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RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

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.

FROM THE CHAIR

Finally a Chance to Restart a Walking Group

Across all the u3a's in the UK there are more Walking Groups than any other activity. Unfortunately having been led for many years by George Smith along with Derek Smith who has now sadly passed, we have not had one for the past year. George and Derek have done a magnificent job over many years but felt it was time to stand down and let someone else take over.

We now have the possibility of restarting a Walking Group, because one of our newer members, Arnold Cade, is happy to take over the baton from George & Derek. We will have an open meeting for anyone interested in walking on 18th September in the Royal Oak at 12-00 hrs. to make plans. In the initial period we will restrict the walks to 4-5 miles, but once the group is established we can consider more expansive walks.

If you are interested please come along to the meeting. If for any reason you cannot make it, register your interest with myself or Jan Addiscott (01158457398) our Groups Co-ordinator and we will ensure you are kept in the loop.

As Chair I have on many occasions made positive comments on our Group Leaders and the role they play in making R o T u3a better. However behind them are many great Group committee members. In my role as Group Leader for Trips and Outings I can say there are non-better than Sue Terry who has been a leader for many years, even before my time. Sue has decided it is time to stand down as a result of family commitments and her personality and enthusiasm will be missed. On behalf of my other committee members I send her our thanks for her input and wish her good times visiting family in Australia.

George Roberts gjandm.roberts@gmail.com

OTHER COMMITTEE NEWS



Your Committee is glad to have co-opted two U3a members to join us. Christine Hopton (on the left) will become our Speakerfinder (from Carol White currently) and has taken on the additional role of Publicity Officer.

Brian Wildeman (on the right) is to be Assistant Treasurer until the AGM in March when he will be put forward as Treasurer in place of Malcolm McDowell who will have completed 3 years in the role.



Our grateful thanks are due to both Carol and Malcolm for their work and effort in keeping our u3a organisation running smoothly and interesting to members.

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 19th September.

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

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

1. Many thanks to those 22 members who supported the July meeting in our garden when they had the chance to examine some 60 specimens of rock and minerals presented in 10 trays each containing specimens of a specific theme, eg Fossils, sediments, granites, ores, etc. Your hard work in taking part in the questionnaires was appreciated. We also thank those who helped put the tables, chairs, trays and crockery back, shipshape, afterwards.

2. There was no meeting scheduled for August.

3. The next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday 17th September. This is a repeat of a meeting held several years ago and is based on a stroll around central Nottingham when we will examine some of the many striking building stones used in the facades, pillars and floors of the larger structures. Many were brought from famous British sources, e.g. the Aberdeen granites and Portland stone, others imported from China, Norway, Italy, Portugal and Finland. We should also be able to identify different Architectural styles, including Art Nouveau. Rock textures are often well seen due to being highly polished. At the end we can also examine the local bedrock at Castle rock and in the back rooms of the Trip to Jerusalem.

Martin Clarke (Group Leader) Email : sumatraman947@gmail.com

NB The Photo shows examples of minerals exhibited at our last meeting including Iron ore, Sulphur and Asbestos.



PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

We have continued with good attendances throughout the summer, and consequently have enjoyed lively and interesting meetings. Our monthly challenges have included 'glass', 'numbers & amp; letters' and 'chairs' ; benches'. See below.



These topics have certainly made us go out, take notice of what is around us and also improved our photographic skills. We have continued spending some time at the meetings learning how to use the various editing programmes available, many of them free of charge.

Janet Groves Group Leader Email : clandjg@outlook.com

U3A BRIDGE GROUP

The bridge group continues to meet every Monday afternoon at 1.45 in the main hall at the Grange. We regularly get between 6 and 9 tables playing duplicate bridge. We are a very friendly and sociable group and welcome new players who can play bridge. Don't worry if you haven't got a partner we will always find you one.

In a few weeks' time we are off to Derbyshire for a bridge weekend kindly arranged by Len Jackson, one of our members. We will be playing bridge in the evening with a trip to the bar after we finish. During the day members either play bridge amongst themselves or go off and enjoy the surrounding countryside and towns.

As usual just before Christmas we will be having our Christmas lunch at Ashmores .

If you are interested in playing with us please contact

Greg on **07437411875** or email at **gjbungay@yahoo.co.uk**

AVIATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Aviation Group will be on 3rd September at 2pm in the Grange Hall. There is a £4 entrance charge – cash only please.

Our speaker will be Howard Heeley from the Newark Air Museum who will be talking about:

Collecting Aeroplanes.

This talk provides a more detailed and often amusing account of how 15 of the aircraft were been secured for display at Newark Air Museum and then transported to the museum site in eastern Nottinghamshire.

Howard is a trustee of the Newark Air Museum, and a freelance aviation writer.

Adrian Cresswell. Group Leader. Email : **crela7@gmail.com**

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

We took advantage of the fine weather - sunny and warm with a cooling breeze - to sit in the garden at our meeting in August. There was some knitting and lot of nattering going on, but we weren't too bothered about annoying the neighbours, since Joan also joined us this time! Once again we have an abundance of knitted articles brought along which will now be distributed to the various charities which we support regularly."

Regards,

Jan Group Leader Email: **jan@addiscott.net**

JIVING FOR FUN

Although we haven't met for our usual weekly Jive sessions during August our group has been active in attending various events in the local area where we have enjoyed dancing to live music. Whenever anyone sees a suitable event advertised , a message goes out to the whole group and usually a few turn up at most events.

We look forward to relocating to our new venue at the British Legion Club starting on September 11th 2024 at 3pm. Please note that refreshments may not be available so be sure to bring a drink on this first session.

Our group is a very friendly, informal group. We don't take ourselves too seriously but all enjoy the music and dancing. If you are considering joining us, please don't have an image in your head that "jiving" means we're a fast paced, high kicking and flicking dance group. Quite the opposite for most of us really! Come along, have a look and join in or just sit back and enjoy the music. No previous experience or partner needed. We meet every Wednesday 3 – 5pm at the Radcliffe on Trent British Legion Club

If you are interested in joining our group (no partner necessary) please contact us on:-

Margaret : Mob **07773426253** Email **kimpson1@virginmedia.com**

Sue Mob **07954586735** Email **suemford@hotmail.co.uk**

Alternatively just turn up at the British Legion Club on Wednesday afternoons at 3pm

OUR u3a WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS :

Sandy Shacklock Christine Padgett Mick Symis Ann Symis Liz Johnson Margaret Bennett June Hutchison Gillian Blount
and Pat Mason **Melanie Gregg**, Membership Secretary

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Trentham Gardens & World of Wedgwood : Tuesday 17 th 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, including 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, is £30.00

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

Christmas Dinner at Morley Hayes G.C.

We will be selling tickets for our Christmas Dinner, at the September Monthly Meeting. We are returning by popular demand to Morley Hayes Golf Club. This was a sell out last year and we expect that it will also be this year, so tickets are strictly on a 'First Come, First Served' basis.

We will also return for a visit to Denby Pottery, en-route to Morley Hayes.

Tickets are £52 p.p. for a 3 Course Christmas Lunch

Contact **Sandra Straw** on **0115 933 3011** or **George Roberts** on **07971 593 802**

INDOOR CARPET BOWLS GROUP

The time is near when we will recommence our Indoor Bowls Group following the success of last year. The group will again meet in the Pavilion at the Bowls Club off Cropwell Road. The season will again be active from Tuesday 1st October to April 2025 inclusive. It will meet weekly on Tuesday mornings (10.30 am to 12.30pm). Cost is £5 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

We should like to thank Philip Adams for organising the Group last year and are pleased he will be continuing this year. Philip will again have a table at our next Monthly Meeting in the Grange Hall on Thursday 5th September and will be able to answer any questions you may have. Equipment will be provided

Philip has asked for anyone who is interested to please let him know. He can be contacted

by email: **philip@radcliffeot.co.uk** or by telephone: **07742 146657**.

PLAY READING GROUP

The Playreading Group is an informal, friendly bunch who meet monthly to read a range of plays. Most of our time is spent on the reading itself with a brief discussion, usually during our refreshment break. Comedies and thrillers are particularly popular. Play choices over the months have included comedies such as Alan Ayckbourn's "Neighbourhood Watch", Ray Cooney's "It Runs in the family" and Mike Leigh's "Abigail's Party".

We have enjoyed thrillers by the queen of crime fiction, Agatha Christie, and "whodunnits" by Frances Durbridge. We have also dipped into other genres including "The Lady in the Van" by Alan Bennett, "An Inspector Calls" by Priestley, Miller's "A View from the Bridge" and Ibsen's "A Doll's House". Suggestions for plays are always very welcome.

There is no need to buy plays as we hire sets from the Nottinghamshire Arts Library. We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Rainbow room in St Mary's Church Hall Building from 2pm-430pm. To cover the hire of the room and plays there is a £3 charge on attendance which includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

We have a couple of spaces for new members currently so do email or ring if interested

Jan Powis, Janet Groves, Margaret Hodgkinson Email: **jan_powis@yahoo.co.uk** Tel **01159336048**

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 OCTOBER Issue No 94

The deadline for articles please is 20th SEPTEMBER, 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

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News from Groups Co-ordinator Jan Addiscott

TABLE TENNIS GROUP

This small group meets on alternate Wednesday afternoons at the Boys Brigade - for just one hour from 2 - 3pm. The timing could be extended if more members were keen to play. We have a list of members who would like to play Table Tennis but who are not available on a Wednesday. Unfortunately, it is proving difficult at the moment to consolidate a suitable day/time when we have sufficient players to ensure that another group would be feasible. Please check the website if you are interested to have more details of the Wednesday group and to contact John Fisher who leads the group.

WALKING GROUP

We are happy to announce that we will shortly be able to reinstate this much missed group to the list of active groups within our Radcliffe u3a. Arnold Cade (who is an experienced Rambler) has kindly offered to help set up the Walking Group again. If you would like to find out more, please come along to a meeting at The Royal Oak on Wednesday 18th September at 12 noon to register an interest in joining us on the first walk.

However, if you are unable to attend the meeting on 18th, but would like to join a Walking Group, let me know so that we are able to keep you informed.

Jan Addiscott - groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

The following Groups are keen to welcome "new" members to join them:

DISCUSSION GROUP

Meets on the third Wednesday each month at 3pm in the Royal Oak, in Radcliffe.
For more information, please contact Bob Coleman : bobcoleman517@gmail.com

PLAYREADING GROUP

Meets on the fourth Thursday each month, from 2.00 - 4.30pm in the Rainbow Room, at St. Mary's Church.
For more information, please contact Jan Powis : jan_powis@yahoo.co.uk