



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBER'S NEXT MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 3rd JULY

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



We recently had a communication from a member who wishes to remain anonymous, leaving me with this being the only way I can personally respond. The person was pointing out that we may have contravened the Data Protection law, by sending out information on the recent UFO Orchestra Concert in the Grange Hall, by using the Beacon System to send group e-mails to our members. By using the Beacon system the only information shown is the e-mail address of the person receiving the mail, so no Data Sharing. The decision to send the mail was agreed by your committee, for the following reasons. It was felt the concert would add to the quality of village life and its cost was covered by a donation in the will of Michael Bedford, who was a member of Radcliffe on Trent u3a. Michael did many things to improve life in the Village and the concert celebrated his life and efforts for our community. We also sent out information on a meeting by the Medical Research Council on Arthritis, to be held at Nottingham Council House inviting members to attend. Again we felt that this could only be beneficial to inform our members.

After further discussion your committee decided that no contravention occurred and that to advise members of any event that is likely to improve the quality of life in Radcliffe is acceptable.

Your committee will always give serious consideration to any future notifications to ensure no rules are broken.

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:

Peter Ward, Jackie Bates, Judith Gallimore, Jenny Morgan, Amanda Warriner, Ellen Shardlow and Alan Reed.

THURSDAY 6th JULY u3a MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING 2pm

Guest speaker : Steve Lovell - BRITAIN'S GARDEN BIRDS

Steve will tell us about our garden birds, how to identify and encourage them into our gardens and inform us of their current status

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



For the first time ever, Radcliffe u3a are having a monthly meeting in August and what better speaker could we have than Andy Smart.

Andy has worked as a journalist for The Nottingham Post since the 1970's and has many tales to tell of some of his experiences of those times. Prepare to reminisce about Bygone times.

Anne McLeod

AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

Tuesday 4th July Lecture in the Grange, Radcliffe on Trent. 2.00pm. Admission £3.00

Speaker Roger Allton - "My lecture, 'The Hummingbird', with contemporary photos, documents and posters, will cover the fascinating 100 years' events of this little-known light aeroplane, the flight to Brussels with Alan Cobham as pilot, and his ideas for the innovative two-seat deH 80 Moth - becoming the famous deH 82a Tiger Moth".

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

At our June meeting we welcomed a new member and also the Radcliffe U3A Chairman, George Roberts and his wife Mary, who are 'touring the groups'.

Although several of our regular members were unable to join us that day, we spent an interesting and useful afternoon.

Our topic for the month had been 'Water'. This had proved to be a bit of a challenge due to a lack of it falling from the sky. However, the results were varied and thought provoking.

Before our next meeting on 12 July, we aim to take photographs of 'Red Flowers', which as usual can be viewed via the room monitor. We also intend to have a short session on editing – always a handy skill should the shots be 'not quite right'.

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

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.

We really would love to hear from you.

TRIPS & OUTINGS TRIP TO LIVERPOOL



A Group of 48 set off from Radcliffe to Liverpool on May 25th, and the journey went well with no hold ups, arriving at 10-45am. The coach dropped us off by the Albert Dock, this was the centre for Liverpool's regeneration of the city starting in the 60's. We were greeted by a blue sky and warm weather that showed the city of at its best. As the trip was on a Freestyle basis the group quickly split up and went their own ways, all looking to visit the attractions that interested them. Attractions were all around, many within easy walking distance of the Albert Dock, within which were the Maritime Museum and the Tate Gallery of the North. A short walk to the Pier Head was the Museum of Liverpool and the Mersey Ferry, which I know some member's enjoyed a trip on. The Liverpool Museum is a modern one which shows the complete history of Liverpool, from when the council borrowed £7,000 to build the first dock, to the musical explosion of the 60's through to now when the city has been transformed. Another popular attraction was the Open Topped Bus that visited many interesting place including the Beatles Homes. Later speaking too many of the members on their experience I was particularly pleased that many commented on the friendliness of my fellow 'Scousers'. Indeed many said that they would return for a longer visit as there was so much more to see, it could be that we may consider returning next year.

George Roberts

TRIPS & OUTINGS UPDATE

Doddington Hall and Bomber Command Museum : Tuesday 19th September The cost is £30-00 pp

We are taking bookings for our visit to Doddington Hall and onwards to the Bomber Command Museum in Lincoln. We had a good response at the June Monthly meeting in the Grange Hall, so already we are confident of it selling out. Therefore if you want to join us you should make your booking soon. Included is a guided tour of Doddington Hall, which will still allow a good time to explore the gardens and shops and possibly a lunch in the café. We will then drive the 7 miles to Bomber Command Museum, this tells the story of our brave RAF Airmen who paid a heavy price whilst playing their important role in WW11. This will be a Freestyle visit for you to explore in your own time.

Christmas Lunch at Morley Hayes Golf Club : Tuesday 12th December

Following the extremely positive reaction and requests by our members who attended our visit last year, we are returning. To improve the day we have a much improved pre visit to Denby Pottery. Whilst we do not know the cost at this time, due to many requests we have decided to take Provisional Bookings, but no Payment until we can confirm the full cost, likely to be September. Those on the Provisional List will have priority in the event of a sell out

To book either trip contact

George Roberts 07971 593802 gjandm.roberts@gmail.com

or Sandra Straw 912 3141 p.straw@ntlworld.com

PUB TRAIL GROUP

On a sunny June day, seven members of the Pub Trail Group visited Newark for its latest monthly outing. After viewing the umbrella art installation in the market square, the first venue was the Castle Barge. Moored next to Grade II Listed Trent Bridge The barge was converted from a working grain barge to a floating pub in the 1980s. Here the group had lunch and were able to choose from the selection of Pheasantry ales on tap. Next the group headed via the Castle grounds to the Navigation which is situated in an old riverside warehouse overlooking the Trent. It has impressive brick arches and great views over the river. Heading back along Millgate the third pub was the Just Beer Micropub. Inside a large wharf building, it only extends to two rooms but had a great selection of beers, ciders and other tipples. Finally, the group crossed the road to the Flying Circus with its quirky music-themed interior and references to Monty Python. They sat outside in the sunshine in the long courtyard garden before heading round the corner to catch the 90 bus home. The group will definitely be heading back to Newark at some point to sample some of the many other hostelries that we didn't have the time or stamina to visit!

Phil Gregg. Group Leader

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

KNIT & NATTER GROUP



Having not met up during the month of May, our Knit & Natter group collected a plethora of accumulated knitting and found plenty to talk about in June. For the first time this year we were able to take advantage of the weather and sat in the shade in the garden. We snacked on strawberries and cream, followed by our traditional cuppa and a biscuit. Bliss...! If this overindulgence carries on we may all need to sign up to a u3a keep fit session to deal with the extra ounces!

We meet at 2pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month. *Jan Addiscott* Tel: 01158 457398

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 August 2023

So the deadline for articles will be

July 21st, 2023

The editors assume we have your permission to quote e-mail addresses and telephone numbers unless you advise us to the contrary.

Rod and Patrick