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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 VERY HAPPY NEW 2023

Hello Everyone,

As I write this on a very cold evening it is still not quite Christmas but it may well have been and gone when you read this message. I hope it was a good one for everybody and I hope an increase in temperature was a joint present for us all.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Committee to wish Radcliffe on Trent u3a members a very Happy New Year.

The Committee's thanks go to all members, Group Leaders and volunteers for all they do for our u3a and community. We can be proud of our thriving organisation.

All the best,

Malcolm McDowell, Joint Vice Chair.

AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP



Here's a pic of the Xmas Lunch of the Aviation and Aerospace Group. Held at the Nottingham Golf Club on 7th Dec. This was one of 3 tables. At the lunch Group Leader, Mike Seymour announced his retirement from the position and announced his successor, Adrian, who presented Mike with a suitable potion to thank him for his very successful 4 years at the helm (or should that be joystick?).



THE Bridge Singers at u3a Christmas Party on 1st December

NEW u3a MEMBERS - We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Helen and Steve Gore
Carol Chambers

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Our pre Crimbo meeting benefitted from an appreciation of one of the best films we've seen in 2021, good company and a splendid spread. In the film; 'Living', Bill Nighy surpassed himself as the stiff upper lipped, bowler hatted City gent, given six months to live and determined to turn round his otherwise sterile existence. We loved the scenes of London in the 50's, (our grandparents had told us all about them!) and our Bill's acting. Will it go down well in the States? Would they understand the mindless bureaucracy of the time? We doubt it. This is a very British picture that resonates with those of a certain age. You'll love it. You'll need a handkerchief.... but go see it. And so into 2023. Our next flic is 'Matilda The Musical' and we meet to discuss it on Monday 9th January at 2.00 pm in The Grange. Happiness and Peace to everyone in the New Year.
David Richards.Film Appreciation Group Ldr.

AGE UK Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

Will give us a 10 minute talk, prior to our main speaker, on how they can help you improve your IT Digital Skills. This will be at our monthly speaker meeting in the Grange on Thursday 5th January 2023.

This could help you stay in touch with Loved Ones, to Shop from your own home and Access information of all kinds. They are able to help you to get the best use from your Smartphone, Laptop or Tablet. They can loan you a Tablet Computer and Internet Connection on a 6-8 week loan period. This could be most helpful to those who are wary of such things.

JANUARY'S SPEAKER

Our speaker for January is Dr Ann Featherstone who many of you will remember from her previous entertaining talks. This time she will be giving us -
A [Very] Brief History of Pantomime. "Here We Are Again".



This talk explores the very earliest performances in the 17th and 18th centuries, the glory days of the 19th century and modern times, taking in spectacular scenery, celebrities and Pantomime dames on the way.

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

We are taking Bookings at the January Monthly Meeting in the Grange on Thursday 5th January For

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on Tuesday 21st March
Including a visit to The Deep Aquarium
Please leave your Name – Telephone - E-Mail
And make Full Payment to Trips & Outings Committee Member at our front table.
£28-00 pp
Near the departure date we will E-Mail you information and a Street Map to print, which will allow you to plan your visit

Kilworth House Theatre
Visit 12th July 2023

HAIRSPRAY

The theatre is located in a wooded glade within the grounds of Kilworth House. It opened in 2007 and has established a nationwide reputation for the magical qualities of its auditorium, location and also the West End quality of musical classics. The theatre is open air but covered. There is an area with a limited amount of picnic tables with seating and a large grassed area where many gather prior to the performance to enjoy their favourite nibbles.

The area just behind the theatre serves a variety of drinks and snacks. There are excellent toilet facilities. There has been a good uptake to enjoy this memorable experience, and tickets are now limited, so to ensure your place please contact either

Sandra Straw : 0115 912 3141 p.straw@ntworld.com
George Roberts : 07971 593 802 gjandm.roberts@gmail.com

STRICTLY JIVE GROUP

We were very pleased to recently welcome 5 new members and the group now has a good balanced mix of beginners and improvers. The attached picture shows some of us in the autumn at Bingham Market Place giving our best effort at "strolling" to help Bingham with their U3A's 40th. Anniversary celebrations.

Visits were made to Radcliffe British Legion for some dancing at their ABBA tribute night in November plus the "Fab Four" Beatles tribute night in December and the Boutones/Vince Eager annual Christmas gig.

30 of us enjoyed our Christmas lunch at Radcliffe Golf Club where we supplied our own music and some jiving occurred between courses!

The start date for our weekly afternoon sessions in the New Year is Wednesday 4th. January at 3 p.m. in the Legion's Radcliffe Hall. New members are always made very welcome and the first 2 "taster" sessions - for newcomers to see whether it is their cup of tea - are free of charge .



Just turn up or contact **Chris** via - worthington690@btinternet.com - for more information.

REAL ALE GROUP

During 2022 the members of the Real Ale Group visited the following interesting local public houses.

- JAN** - The Navigation Brewery & PH, Meadow Lane.
- FEB** - Lloyds No 1 Bar, Hockley.
- MAR** - Poppy & Pint, Lady Bay.
- APR** - Canal House, Canal Street, Nottm.
- MAY** - The Lincolnshire Poacher, Mansfield Rd, Nottm
- JUN** - Pilgrim Oak, Hucknall.
- JUL** - The Ferry Inn, Wilford
- AUG** - Earl of Chesterfield, Shelford
- SEPT** - The Meadows Covert, Edwalton.
- OCT** - The Nottingham Robin Hood Beer Festival.
- OCT** - Trent Bridge Inn, West Bridgford.
- NOV** - The Buttercross, Bingham.

All were 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.

Rod Fogg email: rodneymogg@gmail.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 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.

SECOND FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

Our second friendship group has appointed their new Group Leader **Diane Williams**.

The group is for u3a members who live on their own or with carers and want to make friends, plan activities and meet socially, be it just to meet for a coffee and a chat, visit a restaurant for a meal, or attend a local event. The group are planning similar trips out next year like their visits in 2022 to Bakewell and Matlock and more recently to the Downtown Outlet near Grantham.

The group has places for new members. Contact **Diane Williams** on 0115 9331905 or 07747710425.



KNIT & NATTER GROUP

We are always very grateful to receive donated wool for our various knitting projects. For example, we were recently given some huge (the size of cricket stumps!) needles and a quantity of wool oddments. Fortunately, we discovered some wool to match the size of the needles and having attempted to master the unwieldy instruments with difficulty, a scarf is currently in the making. The black mitten, also a work in progress, gives an indication of the contrast in size!

Jan Addiscott, Email : jan@addiscott.net

COMMUNITY MINI-BUS

Following on from last month's article about this facility being available to u3a Groups, here are contact details for you...

To check on the availability of this 14 seater minibus for use by your group contact **Mark** by email on...

mark@markgreenhalg.com

The current hire charges are.....
£40 per full day plus
petrol used
£20 per part day plus petrol used.

To check on the availability of a driver for your trip contact **Graham** on email...

grahamward1845@icloud.com

For access to the approved Section 19 document or for any further information contact **Rodney** on email :

rodneyfogg@gmail.com

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

Fourteen of our Friendship Group members in November hired the Community Mini-bus for a day trip to Gates Nursery, near Oakham in Rutland for shopping and seeing their decorated Christmas section. They have an excellent Coffee Shop and large Restaurant.

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 FEBRUARY 2023

So the deadline for articles will be

20th JANUARY 2023

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors

Grange Christmas Party

In early December some 170 members attended our Christmas Party at The Grange and were soon in a festive mood. On arrival guests were treated with a glass of fizz, with food provided by Platform 29. To break the ice there was a music-related quiz.



Musical entertainment then began with a traditional and entertaining set by Kurly Kale, that even included a display of clog dancing. This was followed by the raffle with multiple prizes being handed out to lucky winners.



Then The Bridge Singers entertained us with a superb set of choral festive songs, some a little tongue in cheek and they sang carols accompanied by the audience too.

The entire event was organised and staffed by Committee and volunteers - a great team effort. Thank you to all involved. We hope you will agree that at just £3 this was great value for money!

Phil Gregg

Pub Trail Group

The Pub Trail Group held its inaugural Christmas meal at the Art Deco inspired Test Match Hotel in West Bridgford in mid-December. All 11 members, some donning their Christmas jumpers, enjoyed a lovely meal in a room especially set aside for them. After the meal they continued to sample the good beers and other drinks on offer at the Test Match before moving on to the Stratford Haven for a change of



Morley Hayes Christmas Party Trip

A few days after the party at The Grange, 36 Members hopped on a coach to the Christmas event organised by the Trips and Outings Committee, to Morley Hayes Hotel in Derbyshire.



After a short stop at Bardills Garden Centre to stock up on gifts, the coach arrived at Morley Hayes. It soon became clear that this event was going to be something special. The room was traditionally festooned with decorations and each table was even adorned with a candelabra.

There was a bar at one end where guests could enjoy some Christmas spirit! The delicious food was served promptly by attentive staff and the whole event was of a very high standard. As guests drank their tea and coffee before getting back on the coach, many were already stating their

preference to return next year!

George Roberts

Playreading Group

The Playreading Group met in October and November. We enjoyed reading "*Move over Mrs Markham*" a light-hearted comedy which exposes the intricacies and complications which ensue when different sets of hopeful lovers all converge on the bedroom of the Markhams' supposedly empty flat.

We also read "The Queen and I" by Sue Townsend, of "Adrian Mole" fame. It is set in an imagined era when Britain has become a republic and the royal family are allocated a council house in Sue Townsend's home town, Leicester. As *The Times*' review commented "No other author could imagine this so graphically, demolish the institution so wittily and yet leave the family with its human dignity intact."

For our next few meetings we've ordered a range of genres: sets of the thriller "In for the Kill" for our January meeting; the play form of Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" for the February meeting and Ray Cooney's comedy "Funny Money" for March.

Upcoming National Theatre live streamings which might be worth a trip to the Broadway or other local cinema in the new year include Miller's "The Crucible" in January and "Othello" in February.

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