



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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NOTICE : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF RADCLIFFE ON TRENT u3a

THE GRANGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2025 at 2;30 pm doors open at 2:00pm.

AGENDA & MINUTES available on the Website from 14th February.

Paper copies available on request ahead of 1st March.

FROM THE CHAIR



As I come to the end of my second year as your Chair I am pleased to report that we have once again increased our membership. The importance of this is the new members bring new ideas and energy to our organisation. They also start new groups reflecting their own interests and passing their knowledge onto our existing membership. Brian Wildeman, who is a relatively new member, will take over, at the AGM, as our Treasurer, having been co-opted onto the committee in 2024. The committee also co-opted Christine Hopton in 2024 and she has taken on the roles of Speaker Finder and Publicity and along with Brian has brought new life to your committee.

I am pleased that whilst Malcolm has stood down as our Treasurer he will continue to be a member of our committee. We also owe a big debt of gratitude to Rodney Fogg and Patrick Mountford who produce our Monthly Newssheet that ensures all our members are kept up to date on our activities.

As Trips and Outings group leader it has been pleasing to me that our trips are all selling out, and that much of the support is coming from new members. The Trips and Outings has a small but committed committee that comes up with new places to visit and our u3a is fortunate to have them.

I urge all our members to try and attend the AGM, having the opportunity to vote is the basis for our democracy.

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A WARM WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S NEW u3a MEMBERS

Christine Buckton, Peter Zipser, Peter Brice, Rita Whitaker, Carolyn Brice, Andy Baker, Linda Stredder, Penny Sloan, John Sloan, Wendy Draper, Veronica Boehm, Jill Owens, Jackie Keir and Ronnie Bull.

Melanie Gregg - Membership Secretary

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER IS PAT HALL

who will lighten the mood after our AGM with her observational comedy and poems and an ability to see the funny side of life.

Pat says that "25 years ago I started a telephone volunteer charity for elderly people living on their own in Derbyshire and I used to go to various places to advise people of our existence. I got fed-up of saying the same things so I started to add funny bits. I gave a presentation to the Derby Council and Sir John Bather the Lord Lieutenant was in the audience. He came up to me at the end of my talk and said, "If you stop working at the charity you should start doing stand-up comedy - I'll get you some gigs!"



RADCLIFFE ON TRENT u3a MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETINGS FUTURE SPEAKERS

April 3rd - Bharat Patel Radio and TV reporter. Indian Takeaway. One boy's take on three continents.

May 8th - Anna Herbert. Heritage Interpretation and Visitor Experience Manager St Mary Magdalene Church Newark - Re awakening St Mary Magdalene The National Lottery Heritage Funded restoration project. (not quite Notre Dame scale but important as the 12th Century Church is restored for future generations)

JOIN OUR RADCLIFFE ON TRENT u3a

Are you new to the area or have spare time on your hands? Then why not use it in a fulfilling way, whilst making new friends Then why not consider joining the u3a (University of the Third Age) in Radcliffe on Trent

Membership is open to all not in full-time employment and offers many very different possibilities to enhance your time.

With over 600 members and 50 Group's as differing as Geology, Gardening, Knit & Natter, Wine Appreciation, Bridge, Trips & Outings, Scrabble and Friendship Groups & many more to ensure you can find something that interests you.

To join come along to any of our monthly u3a Members Meetings on the first Thursday each month.

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 20th March

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

TRIPS AND OUTINGS 2025

Our trips to Bletchley Park and Bradford have sold out but you can put your name down on the waiting list, should anyone have to cancel their booking. We have closed down further sales for Kilworth Outdoor Theatre, as we have now confirmed our booking with them.

Cambridge – June 10th
£20 Coach Only

This will be a day trip with the option of visiting the Botanical Gardens. The coach will drop us off at Parkers Piece a, 5 minute walk to the main colleges. If sufficient are interested in starting with the Gardens our coach will drop you off there. Entrance to the Gardens, which are owned by the University, will be at your cost of £7-70 or £8-50 with Gift Aid. For more info.

<https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/museums/cambridge-university-botanic-garden>

We will open ticket sales for Cambridge at our April 3rd Monthly Meeting We think it will sell out, so get in early to book your place Future Planned Trips will include a trip to Salford Quays and the Lowry Museum. More detailed information in next month's Newsheet

For more information contact : *George Roberts* Mob ; 07971 593 802

FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT GROUP



Some members of the Friendship and Support Group enjoying their February lunch time get together in The Embankment at Trent Bridge. Most months our group will as part of their monthly activities visit a different venue for a meal or maybe just coffee and cake.

The group meets each first Monday in the month in The Royal Oak, Radcliffe 2pm to 3pm where over a coffee, tea or cold drink they plan what they would like to do during the coming month.

The group is open to anyone living on their own or who are carers and offers an outlet to make friends and plan in smaller groups, places they would like to visit or see.

Further details from *Rodney Fogg* Email : rodneymogg@gmail.com



Open Day Event

15th March 2025

10am – 1pm

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

Tel. 07742 434437

radclifferepair@gmail.com

Refreshments Available

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

Woodwork, electrical, jewellery, soft furnishings,
needlework and more. Why not pop along and find out!



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...

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TO ALL READERS OF THIS U3A NEWSHEET

IN APRIL THIS YEAR WE WILL BE PUBLISHING OUR

100th EDITION

OF THIS U3A NEWSHEET.

TO MARK THIS SPECIAL OCCASION U3A MEMBERS ARE
INVITED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES OR/AND PHOTOGRAPHS
RECALLING MEMORABLE EVENTS AND OCCASIONS THAT
HAVE HAPPENED OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS IN OUR
ORGANISATION.

SEND YOUR ARTICLES TO radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

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 you do.

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

Our APRIL issue is our 100th edition.

The deadline for articles please is 20th March, 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*