Can I encourage all members to look at our list of groups and consider if there is another group they can join, that has an interest for them. This is a win, win situation making the groups stronger and opening new opportunities for the individual.

We are being very successful in gaining new members, with 7 new ones in June, this is because of the hard work that goes on in the background by your Committee. It is my intention to telephone all new members to not only welcome them but also to ensure that if they have anything that is not meeting their expectations, we deal with it quickly, to ensure they get the best from their membership. Please ensure you offer them a warm welcome if you meet them.

George Roberts Chair Radcliffe on Trent

(Contact me at 01159175141 or email at gjandmroberts@gmail.com)

We extend a warm welcome to the following new u3a members

Karen Need; Andrew Hill

Melanie Gregg Membership Secy

MORE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MEMORIES on Thursday 3rd August 2023 at 2.30pm from

Andy Smart

For the first time ever, Radcliffe u3a and what better speaker could we

Andy has worked as a journalist for and has many tales to tell of some of



is having a monthly meeting in August have than Andy Smart.

The Nottingham Post since the 1970's his experiences of those times.

Prepare to reminisce about Bygone times.

Anne Mcleod

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

.We had an enjoyable and lively meeting in July.

That month's topic, Red Flowers, resulted in some lovely and unusual photographs (see the attached example).

Some of them had been produced using techniques such as 'air brushing' and also the production of a 'Triptych'

One of our members gave us an insight into 'Tags', a method of storing photographs in categories. For many it was something completely new and a technique which will be of great use to us all.

Before we meet again it was decided that each of us should take a photograph, then airbrush it, keeping the original as a comparison. The results to be viewed at the next meeting, when we will also experiment with the production of a 'Triptych' using three subject related photographs.

The next meeting in on Wednesday 9th September at 2pm in the Radcliffe Room.

For further information please contact **Janet Groves** on **07743 543 577**



AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

Following a very enjoyable start to the year including a visit to Duxford Aviation museum the meetings resume on 5th September with a talk on Martin Baker ejection seats. The subsequent meetings are about flying the Hawker Harrier and the operations of the East Midlands Air Ambulance. Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Grange Hall.

Dave Arron, Group Secretary

JIVE GROUP

As well as trying to improve every Wednesday afternoon, the group has been venturing out quite a bit recently. In June we visited the Buddy Holly Tribute night at the Legion in Radcliffe and some of us have also booked to see The Buddy Holly Story at the Theatre Royal in July. A weekend visit to a "1940's Weekend" in Yorkshire was very successful as was a trip to the Rockabilly All Day Festival at Nottingham's new venue at Binks' Yard. We look forward to a further visit to the Legion on Friday August 4th. for the appearance of the live band "Midnight Shift" who are great for jiving to.

We are taking an August break from our regular Wednesday slot. July 26th. is our last session until we restart on September 6th. In October, by popular demand, we hope to have the live band "The Moonshiners" with us again on a Wednesday afternoon 3 till 6 p.m. - more details to follow.

Finally, new gentlemen are always especially welcome to our classes as we have a slight gender imbalance! Come on chaps – help us out!

Chris Worthington - worthington690@btinternet.com

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 interested and feel you would like to help, in any way, to maintain or develop the Radcliffe on Trent u3a please speak to any u3a helper or committee member at our monthly meetings.

TRIPS AND OUTINGS GROUP

A full coach of 36 made the journey to Kilworth House Theatre, and whilst the weather threatened it never interfered with the outing. A pre visit to Palmers Garden Centre, which I have to say was most impressive, and most of the group took advantage of the café. We arrived at Kilworth and had an hour to enjoy the picnics we had brought, before walking to the theatre to take our seats. What followed for nearly 2 hours was a joyous mix of great singing and dancing by a fine group of actors, singers and dancers who spared no effort in entertaining us. This was my first visit to Kilworth and it was a great experience, so unusual from normal theatres and I look forward to visiting again in the future. Keep an eye open for when we are able to confirm what show they will put on next year, as I am sure we intend to return.



Christmas Lunch at Morley Hayes Golf Club for which we have been taking provisional bookings, has almost sold out already. The word of mouth from those who attended last year was most effective in bringing this about. More information will follow in due course .

George Roberts

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

On a lovely, beautiful summer's day on Monday 19th June fourteen members of the Friendship and Support Group hired the Radcliffe Methodists Community Minibus for a trip to nearby Southwell to see the recently upgraded Palace Garden at the rear of the Minster.



There we had time to stroll around the ornate flower beds, sit and chat in the new wooden pavilion and contemplate amongst the wildflowers, mature trees and wooden sculptures. We didn't get lost in the maze! There was time to visit the Minster and some of the group also found time for a coffee in the Refectory.



At lunch time we moved on to nearby Reg Taylor's Garden Centre and Swannery where we had booked a table for lunch in their light and airy restaurant. It was also compulsory of course after lunch to shop in the garden centre and purchase one or two plants before returning home to Radcliffe.

A very enjoyable day in good company.

Rodney Fogg, Group Leader

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

"Night of the Twelfth"

What could possibly interest our Film Appreciation Group in a sub-titled French film of an unsolved gruesome murder of a young woman despite years of grinding detective work.

Well, plenty as we found out, giving Dominic Moll's true story top marks.

The greyness of the Alpen foothills, offbeat music and low light photography added to the tension as we explored the mores, prejudices and predilections of the blokey squad of 'tecs and their suspect villains. As the dedication of the team faded, sadly replaced by a sexist "culpable victim" attitude, the action was refreshed by two women joining the investigation albeit still without resolution.

The pace of the film gave us time to think and other possible murderers were identified at our meeting. In the interests of entente cordiale I shall of course forward our theories under plain cover to les flics at Le Securite Nationale . With this info I anticipate an early resolution of the case and, sans doubt, international recognition of Radcliffe U3A. Watch this space!

David Richards

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10.30 - 12.30 at the Dowson Room The Grange. All welcome. No previous knowledge needed. Refreshments provided in the interval. The price is £2.- including tea, coffee and biscuits. Listen and relax at our next meeting on Thursday 21 September.

Group leader **Michael Riggall**. Contact at michael.riggall@ntlworld.com

Wine Appreciation Group

“ Last of the Summer Wine “

The evening wine group (WAG) closed its season with some summer wines led off with this unusual champagne method blue wine from The Isle of Wight. All natural with the blue a secret but probably from skilful viticulturalist engineering of pinot noir skins. There is no artificial colouring for sure.

We also had a wine served at Nelson Mandela's inauguration so all attendees seemed to enjoy our final tasting until September.

What a fun and friendly group of people which makes running the group a pleasure.



Malcolm McDowell - contact at mcdowemm@hotmail.com

RADCLIFFE CARNIVAL

Your U3a was represented at this important village event. Here, the Committees' representatives are hard at work.....



The regular village parade was well supported and marched into the Grange grounds in fine style despite a flurry of rain!

Your intrepid Co-editor managed a few snaps (see below) of the parade members before taking refuge.....



Up-date on Data Protection

Further to my opening remarks in the last Newsletter, I have established that we are not able to send information, not directly related to u3a, via e-mail using our Beacon System. What this means is that we are able to send information, not directly involved in our u3a, in our Newsletter but we cannot send the same information direct in an e-mail using our Beacon System.

George Roberts - Chair

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 September 2023

So the deadline for articles will be

August 21st, 2023

The editors assume we have your permission to quote e-mail addresses and telephone numbers