



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - THURSDAY 4th JANUARY

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

ANOTHER YEAR END APPROACHES

Well what a great afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended our Annual Christmas Party. We were royally entertained by the Fab 2, an excellent Beatles Tribute Act, who sang songs from the early part of their career. We then had a complete change with our very own Bridge Singers in their own inimitable style and we were able to join them on some Christmas Carols. Your committee and our members who supported them on the day, all deserve our praise for putting on a great party.

As we all look forward to the New Year I am pleased to report that our u3a is in a very strong position, with over 600 members and over 50 groups, who all have excellent leaders, making the meetings both interesting and informative.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my time as Chair and to meeting and talking to so many members, who have made many positive points to me, that will help ensure we stay strong. I am always available if you have any complaints or ideas for us to consider.

This just leaves me to toast all our members and wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2024 and to all continue enjoying the friendship and companionship, during the many group meetings we will attend during the year.



A very Happy New Year to you all. George Roberts

TAI CHI GROUP



We have had very successful term of Tai Chi and everyone has signed up for another term in Jan. Sadly this means we have no spaces for more to join from the waiting list. This is such a pity and if anyone or preferably two would like to start a new group please contact me and we will see what can be arranged with our trainer Zoe. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year
Ann and Philip Email:
annlittlewood@icloud.com

REAL ALE GROUP



We've had an interesting and varied year during which time the group have visited a selection of interesting public houses and events....

- JAN - The Bell Inn , Angel Row, Nottingham
- FEB - Trip To Jerusalem P.H. Nottingham
- MAR - Test Match PH, West Bridgford
- APR - The Cross Keys, Byard Lane, Fletcher Gate, Nottingham
- MAY - the Poppy & Pint, Lady Bay
- JUN - The Willow Tree, West Bridgford
- JUL - The Embankment, Trent Bridge
- AUG – The William Gunn West Bridgford
- SEPT – Stratford Haven, West Bridgford
- OCT – The Robin Hood Beer Festival, Trent Bridge
- NOV – The Vat & Fiddle, Home of Castle Rock Brewery, Nottingham

We had no meeting in December but head for The Gamston Lock on Wednesday 31st January 2024.
Contact **Rod Fogg** Tel **07971537119** or email; rodneymfogg@gmail.com for details.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Was held on Thursday 7th December in The Grange Hall

We were entertained by the Fab Two, a professional Beatles Tribute Band and were delighted to welcome back our own Bridge Singers. There was a finger buffet and soft drinks and a glass of Prosecco to toast ourselves and not forgetting our usual Quiz

JIVING FOR FUN GROUP

We closed 2023 with 38 of us meeting up for a lovely meal at Ashmores. We were joined by several of our founding members and our more recent new members. We have had a busy year with group members going to different events including the Buddy Holly Story, Fleetwood Mac tribute band, Albert Lee and Ben Waters. We look forward to 2024 where we are hoping to extend our repertoire of moves and put them into practice on the dance floor. We are planning some exciting visits to see more live bands and are lucky in the fact that several of them feature on our doorstep at the Royal British Legion Club. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to our group leader, Chris, for his commitment and drive in ensuring our group goes from strength to strength. Without his dedication our group would not be where it is today. Here is to another year of great jive dancing and great music. We always welcome new members .

If you are interested in joining our group please contact : **Chris** on worthington690@btinternet.com or **Margaret** on kimpson1@virginmedia.com

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Well, they've only gone and done it again! The Film Appreciation Group, not content with unmasking the villain in the unsolved true French mystery; 'Night of the Twelfth' in September, they uncovered the truth in 'Anatomy of a Fall' at our November meeting. Cutting through the alpine smoke and mirrors of evidence surrounding the death of Samuel Theis in the film, we nailed the correct decision through protracted deduction once again.

This excellent French courtroom drama drew two Strictly maximum scores from the Group. The tension in the production was enhanced by the brilliant performance of Sandra Voyter in the dock, itself just shaded by Snoop, the dog; a real contender for the 2024 Chienbone d'Or at Cannes. Magnifique!

David Richards . Group Leader email d.richards68@ntlworld.com

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.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW U3A MEMBERS

'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. This months 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



CHURCH VISITING GROUP

The initial aim of this group was to visit six different Parish Churches between April and September. However, during last winter and this winter other visits of interest have been organised as well. Nineteen of us opted to visit Taylor's Bell Foundry in Loughborough.

This is now the only Bell Foundry remaining in England and the World largest Bell Foundry. Since 1859 it has provided 25,000 bells for 100 different countries. Significant bells produced by Taylor's in England include nearly every Cathedral and thousands of Parish Churches. On entering the foundry it was like stepping back into Victorian times. We learnt how the bells were cast, tuned, hung and transported.

Whilst we went as a group, maximum size 20, it is possible to join other groups should you be interested. However, we do recommend that you delay your visit till next Spring when the renovations and new museum should be ready.

We plan to visit a Quaker Friends meeting house in the New Year to learn about activities, beliefs and the culture of the Quakers.

David Holmes Group Leader. Email; davidholmes895@gmail.com

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

YOUR EDITORIAL TEAM WISH ALL u3a MEMBERS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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 February, Issue No 86

The deadline for articles please is

JANUARY 25th, 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

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors



Alison taking the table arrangements over to the Grange Hall ready for the U3A Christmas party.



We owe a big thankyou to the u3a volunteers who kindly created the floral central table decorations that contributed towards the beautiful and impressive festive decoration of the Grange Hall for our Annual Christmas Party. So thank you Ann, Alison, Eve and Stephany. Well done.

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 18th January.

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

TRIPS & OUTINGS 2024

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 and we anticipate this production will prove more popular, as the story is so well known as a result of the Film starring Gene Kelly. We are holding the price of £55 per person. So early booking is advised

On our way we will once again stop for a short visit at the local Garden Centre. This gives us a natural break in the journey and after looking around the garden centre, many enjoy a coffee and cake in the café. To ensure your place make your booking early at our table on the Monthly Meeting on the 4th January.

We are also planning to visit Chester, including a Boat Trip on the River Dee on Tuesday 9th April. Chester was a major Roman Town and has many fine building, shops and museum to explore all within a small area.

We are also planning a visit to the Black Country Museum, on Tuesday 21st May. This is a fascinating places spread over 25 acres and consists of many buildings that were moved here and rebuilt. Many represent shops and trades from bygone days. Motorised transport runs between the main areas of the museum.

Following many requests we will again, after many years, visit the Sandringham Flower Show on Wednesday 31st July.

TRIPS & OUTINGS GROUP

The groups recent bus trip to Denby Pottery Village just outside Ripley followed by a four course Christmas lunch with all the trimmings and decorations at Morley Hays Golf Club and restaurant was a great festive event on such a wet day on Tuesday 12th December.



Photo : Ian Pardon



Photo : Stuart Musgrave

UKULELE GROUP

Having spent a few weeks rehearsing their Christmas repertoire, the Ukulele Group put it to good use in December. They're pictured here bringing festive cheer to a local care home and at the Vale of Belvoir U3A Christmas party. On both occasions the audience joined in enthusiastically with the singing and a good time was had by all.

Group leader: **Lyn Coxon.** Email on: lyncoxon@btinternet.com

Radcliffe on Trent u3a welcome new members

Linda Dearden, Jill Horton, Mike Turner & Carolyn Simons.