



# RADCLIFFE NEWSHEET

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## **MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 5th JUNE**

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**



Following my editorial in the MAY News Sheet, in which I invited our members to come along to our committee meetings, I am pleased to tell you that Angie Albery took up the invitation. I am also pleased to confirm that Angie indicated during the meeting that she would like to join the committee and following a vote, she was duly Co-opted.. Even more importantly she has agreed to 'shadow' Jan Addiscott, our Groups Co-Ordinator, with a view to taking over this function as soon as may be.

This leaves us with one of our New Sheet Editors to replace, as Rodney Fogg is standing down after many years of sterling service. Rodney will be a difficult act to follow. Fortunately we still have Patrick Mountford to continue producing our excellent New Sheet and he will need assisting as it is a job for two really. See the vacancy advert later in this NewsSheet.

We also have to be aware that as Chair I should stand down after 3 years, and despite the fact I will be happy to carry on, we do need to be looking for someone to take on the role.

I was invited to the opening of a new All Weather pitch, at the playing fields at the top of Bingham Road. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports and is suitable for all ages As a result, I wonderwhether we could start a group to play it; see separate article for more information.

Our membership has continued to increase and is now well over 600. Our Trips and Outing Group had a great day out in Bradford, despite the closure of Cartwright Hall, a result of King Charles visiting 2 days later. We will be selling tickets for Salford Media Centre, Lowry Gallery and the Imperial War Museum, North at our monthly meeting in June. This will almost certainly sell out, so the advice is to book early.

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

Roger Beaumont, Marilyn Crossley, Ros Sparks, Jan Johnson, Di Marshall.

*Melanie Gregg* - Membership Secretary

## June 5th MEMBERS MEETING SPEAKERS

Our 5 th June Speakers are the Head Teachers of our primary schools in Radcliffe. **Kate Geary and Clare Allsop.**

Their talk is linking our aim as a U3A to promote lifelong learning with recognising the people who contribute so much to learning in our local community

There is an African proverb that it 'Takes a village to raise a child'. Kate and Clare will share their thoughts on the symbiosis /mutual benefit between Radcliffe Village and the schools .We will learn about the challenge of the Covid times 5 years ago and how the impact of that on young children is still evident in the children entering and progressing through education today. There will be an opportunity to reflect on their experiences and explore the potential for more intergenerational activities.

*Christine Hopton*—Speakerfinder.

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## AVIATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Aviation Group will be on Tuesday 3 June at 2pm in the Trent Room at Grange Hall. There is an entrance charge of £3 to cover room costs. Our speaker will be Pete Mitchell, who will be talking about: **Cockpit Resource Management and Human Factors in Aviation.**

Crew (or Cockpit) Resource Management (CRM) is a set of training procedures for use in environments where human error can have devastating effects. CRM is primarily used for improving aviation safety and focuses on interpersonal communication, teamwork, leadership, situational awareness and decision making in aircraft cockpits. Despite the considerable development of electronic aids, all the many principles continue to prove effective



Human Factors (HF) is a broader field encompassing the study of human interactions within systems, including the design of cockpits and the understanding of how human capabilities and limitations affect system performance.

Both CRM and HF training have since been adopted by many non-aviation industries such as medicine and engineering, and even have a use in day-to-day marriage relationships. (especially when driving!)

Pete Mitchell has spent his life in commercial airline operations, starting with Alldair and British Midland (BM) at EMA, flying Viscounts, DC9s and F27s, progressing from co-pilot to Training Captain and Examiner. He was detached to Loganair to introduce the F27 and Dash 7, and to introduce and develop operations at London City Airport on steep approaches onto short runways.

On return to British Midland, he became the Fleet Manager before becoming the Chief Pilot.

Pete left BM in 2003 to join Gulf Air, becoming Head of Operations until 2007, when he was headhunted to join the new Etihad Airways in the role of Vice President Training and Standards until his retirement in 2014.

*Adrian Cresswell* — Group Leader 07771597715

## Walking Group

Our walking group enjoyed walking the Canal Tow Path from Nottingham to Beeston. We had perfect weather, warm with a cool breeze, as the walk took us out of Nottingham and through the countryside, to the confluence of the canal and the River Trent, at Beeston.

We then enjoyed a well-earned rest with a lunch at the Boathouse Café, basic good food at very reasonable prices. We then walked to Beeston centre to catch the tram back to Nottingham after a most enjoyable walk of about 6 miles.

Our next walk will be from Bingham to Car Colson on the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

CONTACT Arnold Cade on 01158376803

# TRIPS and Outings Group

## DATE for your DIARY

23<sup>RD</sup> 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..

Manchester United's Old Trafford Stadium is 1 mile away, and they have conducted tours, but this would have to be booked personally, prior to the visit.

*George Roberts*

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### **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. Listen and relax at our next meeting on Thursday 15th May.

Group leader *Michael Riggall*. Contact at [michael.riggall@ntlworld.com](mailto:michael.riggall@ntlworld.com)

## SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING GROUP



They say Laughter & Dance are two of the best medicines anyone needs to keep the doctor away, this seems to be true for the Scottish Country Dancing group. We formed in September 2013 with Bill Sylvester at the helm, who often put his head in his hands when we couldn't remember our left from our right, but over the years with Jean taking over we have slowly progressed, although we do still have trouble working out our left & right shoulders! But we now have Tony who has taken on the reins of teaching us many new dances, but alas! I feel he goes home in confusion wondering what he has let himself in for, but we all go home with a smile & an eagerness to return the following week. We meet most Wednesdays except the last Wednesday of the month at 2pm at the Scout Hall. We will be closing down for the summer, but we will restart September/ October. We are a very friendly group who welcome newcomers. *Sue Prest* email : [sandsprest2016@gmail.com](mailto:sandsprest2016@gmail.com) for more information.

## Pickleball

Are you interested in Playing ?



There are only 5 rules, making for an uncomplicated game.

- 1) No Volleying
- 2) One bounce per side
- 3) Must serve from the baseline
- 4) Serves cannot land in non-volley zone
- 5) Game ends at 11, 12

Pickleball is played with

Plastic Bats and Balls and is similar to Tennis. It is a slower game and this makes it very suitable for the older player, being a great way to exercise, keep active with friends and meet new people. Best of all, it's a low-impact sport, that's easy on the joints and it can help you build your fitness while playing a fun and challenging game.

It has been one of the fastest growing sports over the past few years. We have the opportunity to start a group playing it on the new all-weather pitch in Nottingham Road, if we have a reasonable interest from our members.

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7th June

10am – 1pm

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

07742 434437

[radclifferepair@gmail.com](mailto: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





## **GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES May Meeting Report**

### **GOLD MINES, VOLCANOS, SHIPWRECKS AND SPIES in the SOUTH PACIFIC, (TALES OF A GEOLOGIST IN PARADISE BY BOB ADDISON)**

Bob initially described aspects of the Geography, Geology and History of the Solomon Islands including references to WW2.

He then told us of his secondment, in 1991/2, from BGS to the Solomons as a geological advisor to their government. This involved such issues as volcanic emergencies, editing Mining Regulations for the setting up of Gold and Bauxite mines and hydroelectric stations. Some of these issues were complicated by local politics.

However it was by no means all work as he had time to fit in over 70 sub-aqua dives viewing magnificent reefs, wrecked Japanese warships and aircraft. Also he and his young family made friendships that are sustained now 35 years on.

Bob's reference to WW2 reminds us that VJ Day is still to come on 15th Aug this year. This is the day which marks the end of the Pacific war when Japan surrendered.

One of the most savage battles of that conflict occurred in the Solomons on the Island called Guadalcanal during which over 25,000 soldiers perished, more than 1000 aircraft shot down and many naval ships sunk.

**Martin Clarke (Group Leader) email- [sumatraman947@gmail.com](mailto:sumatraman947@gmail.com)**

### **LOCAL OUTINGS GROUP**

A group of members from the local outings group attended a visit to the Radcliffe on Trent Animal Trust/RSPCA Shelter arranged by Maureen. The visit included an initial welcome and explanation of the purpose of the Shelter by a member of staff before meeting a Lurcher named Mouse, then having a guided tour of the Rabbit enclosure before visiting the cattery where as can be seen in the photo the group were introduced to Milo the cat who was up for adoption as well as three adorable little kittens.

More info from [Rodney Fogg@gmail.com](mailto:Rodney Fogg@gmail.com)



## NEWS ABOUT OUR GROUPS

**Discussion Group:** This group now meets at The Manvers Arms at 3pm on the third Wednesday of each month. Subjects to discuss are chosen on a rota basis and Bob Coleman (who arranges the rota) says that more members would be very welcome to join the group.

**Keep Fit Group:** This is one of our most successful groups. The large hall in the Grange is fully utilised each week to the extent that there is absolutely no space for any more to join in. It does, unfortunately mean, therefore, that there is a long list of members who have been waiting to join the group for some time and are disappointed in not being able to take part.

Therefore a SECOND KEEPFIT GROUP is very much in demand and we need a leader with the necessary qualifications to manage it safely..

Are YOU on the waiting list and do YOU fit the bill as a potential leader? If so, YOUR u3a NEEDS YOU! You will be guided and supported to do so by the Committee and - with advice from the current very active Keep Fit group - all things are possible! Please DO get in touch if this is something would like to explore.

**Pop Music Quiz Group:** This is a new group which first met on 17th April (see details below) which we hope will become very popular:- *'If you like pop music from the 60s, 70s and 80s then how about a pop music quiz group? The quiz is not reading out questions from a book or the internet but listening to and identifying songs and artists. It would be a fun quiz, not competitive and no prizes. Come along to the Royal Oak 11-12 on Thursday 17 April. There is no charge, just buy a drink. Contact Richard Turner [ayamonterichard@gmail.com](mailto:ayamonterichard@gmail.com)* The day and time are likely to vary to enable as many people as possible to attend, these details will be made known if the first session is a success. (So please keep checking emails for further details.)

**- and Finally:** A plea for new recruits to join our Committee!

As a member of our u3a, you are always welcome to come along and observe our Committee meetings, without commitment. This is how I originally became involved and I would urge anyone to do so. These meetings (whilst dealing seriously with the “nuts and bolts” of running the u3a) are conducted in a friendly atmosphere over cups of tea/coffee and biscuits. We hope that we can encourage some of you also to consider becoming a member of the committee to ensure the Radcliffe u3a continues to thrive. Meetings are held monthly on a Monday afternoon at The Grange.

I would like to emphasise the reason that our u3a is so successful is due to the very dedicated people who run our groups and without whom there would be no Radcliffe on Trent u3a. So to ALL of our Group Leaders - THANK YOU!

*Jan Addiscott* : Groups Coordinator

## LETS GO BOWLING GROUP

Join us for these informal sessions that will allow you to have a go at this fascinating game that gives you lots of light exercise, fresh air and loads of fun The Bowling Club will supply Bowls and Tuition. All we ask is that you come in footwear with Flat Soles and NO Heels. Trainers should be OK. Please arrive by 1-45pm to allow registration

Radcliffe on Trent Bowling Club, Entrances on Glebe Lane & Cropwell Road

The cost is £3 per session, to include Tea/Coffee & Biscuits

We will be bowling on Monday afternoons for 5 weeks on 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th May & 2nd June – Between 2pm & 4pm If you are interested in joining the group please contact...

*Philip Adams* on 07742 146 657 Email ; philip@radcliffeot.co.uk

## POP QUIZ GROUP

Good Vibrations and Good Times were had by all at the inaugural u3a Pop Quiz. What a Wonderful World identifying those songs and artists from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The next quiz is on Thursday 12th June 11-12 at the Royal Oak. No charge, just buy a drink.

*Richard Turner* Group Leader Email:  
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## VACANCY: CO-EDITOR OF NEWSHEET

**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 Newsheet. After proof reading and checks, submit Newsheet for printing. Key computer skills an advantage. Training given.

## 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 !**

## 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 JULY edition.**

**The deadline for articles please is 20th JUNE, 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