



RADCLIFFE NEWSHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

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



When I took over the Chair, I was passed all the documentation accumulated over the years.

I was recently looking through the paperwork, when I came across the original leaflet produced to invite interested parties, to attend a meeting in the Grange Hall. This was to investigate and discuss plans to start the U3A in Radcliffe on Trent.

It occurred to me how much we owe our founding members for all the friendship and fun all our members have enjoyed in the intervening years. I wonder if they realised what they were starting and how from this initial meeting, which was well attended, how our u3a has grown to currently over 630.

Steve Harris one of the originals is still involved on your committee as Business Secretary as well as being a member of the Trips & Outings group, which he founded in 2012. The group have since been on over 60 coach trips to many interesting and historic places.

Our U3a will continue to flourish only if we have volunteers to manage it. PLEASE think about joining our committee.

George Roberts - Gjandmroberts@gmail.com

SPEAKER FOR THIS MONTH

Geoffrey Harris
"TOASTMASTERS TALES"

Join us at Grange Hall at 2pm for an afternoon of laughter and surprises with Geoffrey Harris.

One of the UK's top Toastmasters, Geoffrey shares behind-the-scenes stories from grand events—weddings, balls, wakes, and more.

Find out what the Prince of Wales really said at the Café Royale, what can go wrong when raising a toast, and what's been discovered under the tablecloths once the guests have gone.

It's a fun, witty look at the world of British banquets—don't miss it!

Chris Hopton
Speaker finder

We extend a warm welcome to our new members:-

Sandra Russell; Martin Norris; Lynette Norris; Sally Nash; Pat Barnes; Ros Church; Shaun Whiting
Linda Lyn-Cook; Kerry Bettridge; Ali Wilson; Nev Lester; Gilly Lee; Roy Anderson; Gill Parnell;

Melanie Gregg

Membership Secretary

We urgently need an additional CO-EDITOR for this NEWS SHEET...

as one of the current two retires in December

Duties include : sending monthly standard email to group leaders asking for items. Then using our dedicated editorial u3a laptop and Microsoft Publisher and Word apps., assemble the items on the pages.

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

And we have more tech help on hand "in case"
Contact the Editors radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

AVIATION GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tue 7 Oct at 2pm in the Trent Room in Grange Hall.

As part of the commemoration of the 85th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, we are delighted to welcome Wg/Cdr Keith Robertshaw and Gp/Capt Phil Owen, who will talk about:-

The Battle of Britain – 6 September – The day the RAF should have lost the Battle.

Contrails over Big Ben



Keith and Phil will tell the story of the RAF's most critical assets, its experienced/effective fighter pilots and about the reduction in their numbers that led to Dowding's decision on 6 September 1940 to stop defending South East England!

It was the day on which, had they known it, **the Luftwaffe had won the Battle of Britain.**

However, due to some poor command and battle-management decisions, the Germans, having achieved air superiority, failed to exploit it and gave Fighter Command a much-needed respite. Technically the RAF did not gain a victory, but it avoided a defeat, which, in the circumstances, was much the same thing!

Adrian Cresswell Aviation Group Leader

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POP QUIZ GROUP

You ain't seen nothing yet at the u3a Pop Quiz. It won't be the same without you. Rock on. The next quiz is on Thursday 9th October 11am-12noon at the Royal Oak. No charge, just buy a tea, coffee or another 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-

(I Never Promised You A) Rose Garden - Lynn Anderson; Build Me Up Buttercup - The Foundations

(Here We Go Round) The Mulberry Bush - Traffic; Blackberry Way - The Move

Every Rose Has Its Thorn - Poison

Can you work out the song title from these cryptic clues? For example "Transparent blood pump" would be "Heart of Glass" by Blondie.

Not bad tremors

Living things on the red planet

A shout out from England's capital

A young female for the sabbath

Large females do not produce tears

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

Contact *Richard* at ayamonterichard@gmail.com

BRIDGE GROUP

As the Chairman said in the last edition I am giving up running this group at the end of October. The group has been very successful, but we now need some volunteers to take charge of the group and keep it running. Please contact me if you or a group of people can do this.

I need to say that the group has been so successful because of the time and effort put in by Di and Len Jackson and my wife Liz. Len has given up most Monday afternoons to score the bridge played, as well as arranging some great bridge weekends away. Di has spent a lot of time coaching new and existing players and providing support to them. Liz has also helped in the coaching and in sorting the group's money as well as arranging Christmas meals. The U3A thanks should go to all of them.

As usual anyone who can play bridge are welcome to join us on a Monday afternoon in the Grange at 1.45pm.

Greg Bungay Contact at 07437411875

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We usually meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10.30-12.30 at the Dawson 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 18 September

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

JIVING FOR FUN

What a fantastic start to the season – we kicked things off with a live band at our Wednesday session and the dance floor was never empty. It's good to be back!

We've got lots to look forward to in the coming weeks: Outings to other venues – let's take our moves on tour!

Freestyle weeks where some of our very own members are stepping up to lead!!

Whether you're brushing up on the classics or daring yourself with something new, there's something for everyone. Most of all, it's about having fun together every week.

We hold our sessions every Wednesday at the British Legion Club from 3-5pm

Come along and give us a try. No need to book - just turn up.

The first two sessions are free.

No experience or partner needed!



See you on the dance floor!

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CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS

Your committee will be making the arrangements for our Christmas Party (amongst other matters) at their next meeting.

What is assured is a great party day with super nibbles and a glass of Prosecco to wash it down. Our guest entertainer will be C J Jackson who will sing songs from the Soul and Motown era.

We will also have a Quiz before our own Bridge Singers will once again bring the afternoon to a close.

Tickets will be on first come first served, so be aware for when they go on sale so you don't miss out.

George Roberts

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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.

Friendship Group

6 members of the Friendship Group went to St Anne's, Blackpool last week for 5 days. We had a brilliant few days away despite the wind. During the week and travelling there, we went on trains, bus, taxis and tram. We stayed at The Dalmeny Hotel in St Anne's which we would all recommend. Everyone enjoyed the week and a few of us said we would return, to the same hotel, in better weather though. We all gelled brilliantly and laughed all week. Just to let members know, we have a waiting list of 5 for our group, sorry.

Diane Williams - contact at

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Blackpool Belles

WALKING FOOTBALL

I have had an approach from a member asking if we can consider starting a Walking Football group. As always your committee will be happy to support starting one, providing we have 2 things in, before we do. Firstly we would need enough players before anything else and secondly we would need at least 2 of those involved to take on the Group Leadership. If you are interested please contact me, if we have enough interest we will call a meeting to discuss the possibilities

George Roberts

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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 NOVEMBER edition.

The deadline for articles please is 20TH OCTOBER, 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