



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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STOP PRESS—URGENT & IMPORTANT NOTICE

MONTHLY MEETING CANCELLED

THERE IS NO MEETING ON - THURSDAY 4th JULY, 2024

**THIS MEETING IS CANCELLED OWING TO THE UNEXPECTED WITHDRAWAL
OF OUR GUEST SPEAKER. THE NEXT MEETING IS NOW ON
MONDAY 1st AUGUST
SPEAKER TO BE ADVISED**

FROM THE CHAIR

Your committee will be attending the Village Carnival on Saturday 13 th July, where we will have our Gazebo set up. This is a major occasion for the younger generation of Radcliffe on Trent and they are sure to have their parents and grandparents with them. It is important that as the largest organisation in the village, it is vital that we are seen to engage with the community. It also gives us an excellent opportunity to reach out for new members to ensure we stay as a strong and vibrant organisation.

Later on in the year we will also attend the Village Show on Sunday September 8th. This has a different complex to the Village Show being aimed at the older generation and should bring a different audience.

I have on many occasions made the point of how important our group leaders are, so it was with great sadness that I heard of the passing of Vivienne Kenny, a major influence over many years within our Art Group and she will be missed by them.

I am pleased to report that we have had an influx of new members, many who are new to the village, so it is important if you come across them that you show the normal Radcliffe welcome that I and Mary have had.

George Roberts

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

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.

To date we have had no success with our search for a new Treasurer and Speaker Finder. These are both crucial roles but with different skill sets.

WITHOUT A TREASURER IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR OUR U3a TO CONTINUE. TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Please talk to any committee member or email the editors

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new members:-

Brian Wildeman, Pippa Harris, Graham Walker, Sam Pepper, Gordon Hogarth and
Louise Hunt. **Melanie Gregg** Membership Secretary

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Chimera. Something you try to achieve but cannot. This film doesn't seem to fit with a structured approach but here's a few pointers. Marks out of 10 ...based on your initial reaction? What genre was it? Include comedy? Did u enjoy it and if so was it at the time or later on reflection. Very highly rated by the critics. Why? Would you enjoy it more if the storyline had been explained in advance or you saw it more than once?. Is it absolutely necessary to see such films more than once ... or would a back button be useful? Is it a directional policy not to explain things or did the Director assume an erudite audience. What actually happened esp the ending when the red wool from his beloved's sweater snapped. (Apparently in Greek legend red twine connects lovers, alive and dead.) Why didn't Arthur want to reunite with the Tombaroli? Again was Arthur buried alive by his fellow Tombaroli and if so why, given his indispensable role in the business? Were you aware and did you appreciate the parallel time mixes. There was a mixing of fact and fantasy here again. Did it work. Were some of the real time scenes not credible eg untouched Etruscan graves right next to the sea and the naff quality of the 'priceless' sculpture they liberated? Did you appreciate the deliberate contrast of the power station in the burial ground; capitalism v artistic culture? I didn't! Acting. Arthur brilliant. Others? Cinematography. Lots of effects eg speeding up, shadow photography, fourth wall interaction by a narrator. Kraftwerk music etc etc., Bonne chance

Footnote

The film apparently won several prizes at the David di Donatello awards 2023.

Anyone who has seen Donatello's wonderful but weird sculpture of Goliath's destroyer in the Museo Nazionale in Florence will not be surprised.

David Richards Film Appreciation Group Leader. Contact at dprbrill10@gmail.com

BOULES GROUP

We have started our new season with a couple of detailed changes. We need two new players and a new Group Leader. Being a new player should not stop anyone applying. We are such a relaxed Group that we might even prefer someone who has never played before! Don't be put off by not having a set of Boules either. We have collected several sets over the years as players have had to retire.

Contact **Al Reed** on Email: **almo9@btinternet.com**

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING GROUP

The Scottish Country Dance Group has ceased for the summer break but will resume in September.

For more information contact **Jean Hudson**, Group leader.

Email: **jeanhudson.home@gmail.com**

THE REAL ALE GROUP

In May the group visited the Lincolnshire Poacher PH on Mansfield Road. A traditional pub with many original features. In June we are heading to the Meadows Covert PH, Edwalton. Each month we choose and visit a unique and interesting establishment for our monthly lunch and meeting.



Contact **Rod Fogg** for further details.

Email **rodneymogg@gmail.com**

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT u3a WEEKLY DIARY OF GROUP ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

Weekly : Boules : Bridge : Croquet : Keep Fit : IT Skills
Monthly : Film Appreciation : Friendship & Support A : Friendship & Support B

TUESDAYS

Weekly : Lets Go Bowling
Fortnightly : French Conversation
Monthly : Aviation : French Beginners : Photography
Knit & Natter : Wine Tasting

WEDNESDAYS

Weekly : Fit & Toned : Strictly Jive : Scottish Country Dancing
Fortnightly : Art : Table Tennis
Monthly : Discussion : Healthy Eating/Cooking : Geology & Environment
Real Ale Group : Saxondale Lunch Group

THURSDAYS

Weekly : Ukulele (Sept to April)
Fortnightly : Ukulele (May to July)
Monthly : Gardening : Family History : Poetry : Play Reading
Wine Appreciation : Classical Music : Ukulele
Monthly Members Meeting in the Grange Hall usually with a Speaker

FRIDAYS

Weekly : Archaeology
Fortnightly : Canasta : Scrabble : Whist : Board Games
Monthly : Pub Trail : Books
Ad hoc Groups – Days Vary
Trips & Outings : Coach trips to interesting places.
Coffee Morning Welcome Meetings - Local Trips & Outings via Car & Bus
Church Visits : Walking : 3 Luncheon Groups

A Warm Welcome Awaits You

Why not consider joining us, make new friends, learn new things and use your time in a most positive way.

Contact : George Roberts – 07971 593802

Have a look on our website for more details rot.u3a.org.uk

[Correct as at May 2024 – Subject to change](#)

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 AUGUST Issue No 92

The deadline for articles please is 19th JULY 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

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Trentham Gardens & World of Wedgwood : Tuesday 17th September

At Trentham Gardens you will have the option of exploring the Shopping Village with its wide range of interesting shops and cafe. Next door to the Village is the excellent Garden Centre with a wide selection of Plants side by side with Garden Furniture, clothing and many useful household items.

For those who are interested in visiting the Garden this will involve an additional fee of £11-50.

We will leave Trentham for short journey to Wedgwood at 12-30pm, arriving about 1pm. We will split into 2 groups of 25 at 1-30pm and 1-45pm respectively for a Tour of the Factory. We will then move to the Tea Room for Afternoon Tea. Following which there will be time to visit the Museum and Factory Shop before we re-join the coach for our trip back to Radcliffe. So a full and interesting day is guaranteed.

The cost includes Coach Travel, entrance to Wedgwood, including a 45 minute Guided Tour of the Wedgwood Factory, followed by Cream Tea and a visit to the Museum and Shop.

Tickets went well at the last Monthly Meeting, so book early if you want to attend. £30-00

2025 TRIPS

Your committee have made some provisional plans for 2025 and you can be looking forward to trips to the following places. Bletchley Park; Cottesbrook Hall & Coventry Cathedral; Bradford Film & TV Museum & the Peace Museum; Liverpool Speke Hall; Kilworth Outdoor Theatre; Morley Hayes Garden Centre. More details to follow.

George Roberts

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

Our last, June meeting, discussed 4 features related to the South West Coast Path. These were A. The Wytch Farm oil field which underlies Poole Harbour and adjacent seabed. B, The general occurrence of Granites in Cornwall. C, Examples of Copper and Tin mines on the coast north of Lands End and D. Geological structures (Faults and Folds) visible in the cliffs of NW Cornwall and Devon from Bude onwards, These structures indicate that the region was once a mountainous area due to "Plate" movement, such as built the Alps, since eroded.

Our next meeting, at 2pm on Tuesday July 9th, comprises a display and discussion of different rock, mineral and fossil samples, ranging in age from a few hundred up to 3.25 billion years. Some are examples of economic ores, some giving clues to ancient environments or different volcanic features. Participants will be able to handle and closely examine many samples, all of which will have a brief description attached.

The venue for this meeting will depend on the weather, either the Trent Room or a garden setting, at either of which soft drinks and wine will be available.

For planning reasons we need to have advance warning of how many will attend, (Max 25) so please let us know via the email [.sumatraman947@gmail.com](mailto:sumatraman947@gmail.com)



WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

SUMMER BBQ

A FIRST FOR THE EVENING WINE GROUP, A BBQ WAS HELD THIS JUNE THANKS TO THE KIND HOSPITALITY OF ANN AND DAVE ARRON IN THEIR LOVELY GARDEN. DAVE WAS THE CHEF AND MANY MEMBERS CHIPPED IN WITH FOOD ALBEIT ANN AND DAVID LOOKED AFTER THE BBQ FARE !

THE FIVE WINES ON THE NIGHT BEFITTED BOTH A BBQ AND THE FACT WE ARE A WINE GROUP. INTERESTINGLY OF THE BEER MADE AVAILABLE ONLY ONE BOTTLE WAS DRUNK !

THIS REALLY WAS A MEMORABLE EVENING.

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