



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING - THURSDAY 7th MARCH

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

As we come near to our Annual General Meeting in March, I am looking back on the year and how much I have enjoyed it. It has been a good experience and one that has given me great satisfaction, and subject to how the AGM goes, I feel that with the experience of this year, if re-elected, I will be able to do even better next year.

What I do want to say is your committee and group leaders work very hard to ensure we all enjoy our time. In return all they ask for is that you communicate back to them, if you cannot make a meeting then please let them know. I am aware that recently of four members, who were personally contacted by email offering them a place on the group involved. Only one person came back to confirm they could not attend due to a family problem. The other three did not apologise or even turn up, thereby denying other members the opportunity to attend and meant the group incurred a financial loss. This is not fair on the Group Leader. Email is impersonal, so to reply takes only a few moments with no face to face embarrassment involved, but is at the very least a courtesy to the group leader. We have gained many new members over the past 12 months and I hope that they have all enjoyed the experience that the u3a offers. I also trust that they may bring new ideas and energy to our u3a, and in time may come up with new interest groups and possibly consider joining the committee. Any organisation needs fresh impetus to ensure it not only survives, but grows stronger.

I urge all members to try and attend the AGM, the basis for our democracy is the opportunity to vote and also to have the opportunity to ask questions of the committee.

George Roberts

AGM NOTICE

We hereby give Notice of our Annual General Meeting which will take place in
THE GRANGE HALL ON THURSDAY 7th MARCH AT 2.00PM.

The Agenda, Minutes from 2023, Accounts for 2023, Chair Report and Treasurers Report will be available on our Website at the beginning of February, Paper copies will be available on request ahead of 2nd March.

The following have indicated their willingness to stand for Election to the Committee.

- George Roberts as CHAIR
- Jan Addiscott
- John Addiscott
- Steve Harris
- Ann Littlewood
- Malcolm McDowell as TREASURER
- Melanie Gregg
- Phil Gregg
- Patrick Mountford
- Mary Roberts
- Penny Tytler
- Carol White
- Philip Adams

Philip Adams was co-opted onto the Committee during 2023.

If anyone else wishes to stand their Nomination must be with the Committee ahead of 22nd February.

Election would then be by Ballot or Show of Hands.

In common with all AGM's this is meant to be a short affair, ahead of our usual Monthly Meeting with our guest speaker.

It would be helpful if any questions of significance could be presented in advance. Routine questions can, of course, be answered at any other time by the Committee.

Members should be aware that they are welcome to attend the Committee meetings, held in the Radcliffe Room in the Grange, at 2pm on the Monday following the Monthly Meeting.

Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

This social group aims to offer those living on their own or who are carers an opportunity for making friendships and supporting each other. We meet regularly on the first Monday in the month at 2pm till 3pm in the Royal Oak in the village for a hot drink and a chat. We always plan then what we would like to do in smaller groups during the month, around the village, meeting for coffees or a meal or other events nearby that are taking place be it a restaurant, a charity, or a fund raising event, a cinema or a theatre. In May we planning and hoping to hire the village Community minibus to visit a garden centre and shopping outlet, taking in a coffee and later a meal before returning home to Radcliffe.

For further information contact **Rod** on tel: **0797 1537 119** or email: **rodneymfogg@gmail.com**

JIVING FOR FUN Group

We have an exciting event planned for Wednesday 13th March 3-5pm.

A live Rock and Roll band - The Capguns - will be performing for our session at the British Legion club. All are welcome to join us.

Admission is £5 on the door. We are hoping to have an introductory jive lesson at the start of the session.

What better way to spend a Wednesday afternoon! Do come along.

Contact Margaret Kimpson at - kimpson1@virginmedia.com

REAL ALE GROUP

Ladies and gentlemen, and we have both in our group and some don't even drink beer—to let you into a secret! We meet more for the social interaction than being dedicate patrons. We meet on the last Wednesday in each month at 11:30 am to catch the bus and sometimes the tram to travel to a different chosen establishment where yes, most of us like to sample the local ales(proper beer) but always where decent pub food is served before heading back to Radcliffe around 1:30pm.

If you are more a dedicated drinker then look up our u3a Ale Trail Group.

Further details about the **Real Ale Group** contact **Rodney Fogg** tel: **0797 1537 119**

TRIPS & OUTINGS 2024

Day out to Chester with Boat Trip and Free Time. **Tuesday 16th April 2024.** £30 pp. Only a few tickets left.

Kilworth Outdoor Theatre “Singing in the Rain “ **Wednesday 3rd July.** £55pp Only a few tickets left.

We have again booked seats for Kilworth Outdoor Theatre, for their production of Singing in the Rain. This production is proving very popular, because the story and songs are so well known, as a result of the Gene Kelly Film. On our way there we will once again stop for a short visit, at the excellent Palmers Garden Centre for a natural break,

The Black Country Living Museum **Tuesday 21st May** £30pp includes Entrance

This Open Air Museum features many items from our past that have been brought together to enable an experience to take us back in time. This will invoke memories to many, the old corn

Shop, the Pub, the Butchers and many more, all brought from their original places and faithfully rebuilt. Vehicles of all sorts, from Trams, Buses, Vans & Boats, some of which you can ride on.

Experience the sights and sounds, smells and taste of the Black Country as you explore shops, houses and industrial workshops rebuilt in our Canal side village. There are many shops and cafes to choose from should you need to have a drink in the Pub or have a bite to eat. The Fish & Chip Shop gets excellent reviews. Tickets will go on Sale at the March AGM Monthly Meeting on 7th March

Sandringham Country & Flower Show – **Wednesday 31st July**

We make a return visit after a few years to the Sandringham Show, on 31st July. The show is typical of Country Shows with many Attractions and Demonstrations to enjoy including it's well known Flower Show. King Charles often drops in and does a walk about. £35 includes Show Entrance & Coach Travel - Tickets will go on Sale in April.

APPEAL FOR MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR 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.

'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. There has not been the expected uptake of interest in this group, so there are vacancies for members who might be interested, so please contact Paul, otherwise unfortunately the group will fold.

So why not give it a try.

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

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Nothing like a Post Apocalyptic Drama to set the pulses racing... no, not Mahalia Belo's flood disaster film, 'The End We Start From'. I'm talking about our January meeting when we discussed it.

Despite admitted brilliant cinematography, members were vociferous in their criticism of the film, drowning out (pun intended) the few souls that gave it high marks. Suggestions that the tension in the disaster story was engendered more by suggestion than visual reality, were met by claims there were more floods here on Wharf Lane than shown in central London that was slightly awash in the film. Playing the lead fighting for survival, Jodie Comer (her of the sociopathic assassin; Villanelle, in 'Killing Eve') had her face in dramatic close ups dismissed as rictus like. So who chooses these films?, I hear you ask. Usually it's the Group but not this time. Now I'll give you there was also a fair amount of imagination stretching in the storyline but I'm betting at the time of writing that this film will feature in the Oscars.... but until then I'm pleading the Fifth!

David Richards, Film Appreciation Group Leader

LETS GO BOWLING GROUP

For those who are not aware of a special arrangement we have with the Radcliffe Bowling Club, here is the relevant information that can give you an ideal opportunity to try it out. The club will again be with us on a stall at the next Monthly meeting in the Grange on Thursday 7th March

Venue : Radcliffe Bowling Club, Glebe Lane, off Cropwell Road

Mondays : May 6, 13, 20 & 27 & June 3rd £3.00 per session. All Sessions commence at 2pm till 4pm

These informal sessions will allow you to have a go at this fascinating game. The bowling club will supply bowls and tuition. Outdoor Bowling can help to improve your general health, give your muscles and joints some good exercise & loosen up ligaments and tendons. It will exercise your mind, as you try & outwit your opponent. Bowls is a Sport for Life. Just try it! For some light exercise, lots of fresh air and loads of fun

Contact: **Maureen Harper** : 07881 740840 Email **bowlsradcliffe@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**

Our next issue is our APRIL Issue No 88

The deadline for articles please is

21st MARCH, 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

ANYONE FOR TENNIS ? (well, .. table tennis actually!)

Your Committee have heard some surprise expressed about the lack of a table tennis group.

So we are asking any member who might be interested in joining a group to email Jan Addiscott our group Coordinator in the first instance so we can get things moving.

It would be good to get a mixed group if possible, both by sex and skill level.

There is a venue and table available locally we understand.

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

We would like to thank the 28 folk who attended/supported our 13th Feb. meeting, given by Greg Chapman and Bob Addison, on the River Trent geomorphic history over the last few tens of thousand years including its reaction to ice-ages and sea level changes and its more recent adaptation to human activities.

Our next meeting, at 2pm on Tuesday 12th March, in the Trent Room, is entitled VOLCANOES and TSUNAMI of INDONESIA.

This presentation, by Martin C, will show that chains of volcanoes and earthquakes mark the borders of portions of the earth's crust called "plates" and explains why Indonesia is particularly prone to natural disasters such as the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa (the loudest sound ever) and the December 2004 North Sumatra Tsunami (which resulted in over 200,000 deaths). You may know that both the current Vulcanism in Iceland and the Feb 6th 2023 Turkish Earthquake events are also both related to Plate Margins.

NB. Once again - it is useful if we know in advance if you intend to join us.

Please contact via the email sumatraman947@gmail.com.

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 March

Group leader Michael Riggall

Contact at michael.riggall@ntlworld.com