



u3a Real Ale Group visited The Bell Inn Angel Row Nottingham for their February venue.

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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.

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT U3A AGM NOTICE

WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GRANGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2ND MARCH AT 2.00PM.

THE AGENDA, MINUTES FROM 2022, ACCOUNTS FOR 2022, CHAIR REPORT, AND TREASURER'S REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE BY THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. PAPER COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED AHEAD OF 2ND MARCH.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMITTEE:-

*GEORGE ROBERTS AS CHAIR, JAN ADDISCOTT, JOHN ADDISCOTT
STEVE HARRIS, ANN LITTLEWOOD, MALCOLM MCDOWELL AS TREASURER
MELANIE GREGG, PHIL GREGG, ANNE MCLEOD, PATRICK MOUNTFORD
MARY ROBERTS, PENNY TYTLER, CAROL WHITE.*

GEORGE AND MARY ROBERTS HAVE BEEN CO-OPTED ONTO THE COMMITTEE

IN COMMON WITH ALL AGM'S THIS IS MEANT TO BE A SHORT AFFAIR AHEAD OF OUR USUAL MONTHLY MEETING WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ANY QUESTIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE COULD BE PRESENTED IN ADVANCE PLEASE. ROUTINE QUESTIONS CAN, OF COURSE, BE ANSWERED AT ANY OTHER TIME BY THE COMMITTEE. GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT OUR REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

THANK YOU.

Our speaker on 2nd March is John Whitfield. His talk is -

“The 1970’s - Were they so bad?”

John Whitfield will speak about some of the main news stories of the decade, take a look at how we lived and will remind us of the music that we were listening to. A walk down memory lane from a slightly different perspective.

Anne McLeod



Photo : Dave Arron

AVIATION GROUP

The Aviation group has been busy since we all got back to normal after Covid. Visits to RAF Cranwell and the Bomber Command Memorial Centre we're followed by a talk on the effect of weather on flying and Christmas lunch at the Nottinghamshire golf club. Since then there was a brilliant presentation by Kev Romans current Virgin Atlantic and ex RAF pilot.

In April the subject of the meeting will be about East Midlands Airport cargo handling followed in May with a visit to Duxford Imperial War museum of aviation. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Grange.

Dave Arron Tel :07818276490 and 0115 9334304

AGE UK : IMPROVING YOUR IT DIGITAL SKILLS

For all those who put their names down, following the presentation at our January meeting by AGE UK, on improving your IT Digital Skills but have not yet heard anything, the explanation is that they have been overwhelmed by the response not only ourselves but also many other organisations. They apologise for the delay but assure me they will eventually respond to all who enquired about the service.

George Roberts



JIVE GROUP

*See page 4
for more
details*

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10.30 - 12.30 in the Dowson Room, The Grange.

All welcome. No previous knowledge needed. Refreshments provided in the interval. Listen and Relax. Next Meeting. Thursday 16 March.

Group Leader: **Michael Riggall**

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 Nottingham's Trip to Jerusalem. Join us.
For more details contact **Rod Fogg** email: rodnevfogg@gmail.com

REMEMBERING THE NOTTINGHAM CANAL EXPLOSION OF 1818

Our speaker in February was local historian Kevin Powell. He told us about the terrible explosion at a warehouse on The Nottingham Canal in 1818. Twenty-one barrels of gunpowder destined for the Derbyshire coalfields were being unloaded and stored in a warehouse just behind the Fellows Morten and Clayton pub on Canal Street. One of the barrels was leaking and a young lad decided to throw a cinder on the powder that had spilt on the ground! The explosion killed at least 10 people and could be heard as far away as Newark.

Kevin is one of our favourite speakers and I don't know if you are aware that he never charges us a fee for his talks – he just asks for a donation to Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance and a bottle of wine. We are very happy to support them and thank Kevin for speaking to us.

Anne McCleod

“GOOD NEWS”

CARPET BOWLS GROUP

A new group is in the process of being created, a kind of 'indoor bowls'.

For those interested in taking up Carpet Bowls, we are pleased to announce that plans are being made to set up a new group within our u3a this Autumn. The group will meet in the Pavilion at the Bowls Club off Cropwell Road. In order to fit around the outdoor bowls (Summer) schedule at the Club, it is intended that the group will be active from October to April inclusive. It will meet once a fortnight on a Tuesday morning (10.30 am to 12.30pm). However, if there is sufficient interest to do so it could be held weekly.

We should like to thank Philip Adams, who has brought this suggestion to our notice. Philip has asked for anyone who is interested to please let him know. He can be contacted by email: philip@radcliffeot.co.uk or by telephone: 07742 146657. Alternatively feel free to contact Jan, our Groups Coordinator: email: groups@rot-u3a.org.uk who can add your details to the group list.

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.

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

Tickets for **Hairspray at Kilworth House Outdoor Theatre** have **Sold Out**, but we can put your name down on a reserve list, in case anyone has to cancel.

Tickets for **Hull** have gone well and there are only 2 places left, so contact us and book at the earliest opportunity, before it is too late.

We opened the booking for **Liverpool** at the Grange Monthly meeting on the 2nd February and as we expected they sold well. It is recommended to make your booking at the earliest, if you have not already done so.

At the request of many who attended our **Christmas Lunch** last year at the Morley Hayes Golf Club, we intend to return in December, date to be confirmed. To improve on last year we are looking at a more exciting pre visit than a Garden Centre. At the moment we are deciding between the Museum of Silk or Denby Pottery.

To ensure you do not miss out contact either

Sandra Straw ; 0115 933 3141 or p.straw@ntlworld.com.

George Roberts ; 0115 917 5141 or gjandm.roberts@gmail.com



JIVE GROUP

Photos; Lynn Slater

The attached pictures show some of our group “ducking and diving” at a recent Wednesday afternoon lively U3A Strictly Jive Group session.

March will involve at least one dancing trip out – to the Easy Thomas Blues Band at the British Legion on Saturday evening 11th.March.

Newcomers to the group are always welcome and it's free for the first two taster sessions.

We meet up every Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the British Legion's Radcliffe Hall.

Just turn up or contact **Chris** - worthington690@btinternet.com
or **Margaret** - kimpson1@virginmedia.com

Our u3a extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Karen St John, Toni Wolff,
William Whiteous, Les
Catchick,
Sheila Grudzinski , John
Toon, Tim Hadrill & Scylla
Booth.

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: radcliff-u3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is APRIL 2023

So the deadline for articles will be

MARCH 20th 2023

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors