



"THE LONGEST YARN" D-DAY LANDINGS EXHIBITION See page 3

RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will not open before 2pm with the meeting starting at about 2:30pm or as soon as everyone is seated and has obtained refreshments.



OUR u3a MEMBERS ONLY CHRISTMAS PARTY IS ON THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 2pm.

Food, fizz and a quiz

ABBA Tribute act "One of Us"

The Bridge Singers

Tickets £3 on sale at our u3a monthly meetings & from Pen2Paper.

NOTE—OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING IS ON THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 2024

OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS NICK JOHNSON

Who will tell us about "TALES FROM THE PRESS OFFICE"

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW u3a MEMBERS

Jenny Williams, Colin Saunders, Brian Mayfield, Jean Mayfield and Gerald Royston

MONTHLY u3a COFFEE MORNING

We hold a regular Coffee Morning on the last Wednesday of every month at the Royal Oak from 11.30am until 12.30pm.

All members and any potential new members are welcome.

If you are free please come and join us for a coffee and a chat.
The tea and coffee is included FREE !

FROM THE CHAIR

WHAT GOES ON IN THE BACKGROUND

I recently had an email from Vale of Belvoir u3a complimenting us on our Newssheet. They were also asking for help and information on how we produced it as they want to improve their monthly news. This made me realise how fortunate we are to have Patrick Mountford and Rodney Fogg as co-editors for our Newssheet and what a great job they do. This is typical of what goes on in the background to ensure our u3a stays vibrant and relevant. The Newssheet is our medium that ensures all our members are kept in touch with what is going on and that gives our Group Leaders the opportunity to tell all what experiences have taken place or are about to happen at their next group meeting.

Your committee were also delighted by the turnout for the meeting held in the Royal Oak to discuss the possibility of starting a Walking Group. Our new u3a member Arnold Cade will be the Group Leader and we are in safe hands as he has worked for the Ramblers Association and led walks all over the world. Importantly he has the necessary First Aid certification required. Following our opening walk, when we got the Villager Bus to East Bridgford, and then walked back from there to Radcliffe, plans are being made for more walks. Information will be sent out in due course, via a Beacon Group email so keep an eye open. If you are interested but have not yet added your name, please contact Jan Addiscott our Groups Co-Ordinator, and get your name on the list.

As Group Leader for Trips and Outings, I reported in the last Newsletter that Sue Terry has stood down after many years. Sue was always going to be difficult to replace, but in Dawn Houlton I think, we have found someone!. Dawn recently joined the Trips and Outings committee for her first meeting and made a valuable contribution.

George Roberts gjandm.roberts@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 21st November

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

TRIPS & OUTINGS – PLANS FOR 2025

By the time you read this it is likely that our Christmas Lunch at Morley Hayes GC will have sold out but you can still put your name down in case of any cancellations.

At our recent committee meeting we started to lay down plans for next year. With full details to be made available in January 2025, here are some ideas of what we have decided at this time.

In April we plan to visit Bletchley Hall, on Tuesday 15th. Bletchley is world famous for De-Coding the Germans Codes, including the less well known but as important 'Fish' changed to 'Tunny' at Bletchley and the more famous Enigma machine. They also developed Colossus, the first large-scale electronic computer, which went into operation in 1944. The cost is anticipated to be £36 pp incl. Coach and Entry to Bletchley Hall.

On Wednesday 14th May we will visit Bradford, as it celebrates being the City of Culture in 2025. We plan to visit the Science and Media Museum followed by either the Industrial or the Peace museum. Plans will be confirmed when we know what date the Science and Media Museum reopens in 2025, following a massive refurbishment. Anticipated cost will be £26 this will include a £10 Food Voucher

On Tuesday June 10th we will visit Cambridge on a Coach only basis, giving our members a freestyle visit. We will send, prior to the visit, via email comprehensive information on the attractions. One suggestion highly recommended is the Botanical Gardens a 15 minute walk from the town centre. Anticipated cost £18 pp

In July, we will once again consider visiting the Kilworth Outdoor Theatre, but are waiting for confirmation of the production they will be putting on, before we commit.

In September we will arrange a visit to Salford Quays and the Lowry Museum. We will also visit the BBC Studios, costings to follow nearer the time.

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KNIT & NATTER GROUP - THE LONGEST YARN

On Tuesday 24th September several members from our u3a Knit & Natter Group went to Southwell Minster to see "The Longest Yarn" Exhibition. Knitted by some 180 crafters from all walks of life and all countries including Europe, Australia and New Zealand, the exhibition depicted, like the Bayeux Tapestry, but in knitted figures and wool art that fateful day on 6th June 1944. There were 80 individual display scenes, each a meter long commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings, the world's largest recorded amphibious and military invasion. Even the two hour queue did not distract from this amazing exhibition which has now moved on its tour to Llandudno in Wales.

Stephany Fogg



FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

The group discussed 'The Goldman Case', our film for September, a celebrated 1976 court case and part of France's history of dissent and revolution in the late-sixties.early seventies . Modest scores of 4 to 6 rose after the discussion but there was a consensus that clearer subtitles were required to follow the fast moving proceedings and dialogue and this detracted somewhat from the drama and acting.

Police corruption and antisemitism became obvious from the outset as did the unreliability of some witnesses for the Prosecution. This aided the finding of the Court that although the protagonist in the dock was a lippy and unrepentant criminal, he was certainly no murderer. The undisciplined and unchecked noise from all quarters of the court from the TWO barristers each representing Defence and Prosecution to the acute rowdyism from the public gallery and indeed the accused, was surprising compared to the stiff protocols of British courts.. The French legal system obviously lacks the rule of 'Contempt' and this also detracted somewhat from the drama.

It was considered whether this, and the multi-award winning film 'Anatomy of a Fall' (given some of the highest marks ever from the group) marked the beginning of a new wave of French cinema, following on from the 'New Wave' series of classic films from the 1960's (Godard, Bunuel etc).

All in all an intriguing film, cut to the bone using one single courtroom location and natural lighting, but one you'd probably not go to see for laughs

My thanks are due to Linda and Paul Kidney for standing in for me so ably in my absence and for the meeting report above.....I'm watching my back!

David Richards. Group Leader. dprbrill10@gmail.com

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

Our next meeting on 12th November is at 2pm in the Trent room. A talk by Greg Chapman on Victorian dinosaur hunters. In the early 19th century there was little known about these giants and strange theories abounded, some of which led to extremely irascible debates.

Martin Clarke Group Leader. More info via email sumatraman947@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 DECEMBER Issue No 96

The deadline for articles please is 20th NOVEMBER, 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