



# RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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## FROM THE CHAIR

I have to say how great it was to see so many people from the Village lining the Main Street for the Carnival. The amount of hard work, effort and imagination that went into the Parade was mind boggling and congratulations to all who participated.

The public then moved to the Grange where an amazing variety of stalls and entertainment was waiting for them. Our own Ukulele Group were playing in the Trent Room and they had a good audience listening to them, many of whom were happy to join in the singing. I was only able to listen for a short time as I had to get back to our own stand, but well done to the group.

As Chair I was delighted that your committee members manned our stand throughout the Carnival, it is important that as the largest group in the Village we are seen to be active at all times.

Whilst the Carnival was aimed at the younger people from the village, we did have a fair number of people stop and enquire about our u3a, and hopefully in time we will get some new members.

I think this type of event shows Britain at its best, when every member of the community is able to get together, have fun, possibly find new interests and outlets to spend their leisure time, but most importantly make new friends.

I have just heard that Chris Worthington is standing down as Group Leader of our Jive Group. Chris has done a magnificent job and has made Jive one of our most successful groups. I send him my personal thanks on behalf of the committee, as he leaves the group in the capable hands of Margaret & Sue (see page two) and wish him good jiving with the group in the future.



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## MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY AUGUST 1ST

Our speaker this month is Paul Newsham who will tell us about the Great Fire of London.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10.30-12.30 at the Dawson Room The Grange. (Although please note that there are no meetings in July and August.) All welcome. No previous knowledge needed. Refreshments provided in the interval. The price is £2.50 including tea, coffee and biscuits. Listen and relax at our next meeting on Thursday 19 September.

Group leader **Michael Riggall**. Contact at [michael.riggall@ntlworld.com](mailto:michael.riggall@ntlworld.com)

## Scottish Country Dance Group.

The Group will restart after the summer break on Wednesday 4th September and welcomes new members.

We meet at 2pm most Wednesday afternoons in the Scout Hall on Walkers Yard, but NOT on the last Wednesday of the month.

This group began in the very early days of the U3A in Radcliffe on Trent and continues to offer fun and friendship with the opportunity for moderate to energetic exercise of both mind and body.

Sessions last approximately 2 hours with a mid session relaxation and refreshment (BYO) break.

If you are interested please contact the group leader, Jean Hudson, via the website or [rotscd@gmail.com](mailto:rotscd@gmail.com).

## BOULES GROUP

Another fun day playing Boules at The Grange. Two of our regular players have had to drop out so we have two vacancies. We play every Monday morning for around 90 minutes (no half time for this game).

Being a new player should not stop anyone applying and don't be put off by not having a set of Boules either, we have collected several sets over the years as players have retired.

If you are interested Contact **Al Reed** on Email: [alnmo9@btinternet.com](mailto:alnmo9@btinternet.com)



## JIVE GROUP

We held our final farewell to the British Legion Hall on July 31<sup>st</sup> after holding our jive sessions there for 6 years. We look forward to relocating to our new venue at the British Legion Club starting on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 3pm.

A huge thank you to Chris Worthington for his dedication to the group. Chris is stepping down as group leader but will continue to be a Jive group committee member bringing his passion for live music and organising visits to events.

Chris started the Jive Group in September 2018 and his inspiration and motivation have seen us grow from strength to strength. From September the group will be jointly led by Sue Ford and Margaret Kimpson.

If you are interested in joining our group (no partner necessary) please contact us on

**Margaret** : Mob 07773426253 Email [kimpson1@virginmedia.com](mailto:kimpson1@virginmedia.com)  
**Sue** Mob 07954586735 Email [suemford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suemford@hotmail.co.uk)

Alternatively just turn up at the British Legion Club on Wednesday afternoons at 3pm

### Church visiting Group

Our first visit of the season, in April, was to Wollaton Parish Church. Here one of the many highlights was the digitalised copy of the Illuminated Medieval Antiphonal Manuscript, the original now being in the care of Nottingham University Archives.

In May we had a guided tour of Newark Parish Church. This is one of the largest Medieval Churches in the country where half a dozen of the group was brave enough to ascend the narrow spiral staircase up the tower to the base of the spire. This is the view from the top <

Langar Parish Church, said to be the Cathedral of the Vale had many surprises. On entering the building, we were amazed to see red chairs facing North, not east, assembled in a semi-circle, and much of the plaster peeled off the walls, ready for Damp proof treatment.



Other surprises were well hidden behind curtains in the crossing.

We were lucky to have two well informed guides on this occasion, Nigel covering the history of the area and Robin for information on the church. Following the visit the group walked the few yards into Langar Hall. Here were invited to explore the ground floor of the Hotel before enjoying coffee and a hand made chocolate in our own private room. All great fun.



July took us to visit the two churches in Colston Bassett. St John the Devine was organised and paid for by a local Benefactor in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and was said by Pevsner to one of the prettiest Parish Churches in England. Edward proved to be a most entertaining and informative guide.

The majority of the group then did the 15 minute walk through the fields to the remains of St Mary's Church on the hill top outside the village. This was the original Parish Church and is still the only burial ground for the village. Here there was plenty of interest, geology, archaeology, architecture and

history and a fair degree of detective work!! We had hoped to enjoy a coffee in the lovely grounds of the Martin's Arms but sadly they were closed for refurbishment.

### GROUPS NEWS—from the Groups co-ordinator:

**TABLE TENNIS** This new group meets at the Boys Brigade Hall, on alternate Wednesday afternoons (2-3pm). The BB Hall [which is very conveniently situated right in the centre of Radcliffe] is also available on other days/times and we have a list of those who would like to join in. We are therefore now exploring the option of another TT group to meet on a MONDAY (timing yet to be established). If you would be interested in this alternate day, DO PLEASE let me know.

: **WALKING** We are also very keen to re-establish our u3a Walking Group. The benefits of fresh air, exercise and companionship are all part of the deal and we live in an area which abounds with interesting places to explore. For this to happen we need to establish a list of all those who are interested in a regular ramble. Ideally, somebody with knowledge of local footpaths and areas to explore and who would be willing to guide us initially would be needed. Let me know if this interests you. Again - for this to get off the ground (no pun intended), we need a few interested souls to step up (pun DEFINITELY intended....!) - so if YOU would be interested in joining this group,

PLEASE DO get in touch. **Jan Addiscott**— groups@rot-u3a.org.uk - 01158 457398

### Aviation Group

No meeting in August but on 3 September we have "Collecting Aircraft for the Newark Air Museum" by Howard Heeley. All welcome {with £4 cash!} at 2pm in the Trent room.

**Adrian Cresswell** contact at crela7@gmail.com

## KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

We received a special request recently asking if we could provide a few Twiddlemuffs which would be taken to patients in hospital. Grateful to be able to use up many oddments of wool/buttons/ribbon etc., and happy to try out some “fancy” stitches, the challenge was met in abundance by our dedicated knitters as can be seen from the photograph.



Another project which has kept us busy of late has been the 2024 Inspire Charity “Care Squares” Knitting Challenge, which is being promoted by the local Library. Crafters have been asked to make knitted and crocheted squares into homely warm blankets for people to cherish. The website promoted a striking “zig zag” blanket design as a suggestion. Our group has responded with many knitted squares which are to be sewn together into blankets for this project, including the one in black and white wool herewith. Care Squares donated by 1 August will be displayed in a celebratory exhibition at Mansfield Central Library from 14th August to 24th September, so we may be able to view some of our efforts there.

**Jan Addiscott** Group Leader. Contact at [jan@addiscott.net](mailto:jan@addiscott.net)

## FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

### Film—“The dead don’t hurt”

Life in a Nevada frontier town in 1860 was as rough as it gets if you were a woman but there was still space for a loving relationship to develop in *The Dead Don't Hurt*, written and directed by Viggo Mortenson who also played the male lead; Holgar Olsen, and even penned the music. But it's Vicky Kreps as Vivienne who really steals the show; a frontier woman in all senses, especially when Holgar informs her he's off to war and leaves her to fend for herself for four years.

We loved this slow burn romantic flic with its wonderful photography and appropriate jump scene violence in parts that kept us on the edge of our seats. We voted it 9 out of 10 across the board, leaving the meeting happy and looking forward to a long hot summer which we are advised will definitely last until Thursday. Our next meeting is 30th September—film to be advised.

**Dave Richards**—Group Leader. Contact at [dprbrill10@gmail.com](mailto:dprbrill10@gmail.com)

## **NOTE FROM THE EDITORS**

To all our Group Leaders thank you for articles and contributions especially photos to keep members informed of what you do.

Please continue to send us your items, articles, photos or sketches to: [radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com](mailto:radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com)

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