



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — **THURSDAY 1st February**

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

Radcliffe on Trent, - a Special Place

Whilst I was enjoying New Year's Eve in the British Legion it crossed my mind how important a part in village life the Legion plays. Many different organisations, including our **u3a** take advantage of the buildings and we should appreciate the effort that Alan and Richard make in putting on live music shows, to ensure it survives.

I then thought of other businesses in the Village, such as Platform 29, sadly now gone and one that I never got to visit, but from what I have been told it was well loved in village life.

We are fortunate to be able to use the facilities in the Royal Oak for many of our groups, freely given by Chris the owner in exchange for purchasing a hot drink of tea or coffee. I am aware that other groups in Radcliffe also hold meetings there making it a communal hub for many.

Radcliffe has many groups such as the Woman's Institute, Rotary, The Lions, and for the younger ones Boys Brigade, The Scouts, Guides and Brownies. Radcliffe Olympic run many teams, from the younger ones to senior football in the Nottingham Senior League. I am sure there are many more groups who all contribute to making Radcliffe a great place in which to live. All these organisations keep our youngsters involved and much less likely to go down the wrong path as they grow up.

I have heard how important the "Manvers" was, being the centre of village life for many years, but now languishing into disrepair and being an eyesore. When we lose places or businesses which have in their time contributed so much to village life, it makes me realise that we should do our best to support them, whilst we have them, to ensure their survival. There are many businesses in the village that have been here for many years and all in their own way contribute to make Radcliffe the place we all love to live in.

When we first arrived in January 2021 it was made clear to us that Radcliffe on Trent was a Village and will remain so, and one way we can ensure this is to support all local businesses.

George Roberts



"What a swell party we had" last Christmas!



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 15th FEBRUARY.

Group leader **Michael Riggall**. Contact at michael.riggall@ntlworld.com

KNIT'N NATTER GROUP

I don't suppose that I am the only person who looks back over the old year as a new year begins? My reflections of our Knit & Natter Group are of happy afternoons shared over a cup of tea (several in 2023 enjoying warm sunshine in the garden!) chatting, whilst producing an assortment of knitted items.

A note in the diary for the month leading up to 10th October alone states that we produced:

- * blankets, jumpers, hats and mittens (Police Aid)
- * knitted teddy bears, hats, scarf and mittens for a child (Tara's Angels)
- * baby hats and coats (Hospital)
- * hats, mittens, slippers (yes - knitted!!) (Friary)
- * hats, gloves (Lowdham prison)

If we were to extrapolate this over the past 12 months, you can picture the mountain of knitting which has been undertaken by a few dedicated individuals.

Thanks to everyone who contributed. Here's looking forward to another productive year to come.

[Jan Addiscott](#) - Group Leader— Contact jan@addiscott.nett

Trips & Outings Group

Day out to Chester with Boat Trip and Free Time Tues.16th April—£30



From the moorings we head southwards and make our way out of the city limits and into the leafy countryside of the River Dee. The trip is 2 hours long, making a turn at the picturesque Aldford Iron Bridge.

There is a fully stocked bar on board in case you would like to enjoy a hot or cold drink as we make our way upstream. You are more than welcome to bring a picnic with you to eat on board, but please note that all drinks must be purchased from the on board bar.

At the end of the cruise you are within a short 5/10 minute walk to Chester centre which you will have 2 ½ hours to explore. Look around the shops in the 700 year old Rows Galleries, walk the City Wall, visit the Cathedral to view the Medieval Carvings explore the Roman Amphitheatre and just appreciate the architecture of this wonderful city.

Kilworth Outdoor Theatre = Singing in the Rain = £55-00pp

We have booked seats for Kilworth Outdoor Theatre, for their production of Singing in the Rain. We will visit on Wednesday 3rd July. Our visit last year for Hairspray was successful and enjoyed by all, but this production is proving more popular, because of the Film, the story and songs are so well known. On our way we will once again stop for a short visit at the excellent Palmers Garden Centre for a natural break, **Early Booking is Advised**

Sandringham Show – 31st July

We make a return visit after a few years to the Sandringham Show, on 31st July. The show has many Attractions and Demonstrations to enjoy including it's well known Flower Show and often has King Charles making a visit. **£35 includes Show Entrance & Coach.**

To book either trips—contact [Sandra Shaw](#) on 912 3141 or [George Roberts](#) on 07971 593802

Your Committee have asked us to publish the following notice - *Editors*

**RADCLIFFE ON TRENT U3A AGM 2024
THURSDAY 7TH MARCH @ 2PM
IN THE GRANGE HALL**

Nominations for Committee Members must be received at least 14 days
prior to the AGM >> that is by
22nd February 2024
They should be sent to the Chair

The preparations for the above event are now in progress.

Our regular Thursday Speaker meeting will follow at the conclusion of the AGM.

The Agenda, Minutes, Reports and Committee nominations will be published on our website no later than 8th February in line with the constitution.

Nominations to the committee will remain open until 22nd February. A limited number of paper copies will be available on the day.

We are delighted to report George Roberts, has indicated a willingness to stand again for election as Chair for 2024/25. Malcolm McDowell has also indicated he will stand again as Treasurer for 2024/25. The committee supports these nominations.

Radcliffe on Trent u3a Nomination Form for 2023 – 2024 Committee

Name _____

Role _____

Nominated By _____

Seconded by _____

You can place your completed Nomination form in the u3a box in the Reception, during our Monthly Meeting in the Grange Hall. Alternatively pass it to a Committee Member.

No later than Thursday 22nd February 2024

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.

GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

From Martin Clarke, Bob Addison & Greg Chapman,

We have recently found that there is an interest in restarting this group and therefore have booked the Grange Hall Trent Room for an initial meeting on Tuesday 13th Feb from 2-3.30pm.

During the meeting we will discuss our plans and take questions and/or observations from the floor. There will then be a joint presentation on aspects of the local geology and history of the Trent Valley covering the last 12,000 years, i.e. since the ending of the last ice age.

This will include references to past and recent flooding.

May we thank those who have already indicated they will attend. Additionally it would be helpful if those would like to join us, as a result of this Newsletter text, let us know via Martin's email address below.

Martin Clarke - sumatraman947@gmail.com.

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

We resume our meetings on 30th January so look out for our cogitations which will be reported in the March issue of this Newsheet.

Dave Richards—Group Leader d.richards68@ntlworld.com

Jiving for Fun Group

We are pleased to report that our return to jiving after the New Year has been a great success! Our second week back saw one of our best turnouts yet.

We thoroughly enjoyed practising our moves and routines at the Royal British Legion Club, where we danced the night away to a Buddy Holly tribute act. For those of us with boundless energy, we kept the jive going the next day at Oakleigh Lodge in Bulwell dancing to the Jive Aces, a brilliant Swing Jive Band.

The great start to 2024 has set the bar high for the rest of the year, and we're really positive about the future of our group.

Stay tuned for more upcoming jive events, lessons, and social gatherings as we keep our Jiving for Fun group thriving in 2024!

See you on the dance floor!

All are welcome to join our group. No partner needed. If you are interested please contact:

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Margaret 07773426253 Email: kimson1@virginmedia.com



THE BOARD GAMERS GROUP

Hosted by Paul Truman, they meet each Wednesday one starting at 10am and the second at 2pm. With over 40 various types of board games to choose from there are games to suit everyone. So why not give it a try. One-board game of choice is "The Battle of Britain"; based on our air defences during WWII, it looks like being an interesting choice.

For details of venues ring **Paul** on tel: **0115 98 92209**

Apologies to those members who may have tried to contact Paul during November and December but there was an error in the telephone number which has now been corrected

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to our new members.

Liz Graham, Gaye Docherty, Hilary Jones, Val Simpson
Lorraine Birch and Elaine Bowman,

Melanie Gregg, Membership Secretary

OUR SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY

We are delighted to welcome back our local historian Kevin Powell who, you may remember, spoke to us last February about the explosion at the warehouse on the Nottingham Canal in the early 1800s.

This time his subject is how England was the forerunner in the abolition of the Slave Trade and about Nottingham's leading abolitionists.

Not to be missed!

Carol White

Friendship and Support Group

This month ten of the group went to the SOBAR Cafe which is just next to the Mainline bus stop on Friar Lane. It was ideal for some of our less mobile members who need walking aids.

The cafe is open Weds to Saturday 10am till 4pm providing reasonably priced snacks and coffee. It is a warm and friendly place run by two local charities. We really enjoyed our visit there and will go again. Our group meet each first Monday at 2pm in the month in The Royal Oak for coffee and to plan activities for the month.

Further details from *Rodney Fogg* Tel 07971 537119

POETRY FOR PLEASURE GROUP



The group enjoying a time out for a January lunch.

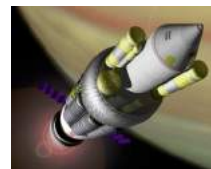
Anne Mountford—Group Leader— 07890 572349

Aviation Group

The next meeting of the Aviation Group will be on **6th Februry at 2pm** in the Grange Hall.

There is a £3 entrance charge – cash only please. Our speaker will be Professor Joe Colls who will give two talks on:

A Space Race Update and Project Orion



Space Race Update

Latest developments in the progress of the companies that are commercialising space, mainly focussing on Blue Origin and SpaceX.

Project Orion - to the stars with atom bombs.

In the late 1950s a major US space programme was based on a radically different propulsion system, involving the detonation of atom bombs behind the rocket.

Professor Joe Colls is a physicist who specialised in atmospheric physics. He moved to Nottingham University in 1984, becoming Professor of Atmospheric Environment.

Adrian Cresswell. Group Leader.

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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

Our next issue is our **MARCH, Issue No 87**

The deadline for articles please is

FEBRUARY 21st, 2024

The editors assume we have your permission to quote e-mail addresses and telephone numbers unless you advise us not to. Please also let us know who took the photos you submit. Thanks