



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING -THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

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 has obtained refreshments.

FROM THE CHAIR



Ideal Maximum Group Numbers

Many of our most popular groups have reached the position of the ideal maximum numbers. This is often controlled by venue size and when visiting pubs or cafes, how many they can cope with all arriving together. This can cause a problem when we have new members joining us, who find they cannot join the group they would want to.

This has of course happened in the recent past when as an example the Real Ale Group reached capacity, a new group was formed by Phil & Mel Gregg called the Pub Trail Group and this has evolved in a different way. It also happened with Rodney Fogg's Friendship & Support Group and we were fortunate to find Diane Williams who took up the reins to form Friendship & Support No 2.

However I am aware that they now have a waiting list, is it plausible that we could have those on the waiting list start Group No 3. I am sure the experience of Rod & Diane would be available to support & advise, if we can find a leader.

What concerns me is that if new member cannot be involved with groups which interest them, we will lose their interest. I think it is important that any group leader who reaches capacity should inform the committee, so action can be taken to come up with solutions, to ensure this does not happen.

I have enjoyed my Group visits and have been delighted to see how keen and involved our members are in them and it is important that we ensure new member feel as involved. I also reiterate how important our Group Leaders are, whilst your committee oils the wheels of our u3a, it is Group Leaders who drive it.

George Roberts Chair

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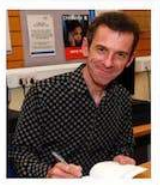
GUEST SPEAKERS AT OUR MEMBERS MEETINGS

SEPT 7th

Mike Storr - Masters of Mirth – The Sequel

Mike will tell us about the Music Hall era and some of the personalities who topped the bills.
He will also give examples of their act, including their famous monologues

OCT 7th



We welcome back Fran Sandham who told us about his walk across Africa, in October last year. On this visit he will talk about Dr David Livingstone the original African Explorer, who although well known by most will have many idiosyncrasies that Fran will tell us about.

SCRABBLE GROUP

The Scrabble group were delighted to welcome George Roberts (U3a Chair) to our group on Friday 28th July. We meet on alternate Fridays between 10am and 12pm. At The Grange. Not sure if George won but he joined in, hope he had a good game.



Geraldine Mills -

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Opportunity -A New Group - Carpet Bowls

*** It's Fun, it's Different, Give it Ago – You will enjoy it.***

When - Every Tuesday morning, 10-30 am to 12-30 pm. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits available
Starting the First Tuesday in October (3rd October) until middle of April 2024

Where - In the Heated Pavilion of the Radcliffe on Trent Bowling Club
On Cropwell Road, with second entrance on Glebe Lane

Cost - £5-00 per person, this includes use of Bowls etc.

To express interest Phone **PHILIP ADAMS** for more details 07742 146657

STRICTLY JIVE GROUP

The Strictly Jive Group took a break throughout August and will restart our regular midweek sessions on Wednesday September 6th. at 3 p.m. in the usual venue at Radcliffe Hall - the British Legion. New members wanting to try us out are always very welcome and the first two "taster sessions" are free of charge.

Although not meeting on Wednesdays in August, we continued to get "out and about" with some of us enjoying a matinee visit to the Theatre Royal to see the brilliant show "The Buddy Holly Story".

We continue with outside visits in September starting with some jiving and strolling at The Village Fair on Sunday 3rd. followed by a visit to the Royal Concert Hall on Tuesday 5th.for "The Billy Fury 40th. Anniversary Concert". Then there is another jive opportunity at The Legion Club in Radcliffe on Friday 15th. with the "live" band "The Rockin' Beat Tones"

Finally, we look forward to our highlight! On Wednesday October 4th., from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. at the Legion Club, instead of our normal afternoon session, we have decided to revisit an outside performance by a well known professional "Rock'nRoll Group". If you would like to know more about the genre and come along with us (there is a cost) please get in touch with Chris for details.

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

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

Our Summer program visiting six Churches has included interesting visits to Churches in Lowdham, Rolleston and Morton, Southwell and Bottesford,.

In each case we have had well informed guides who covered the unique aspects of their Church and including observations on architecture, history, and Church culture. Furthermore, we were introduced to famous and interesting people previously associated with each individual Church.



<< This is Martin's photograph taken in the famous Chapter House in Southwell

George and Dave's photographs taken in Bottesford. The Chancel in Bottesford housed many tombs involving stories of fame and fortune, infamy and intrigue centred around Belvoir Castle.

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Forty people expressed an interest and 34 actually made it!

On the 11th August 23 of us visited Hawton Church near Newark. Here we saw a large amount of truly outstanding Medieval stone carving, which our guide brought to life by pointing out so much of the detail and stories connected with it.

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If these carvings were in even better condition, they would be considered as one of the wonders of the Medieval World.

Maggy Holmes Contact - davidholmes895@gmail.com

AVIATION & AEROSPACE GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 September at 2pm, in our usual venue of the Trent Room in Grange Hall.

We are looking forward to welcoming our guest speaker, Tony Gaunt from Martin Baker Ltd, to talk about:

"The History and Development of Martin-Baker Ejection Seats".



After years of service with the RAF and then BAE Systems as a weapons technician and instructor, Tony has now spent over 20 years with Martin Baker as their Chief Instructor and Business Development Executive.

This promises to be an excellent presentation, and all are very welcome.

Adrian Cresswell Group Leader

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We extend a warm welcome to our new members:-

Jenny Spencer, Martin Skeffington, Christine Skeffington
Diane Rowland, Stuart Buntine, Anna Buntine, Sue Warrington

Melanie Gregg Membership secretary

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

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 October 2023

So the deadline for articles will be

September 21st, 2023

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

LATE PRESS -BOARD GAMES - A NEW GROUP IS STARTING

Responding to the national increased interest in board gaming your u3a plans next month to start an additional group. Details will be announced at the September monthly u3a meeting together with a display table showing various types of games and with the opportunity for members to join.

Details from [Rodney Fogg](mailto:rodneymogg@gmail.com) on rodneymogg@gmail.com

Motorcycle Group - Damp but Undaunted

Four members of the Motorcycle Group met in Radcliffe and headed off to Derbyshire in weather not entirely suited to two wheels! However, as they say there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing and motorcyclists are a hardy bunch.

On the outbound leg those waterproofs were really tested. Luckily, the weather improved and after a coffee stop near Chatsworth, the group then headed for a nice lunch stop in Castleton.

The weather continued to improve throughout the day and after an enjoyable scenic ride the journey home was mainly in the dry. Thanks to group member Steve for planning and leading the ride.



Phil Gregg — Toggled up and ready to go.!