



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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IMPORTANT

**THERE WILL BE NO u3a MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING ON THURSDAY 2nd MAY
owing to the Grange being used for Local Elections.**

GIVE IT A GO!

As part of my commitment to visit as many groups as possible, one of my first visits was to join the Church Visiting Group, who I joined for the first time last year, on their visit to Bottesford Church. This I did as your Chair, however the surprise following the visit was how much I and Mary enjoyed it. As a result we have become members of the group and have been privileged to visit and find out the history of some extremely interesting Churches. I have also enjoyed my visits to our Aviation and Aerospace and our Geology Groups that particularly where of interest to me. As with them it may be that within our numerous groups that you can find one that can also give you the same satisfaction.

The point I am trying to make is with such a large choice of interesting activities that our u3a offers, why not have a look at them again to see if there are any that might spark your interest. What I can guarantee is our leaders are all very committed and knowledgeable in their subject and enjoy nothing more than sharing their knowledge with our members.

We have gained many new members over the past 6 months and I urge them all to investigate as many groups as possible and to go along and try any that may be in line with their interests. This will give them the chance to meet and to make new friends, whilst increasing their knowledge. This is the ethos and aim of the u3a that we meet new people, make new friends and share our knowledge, rather than spend our days watching TV.

I also ask our new members to contact me with any comments, both positive and negative, on their experience to date, as it may give your committee new incites that will allow us to improve our u3a even more.

George Roberts

Chair Tel: 07971 593802 Email : gjandm.roberts@gmail.com

VISITORS OR GUESTS ATTENDING GROUP MEETINGS

Group Leaders are reminded that Visitors and/or Guests may attend any particular Group Meeting twice only without becoming a fully paid up u3a member. This is a national regulation and is to ensure that the National u3a's Public Liability Insurance cover is not compromised.

Group Leaders' attendance registers will be the way to keep a check on this, of course, hence their importance.

Queries to **Jan Addiscott** - Groups Coordinator Email: jan@addiscott.net

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

Our Church Visiting Group aims to visit six Parish Churches over the summer months. However, points of interest do crop up over the winter months. Our second winter visit, as suggested by a member of the group, was to visit the Friends Meeting House and learn about the principles of the Quakers. So, on Monday 25th March 25 of us arrived at the Friends meeting House on Clarendon Street. As many of us arrived in good time we were warmly welcomed with coffee whilst waiting for the 10:30 start. There then followed a totally absorbing hour and a half led by Deb. She expertly presided over a mixture of information giving and question and answer sessions. Had Deb not had to leave a 12 o'clock I am sure that the session could have gone on for longer. Such was the interest shown by everybody.

It is possible only to summarise some of the many interesting facts we learnt about the Quakers.

1. There is no Hierarchy and people take in turns to become the Elders. **2.** They have their own burials in the grounds of the Meeting House. **3.** Weddings and Funerals are legal in the meeting house. Interestingly same sex couples can legally be married there. **4.** Quakers generally are pacifist but can use their discretion in cases such as the second World War where an ideology is involved. **5.** There was a long and interesting history of the Quakers, started by George Fox in 1647, and right from the start there was full equality for women. **6.** Many Quakers were social reformers, such as Elizabeth Fry, Cadburys and Rountrees.

I think it is fair to say that we all left the visit with lots of food for thought.

As can be seen from the photograph the room is plain, there is no altar, no pulpit and no hymns. We were also invited to contribute to the current Quaker Charity, and so we left £147 for the Friary in West Bridgford.



Dave & Maggie - Email : davidholmes895@gmail.com

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

"Perfect Days" - What's to like about a film where the lead gets up in the morning, cleans his teeth, goes to his work cleaning toilets, sits in a park at lunchtime watching a tree, goes home, eats at the same restaurant then goes to bed. Again and again and again....We loved it! We found this unique Japanese film to be an exercise in mindfulness; a lesson on how to exist simply and happily in a frantic world. The people that the enigmatic Hirayama meets en route add the spice, contrast and mystery to his life. This left us wondering and wanting to know more which was the perfect catalyst for the conjecture and discussion which ensued. However, those of you who know members of the group will not be at all surprised that such erudite intercourse led, inevitably, to an earthy evaluation of the joys and despair associated with using a Japanese electronic toilet bowl.....

David Richards – Group Leader - Email : dprbrill10@gmail.com

APPEAL

Our disbanded First Aid Group has available some Resuscitation-Practice Dolls. We would like to know if any member can tell us of any local group which might be glad of them. Alternatively if there is an experienced First Aider able to re-establish and lead a First Aid Group we wouldn't need to lose the dolls.

Please Email : **radcliffeu3a.news@gmail** if you can help.

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP 2

We meet every second Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Royal Oak, Radcliffe on Trent. Our main aim of the group is friendship and to sustain this, we organise days out. The latest day we had was Friday April 12th, when 16 of us went to Stamford for the day. We use an excellent company which is a charity run company and their minibuses are all adapted to take older people and people with disabilities, very easily accessible for all abilities and the drivers are extremely helpful. Our next trip is to Weatherspoons for lunch, then next month a few of us are going to see Goodnight Mister Tom at Bingham but the next day trip is June 20th to Skegness. We went last year and it was very successful. Then the biggest adventure for our group is in September when 18 of us (not all Friendship members) are off to The Isle of Wight for a 5 day holiday. That will test friendships if anything will. If anyone would like to join us on our trips or even to our group, we are very friendly.

Please ring me, **Diane Williams** Tel: 0115 9331905 Mobile: 07747710425 or Email: **nottslas1946@yahoo.co.uk**

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.

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

Our Knit & Natter Group will be supporting this year's "Inspire Culture" project (promoted by Nottingham Libraries) which is to knit 6" squares to be sewn together into blankets for a good cause. Since we already frequently send blankets to various good causes (both in the UK and overseas), this will be "business as usual" for us!

Details and a pattern can be found on line at inspireculture.org.uk/knit

Jan Addiscott Group Leader

RADCLIFFE u3a WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS :

Joy Duguid, Michelle Ison, Maureen Keal, Sylvia Bird, Sue Wing
& David Valentine.

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 16th May.

Group leader **Michael Riggall**. Contact at michael.riggall@ntlworld.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 JUNE Issue No 90

The deadline for articles please is

TUESDAY 21st MAY, 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 otherwise they will be attributed to the Group Leader. Thanks

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Visit to Chester 16th April

Our 46 members set out from Radcliffe at 8-30am for the journey to Chester. Arriving at 11am we boarded and set off for a 2 hours cruise down the River Dee, to the Duke of Westminster's Eaton Estate. With a running commentary on the history of the land and the many magnificent buildings. We had a relaxing cruise whilst enjoying a picnic and a coffee.

At the end of the cruise we set off in small groups to visit the many attractions that Chester offers: many of historical interest including the City Walls which some members walked, the Roman Amphitheatre and the Chester Cathedral. Chester also has many high street shops with small original and specialised businesses, which I am sure, were explored.



Your Chair



Some of the members on our Boat Trip on the River Dee in Chester

Our next trip is to the Black Country Museum on May 26th. At the time of printing we only have 2 spaces available, so please get in touch quickly if you are interested.

Our trips to Kilworth Theatre on July 3rd and to Sandringham on the 31st July are both sold out, but leave your name on a waiting list in case we have any cancellations.

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JIVING FOR FUN

The Jiving for Fun Group would like to pay tribute to Alan Kirby who recently passed away. He had been a wonderful support to our group, providing us with great bands to dance to at the British Legion Club. A good friend who will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences to Jenni and his family.

Some of our group recently ventured to Skegness on a Rock and Roll weekend, dancing, to live bands, dining out on fish and chips on the beach and coming third in the Rock and Roll quiz. Well done!!

We look forward to welcoming Ken Godfrey's Central Jazz Band to the British Legion Club's concert room on June 19th from 3pm -5pm. This is a Trad Jazz 6 piece band. Ken is a Radcliffe resident and both he and the Legion would welcome your support.

Some of our group recently went to listen to the band at Risley and were blown away by them. We are sure that our upcoming event will be just as amazing. Make sure to mark your calendars and come and join us for a fantastic afternoon of live music. Dancing is optional! £5 on the door. Non members welcome.

For further information please contact :-

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AVIATION GROUP

The Aviation Group will not be meeting on Tuesday 7 May as we are on an away day visiting the Yorkshire Air Museum. Our next regular meeting will be on Tues 4 June when our speaker will be Brian Cleary talking about clandestine RAF Operations in the post-war and Cold War years.

In April, as well as a most interesting talk by Tim O'Brien about the history of, and remembering, RAF Newton at our April meeting, we also had an excellent visit later in April with a VIP Hangar Tour of the BBMF at RAF Coningsby, followed by lunch at the Petwood Hotel used by the Dambusters in WW2.



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