



RADCLIFFE NEWSHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

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

Your committee are still looking to recruit two very important positions to ensure your u3a can continue to operate. I will complete my 3rd year at the next AGM in March and whilst there is the possibility of me doing an additional year, it is vital that whoever replaces me has some experience.

The best solution is for someone to stand up and join the committee, whilst understudying my role as Chair. I have to say that if someone does not step up then without a Chair RoT u3a would have to close under Charity Commission Rules. All your committee can do is ask all our members to consider the possibility of taking on the role.

The other role we need to find is that of a Co-editor for our NewsSheet, the oracle that keeps us all informed as to what our many groups are doing. Patrick Mountford one of our two current Co-editors would be on hand to give support and the duties are normally shared on a Bi Monthly basis. The role gives you the opportunity of getting to know members across the board and to make more friends.

On a brighter note our membership continues to rise, this does raise its own problems as groups get overloaded, the solution is to start a second group, but back to square one we would need a Group Leader to do this. Currently our Photography group have 4 members wishing to join, but they are at their optimum number, so is anyone out there have a basic knowledge of Photography willing to explore the possibility of starting another group?

In my role as Chair, myself and Mary have made many friends and acquaintances, and as we only arrived back in 2021 this is very much down to the u3a. If I leave you with one last comment, your committee will support wholeheartedly anyone who steps up.

George Roberts

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A WARM WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S NEW u3a MEMBERS:-

Jan Wilson, Jane Lane, Jane Winter, Alan Mellor, Karen Wood. Janet Groves.

Melanie Gregg,

Membership Secretary

Canasta Group

For those U3A members who enjoy playing card games, but are not familiar with Canasta, it is basically Rummy - with more rules! It is played with 2 packs of cards, and sets are collected, e.g. 4s or Jacks etc.

It can be played with 4 people as 2 pairs, so the partners collect sets between them, and can also be played as individuals with two or three people at the table.

Our group currently has 16 members, of which about 12 come to each session, depending on other commitments.

We welcome beginners, returners and experienced players.

The group meet on alternate Fridays in the Dowson room at the Grange in the village centre at 13:00 for 2 hours, with a break for refreshments. The cost is £3 per visit.

The next few dates are: August 1st, August 15th, August 29th, September 12th

If you would like any more information you can call me on 07900 300567, or just come along.

Susan Sinclair

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FRIENDSHIP GROUP – VACANCIES

We are now in a position of having vacancies in our Friendship Group (for various reasons). We meet every second Monday at 2 p.m. at The Royal Oak. Currently we are a group of ladies but that has not been deliberate, as we welcome all genders. We are a friendly group as the name indicates. The group meet up for coffee, meals and fairly regular days out. If you feel you would like to join us or just have a chat,

Group Leader *Diane Williams* Email : nottsllass1946@yahoo.co.uk or Tel: **07747710425**.

BOULES GROUP - VACANCY

Anyone interested in joining the Boules Group?

We keep membership to 8 members and one of our group has had to step down for personal reasons, so we have a vacancy. We're a friendly bunch and we enjoy playing on the Boules pitch up at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club, where we usually have lunch together after two or three games.



Contact *Jon Jones* Group Leader, if you would like more information.

Email : jonjones33@gmx.co.uk or Tel : **07967 194467**.

JIVING FOR FUN

Our group has continued to meet on a weekly basis, enjoying dancing to our favourite tunes from the rock and roll greats. We have also managed some Lindy Hop and Charleston moves. We still have a shortage of male/lead dancers and are forever looking to recruit all you budding Fred Astaires. No experience or partner needed. Don't worry if you don't have a partner as we overcome this by rotation and strolls.

Many of our group continue to venture to enjoy live music at various venues. Eleven of us travelled to Gran Canaria in May for a wonderful week in the sun, relaxing by the pool and at the beach during the day and dancing outside by the harbour in the evenings. Still to come are visits to Blackpool, Skegness and Torremolinos, plus more local venues.

We hold our weekly sessions at the British Legion Club every Wednesday 3pm - 5pm. If you are interested in joining our group (no partner or previous experience necessary) and would like to find out more then please contact:-

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FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

Would a temperature of 31c deter film buffs? Not a chance!.

The final 'summer term' gathering of the Film Club/Film Appreciation Group fizzed with enthusiasm.

'**Cache'(Hidden)** is a 20 year old French classic thriller/mystery movie which provoked lively discussion with very high starting votes between 7 to 9+ points out of 10.

The director plays with his audience throughout. The protagonist, Georges is a successful TV host with an equally high achieving publisher wife, and a neglected teenage son, Pierrot. There is friction in the family. Georges starts to receive letters and postcards at home and work featuring a childlike drawing of a face with a blood-red stain, accompanied by unsettling VHS tapes. He is 'under surveillance' by an unknown stalker.

The plot twists and turns revealing guilt that Georges has carried since childhood. He lied with malice and thwarted his parent's planned adoption of an Algerian boy, orphaned during the massacre of 200+ Algerian citizens by the Paris police in the 1950's. France was in denial of this incident for decades. As a result the kid, Majid, was forced into an orphanage and robbed of a family life and education. Georges tracks Majid down, convinced he is the guilty party. A downward spiral of suspicion, confrontation and hatred results in a shocking 'filmed' suicide and a communal gasp from the cinema audience, and no reconciliation for Georges, his now distant wife and alienated son.

But, there's a clever twist as the credits roll. George's son Pierrot and Majid's son are seen amiably chatting as fellow pupils stream out of their college building. Friendship? Reconciliation? Collusion? Different multicultural times? Who sent the drawings and tapes? Who can tell? Does it matter?

Colonialism, racism, lies and deceit are all we need to know. Final marks out of ten rose with a healthy number of 9s – and a question. Does any movie warrant a 10?

Lindah & Paul Kiddey (new leaders) contact—thekiddeys@gmail.com

KNIT'nNATTER GROUP

Every year the Notts Libraries issue a challenge for a knitting project, the results of which will be displayed at a library in Nottingham for a short time before being passed on to a charitable cause. Last year we were asked to knit 6 inch squares which could be sewn together to make blankets. This year the project has been to knit scarves, for which a pattern was supplied. The biggest challenge for me was to finish this (never-ending!!) 160cm long scarf by the deadline given. Happily the final touches were completed at our Knit & Natter meeting in July so (thankfully) "mission accomplished". We can now relax and return to more mundane (but equally important) projects until we receive details of the next Libraries challenge in 2026.

Jan Addiscott



Contact at Jan@addiscott.net

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet usually on 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 £2.50 including tea, coffee and biscuits. There are no meetings in JULY & AUGUST. We resume Thursday 18th SEPTEMBER

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

Pop Quiz Group

When the going gets tough, the tough get going to the u3a Pop Quiz. That's the way I like it (uh-huh). The next quiz is on Thursday 21st August 11am-12noon at the Royal Oak. No charge, just buy a drink. Come along to hear songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Try and answer these pop music questions...it's just a bit of fun.

(The answers to last month's questions-nine 2. 2000 3. Eight 4. 500 5. three)

What days of the week are missing from these songs?

_____ Girl - Blondie Another _____ Night - Sam Cooke

Manic _____ - Bangles Ruby _____ - The Rolling Stones

Blue _____ - New Order

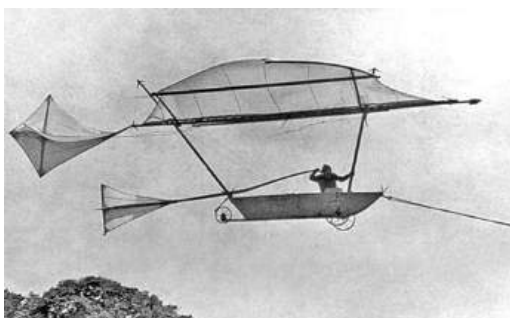
Good luck. The answers will be in next month's news sheet.

Contact *Richard* at ayamonterichard@gmail.com

AVIATION GROUP

A reminder to all our members that is NO meeting planned for Tue 5 August due to holidays.

Our next meeting will be on Tue 2 Sep when our speaker will be Steve Blee from RAeS Brough. He will talk about construction and building a replica of the George Cayley Flier, a glider which carried the first manned flight in 1853, when "his coachman became the first person to be carried in a fixed-wing aircraft, though it was a glider towed by a horse."



This replica was produced by employees of BAE Systems at Brough to the original drawings using modern equipment and techniques, and flown by Sir Richard Branson in July 2003 at the site of the original Cayley Flyer's flight at Brompton Hill, Yorkshire.

Adrian Cresswell Group Leader

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

To all our Group Leaders, thank you for articles and contributions especially photos to keep members informed of what your groups do.

Please continue to send us your items, articles, photos or sketches to:
radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is our SEPTEMBER edition.

The deadline for articles please is 20TH AUG, 2025

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 send.

Thanks *Rod & Patrick* Co-Editors



20th September

10am – 1pm

Craig Moray Community Centre,
Corner of Queens Road and Shelford Road
Radcliffe on Trent Nottingham
NG12 1DL

07742 434437

radclifferepair@gmail.com

Refreshments Available

What sort of things can we try and help you with ?

Woodwork, Electrical, Tool Sharpening, Jewellery, Soft
Furnishings, Needlework, Basic Bike Repairs and more.

Why not pop along and find out!

All information correct at the time of going to print

Cash donations can be made on the day



**u3a COFFEE
MORNINGS**

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** !

**We need an additional CO-EDITOR OF THIS NEWSHEET ... as one
of the current two retires after 10 years service**

Duties include : sending monthly standard email to group leaders asking for items. Using
our dedicated editorial u3a laptop and Microsoft Publisher and Word apps to insert items and
photos in Draft Newsheet , thereafter sending for printing after committee approval.

IF YOU CAN OPERATE A SMARTPHONE YOU HAVE THE TECH ALREADY!

And we have more tech help on hand "in case"

Contact the Editors on the usual address see below!

The Evening Wine Appreciation Group.

Known affectionately as WAG ended their current season with a lovely BBQ courtesy of Ann & Dave
Arron who hosted in their garden. Everyone had a wonderful time and much appreciated the hospitality
and event. Naturally the wines were good !"



Malcolm McDowell

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DATE for your DIARY

23RD SEPTEMBER

Salford Quays Media Centre

Lowry Museum

The **Lowry** is home to the world's largest public collection of paintings and drawings by **LS Lowry**. The **Lowry** is a stunning, award winning building housing two vibrant theatres, a studio space, relaxing art galleries, cafés, bars, a restaurant, and souvenir gift shop.



Imperial War Museum (IWM)

No other museum tells stories that matter more than IWM

Media City IWM is a global leader in developing and communicating a deeper understanding of the causes, course, and consequences of war. Using the personal stories and experiences in our unique collections, our objective is to challenge people of all ages to look at war and conflict from different perspectives.

Quayside Media City UK

Quayside MediaCityUK is Manchester's only outlet mall with 85 stores on two floors and up to 60% off designer shopping all year round. After your shopping, unwind at the 400 seat food court with restaurants and cafes. Other attractions include a Coronation Street experience.

There is a 3 mile walk around the site that can be done in two sections and explores the whole area. The walk takes about 1 hour and is suitable for wheelchair and pushchair users.

Salford Quays has gone through many guises from the days when the Liverpool Manchester Canal opened up the possibility of the inland docks to service the Lancashire Cotton Trade..