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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 3rd JULY

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



At our monthly meeting in June it was disappointing that we had less than 100 members present. This was particularly so, as our speakers Kate Geary and Clare Allsop, the Head Teachers at our local Primary and Junior Schools gave an excellent presentation. They explained how Covid had affected the schools. They confirmed that they arrived in R o T at the same time, explained how they agreed to work together, to ensure a smooth transition from the primary to the junior school. I feel that the children in R o T are in safe hands with these impressive ladies and it was sad that the attendance at the meeting was so low.

We are working on starting a new group playing Pickleball at the playing field in Bingham Road. They have recently had an all-weather pitch which is marked out for Pickleball and we have the opportunity to take advantage of it. Pickleball is an ideal sport for the more mature sports person, loosely based on Tennis, but on a much smaller court. Outdoor balls typically have 40 small holes to ensure a more predictable flight path in windy conditions. We have had some interest and will be calling a meeting in the near future to see if it is viable to start a group. Therefore by the time you read this, this will have happened and hopefully we will have another group for our members. For more information on the game ; www.pickleballengland.org

I think it is vital to the health of our u3a that we are always looking for new and inventive groups to ensure we stay relevant and open to any new opportunities that arise.

George Roberts

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

Veronica Garrard, Tracey Murthwaite and Paul Murthwaite.

Melanie Gregg - Membership Secretary

OUR MONTHLY SPEAKER

The Members Monthly meeting is at the Grange 3rd July. Doors open 2pm .
The speaker is Anne Featherstone who has been well received as a speaker in the past . The title of her talk is **'The murder of the Blackpool Widow,'**

1953: the year when the country celebrated the Coronation of Elizabeth II, and when, for 5 months over the summer, newspapers were full of the mysterious death of a widow in the seaside town of Blackpool.

Discover how one person was convicted and what Louis Tussaud's Waxworks had to do with it.

Dr Ann Featherstone is a retired university lecturer, teacher and writer. She has published non-fiction books and articles as well as two historical novels. She has appeared on local and national radio, and in

BBC documentaries about fairs and circuses and in the second series of BBC1's A House Through Time. She has twice been a guest expert on Who Do You Think You Are with Sheridan Smith and Sir Ian McKellan.

Christine Hopton

FRIENDSHIP GROUP – VACANCIES

We are now in a position of having vacancies in our Friendship Group due to varying 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:-

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

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

POP QUIZ GROUP

A big thank you to the enthusiastic members who have been attending the pop quizzes. Reach out, I'll be there at the next u3a Pop Quiz. Take a walk on the wild side and never give up on a good thing. The next quiz is on Thursday 17 July 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.

What numbers are missing from these songs?

1. Cloud _____ - The Temptations
2. Disco _____ - Pulp
3. _____ Days a Week - The Beatles
4. I'm Gonna Be (_____ Miles) - The Proclaimers
5. Knock _____ Times - Tony Orlando & Dawn

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

Group leader *Richard Turner.* Email : ayamonterichard@gmail.com

AVIATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Aviation Group will be on Tuesday 1 July at 2pm in the Trent Room at Grange Hall. There is an entrance charge of £3 to cover room costs. Our speaker will be Mike Jefferies, who will be talking about:

One Night in 1941 - 13/14 June Development of Air-Intercept Radar and its operational use..



This talk explores the early history of radar developments, from 1888(!) to British developments starting c1935, focusing on air-intercept equipment and its operational use in 1941. This was in the early days of radar with university physics researchers being let loose in military aircraft.

Mike has followed a career in civil engineering, working in offshore oil and large dams, all around the world. He has authored more than 100 papers in the engineering literature, including a widely-used text book.

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

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



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** !

A VACANCY EXISTS FOR CO-EDITOR OF THIS NEWSHEET

... as the current one retires after 10 years service

Duties include : sending monthly standard email to group leaders asking for items. Using
u3a laptop and Microsoft Publisher and Word to insert items and photos in Draft Newssheet.

After proof reading and checks, submit Newssheet for printing.

Basic computer skills an advantage. Training given.

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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 AUGUST edition.

The deadline for articles please is 20th JULY, 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 submit.*

Thanks

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors

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..

We will be selling tickets at our July 3rd Meeting @ £20 pp