

This month... Cribbage ... Geology ... Pop Quiz ... Film Review ... and more!

Radcliffe on Trent u3a: Learn, Laugh, Live

Join a friendly community of over 600 local members in Radcliffe and surrounding areas. For just £20 a year, you can explore new interests through volunteer-led groups, monthly guest speakers at Grange Hall, and social trips. Open to everyone—regardless of age or background. Come and meet new people and get involved at your own pace! Our u3a is run entirely by volunteers.

DISCUSSION GROUP



There have been some changes at the Discussion Group. We now meet on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of every month from 1.00 to 2.30 in the Memorial Room at the Radcliffe Methodist Church on Shelford Road.

What is **GUARANTEED NOT TO CHANGE** is the lively debate.

We take it in turns to host a meeting. The host chooses a topic for discussion and leads the debate. Over the past year we have talked about subjects as diverse as Philanthropy; "Should my word be my bond?"; America – Friend or

Foe?; Our Desert Island Discs and Nostalgic Memories of Christmas.

Come along, see for yourself and join in the discussion'

Alan Howe 07777 698799 and **Bob Coleman** 07967 113673

CRIB AND CRIBBAGE

Joining together those with considerable experience, those with a modicum of experience and complete novices, our new collective of cheery people has gathered twice. Under the hospitality of the kindly Royal Oak, we have met with our boards and pegs, or matchsticks, and print outs of rules as we laugh our way through the card game many were taught by a grandparent and have not tried for years.

All are most welcome on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4.30–5.30 for the price of buying something from the bar.

We discussed playing over the summer months and decided that since it only takes two to make a game, we will carry on through July and August, so we are now in the Oak's diary.

Newcomers most welcome.

Nicky James: email@veronicajames.net



GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

GEOHERMAL POWER USE IN KENYA. 9th June at 2pm in Trent Room, The Grange Hall

KENYA IS NOW 7th in the World for using GEOHERMAL POWER to source their energy. This is due to

their having a chain of volcanoes in the Rift Valley from which Natural steam is tapped to drive Turbines generating 30% of the country's electricity.

This has come about partly due to work of scientists from the British Geological Survey in the 1980s.

Group Leader *Martin Clarke* sumatraman947@gmail.com

OUR GROUPS...

Monday – Boules; Bridge; Croquet; Film Appreciation; French Improvers; Friendship & Support; Friendship Group; Keep Fit; Wine Appreciation (Eve.)

Tuesday – Art 2; Aviation; Cribbage; French Conversation; Geology & Env Studies; German; Indoor Bowling; Knit & Natter; Let's Go Bowling.

Wednesday – Art 1; Fit & Toned; Jiving for Fun; Photography; Real Ale; Scottish Country Dance; Table Tennis.

Thursday – Classical Music; Discussion; Curry; Family History; Garden; Play Reading; Poetry for Pleasure; Pop Music Quiz; Spanish; Ukulele; Wine Tasting (Aft.).

Friday – Archaeology; Board Games; Book Group; Canasta; Church Visits; Pickleball; Pub Trail; Scrabble.

Day Varies – Local Outings; Lunch Club (Belvoir); Trips & Outings Group Committee.

Visit rot-u3a.org.uk/groups-page/ to find out times, venues etc and to contact a group leader. *Some groups use a waiting list.*

WELCOME TO OUR RECENT NEW MEMBERS...

Carole Brooke; Jane Clark; Sally Ingoe; Bill Ingoe; Alana Lee; Pam Graham; Carole Fleming; Bonnie Holland; Jan Clark; Steve Clark; Elaine Hobson; Peter Cope; Melia Cope. We hope you enjoy your time with our u3a!

Melanie Gregg, Membership Secretary (members@rot-u3a.org.uk)

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP We usually meet every third Thursday of the month, but next month (June) we will be meeting on the second Thursday which is June 11th. We meet at the Dowson Room, The Grange, from 10.30 to 12.30. All are 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 11 June.

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

MONTHLY SPEAKER TALKS



Talks take place monthly at The Grange Hall, doors open at 2pm, free tea/coffee, free for members, guests £2.

JUNE 4th – A Year in The Life of The East Midlands Folklore Calendar

A description of a year in the life of the East Midlands folklore calendar – from mob-football games to Maypole dances and Mummers plays. The speaker incorporates singing and puppetry, as well as a wealth of personal

experiences and anecdotes, to illustrate the living traditions included in the talk."

Dave Mooney, the speaker, is well known in Nottingham, and we hope we will have an appreciative audience.

July 2nd – Philip Caine –Barrow to Bagdad and Back Again (My career story)

"My talk begins with me leaving school . . .

I will talk about how my career began as a chef and hotel manager.

My 17 years working the oil rigs in the North Sea.
Followed by operating projects in Algeria & Nigeria.
My time in Kazakhstan & Russia was particularly exciting.
Not to mention the most dangerous place of all . . . Baghdad.
My career culminated in Dubai where I ran an oil services company.
The talk is full of interest, anecdotes, humour, and inspiration."

6th August – In the Forbidden Land

The strange Tibetan adventure of Henry Savage Landor. The speaker is Fran Sandham, who gave a well-received talk on David Livingstone on a previous occasion.

Chris Hopton, Speaker Finder christine.hopton@outlook.com

Kitchen Help Required

We are looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to join our refreshments team and lend a hand at our monthly meetings. If you can arrive a little before the main talk to help brew the tea and coffee, serve our members with a smile, or help with the quick clear-up and washing up afterward, we would love to hear from you! It's a wonderfully simple way to get involved, meet fellow members, and keep our meetings running smoothly and welcoming for everyone.

Contact any member of the Committee or email info@rot-u3a.org.uk

From THE CHAIR

"I was recently pleased to hear that we currently have a membership of 631, this is a really high number so early in the membership year. Expanding our interest groups is great for recruitment, but popular groups can quickly reach capacity. If a new member is turned away from a full group, please report it to the committee (either via the group leader or the member). Without this feedback, we can't act. Our goal is to keep new members engaged, which may include finding a new leader to start a second branch of high-demand groups. I have to say how much I am enjoying the Pop Quiz group, in the Royal Oak. Richard Turner puts together some very interesting and original music questions and all in a friendly but competitive way. The music takes you back to the good times of our youth and every so often a song that means a lot to you. If you enjoy music that covers many generations why not come along and give it a try.



Your committee, especially Malcolm McDowell and Joy Moran, are putting a lot of effort to ensure that we meet the more complex requirements that are demanded these days to ensure our security and safety. We have to be careful that we do not break confidentiality or copyright laws along with many other demands such as PAT Testing. Brian Wildeman has taken and passed the examination and is now a certified PAT Tester and he will shortly be testing our electrical goods to ensure they comply. "

George Roberts mailto:chair@rot-u3a.org.uk Tel 07971593802

TRIPS & OUTINGS 2026

Lichfield Visit Report

Forty-one members visited the Staffordshire Regiment Museum on a chilly, sunny day. They explored the indoor exhibits, which featured historic artifacts and Victoria Cross bravery medals, and walked through realistic replica frontline trenches. Afterwards, the group traveled to Lichfield, where they visited the unique three-spired cathedral. Members spent the afternoon exploring the local independent shops, Erasmus Darwin's house and herb garden, or Samuel Johnson's house. Everyone returned to the coach at 4pm for the journey home, agreeing it was a great day and that Lichfield was surprisingly interesting.

Coach Trip to Liverpool Tuesday 16th June

We have a few tickets available for the visit to Liverpool. The coach will drop us off at the Albert Dock, leaving a choice of many attractions all within a 20 minute walk. Visit the Maritime or the Beatles Museums, think about the Tate Gallery of the North or take a trip on the Mersey Ferry.

Tickets are £23 pp and will be on sale at the Monthly meeting on 4th June

- Tuesday 16th June - **Liverpool** - £23 pp tickets on sale at the 14th of May speaker meeting.
- Thursday 16th July - **Kilworth Outdoor Theatre 'Anything Goes'** - £60 pp **SOLD OUT**
- Tuesday 22nd September - **National Coal Museum & Sculpture Park** - Cost TBC

Contact *George Roberts* 07971 593 802 or *Sandra Straw* 07411 910 142

POP MUSIC QUIZ GROUP

It has been just over a year since the u3a Pop Music Quiz started. In that time, we built up a group of loyal, enthusiastic and knowledgeable quizzers. The emphasis has always been making it fun and enjoyable. There are no questions from a book or the internet just listening to and identifying songs and artists.



You ain't seen nothing yet. It wouldn't be the same without you. Rock on. The next quiz is on Thursday 11th June 11am-12noon at the Royal Oak. No charge, just buy tea, coffee or another drink. Come along to identify songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Be there or be square!

Richard Turner ayamonterichard@gmail.com

FILM GROUP This month we review: **The Colours of Time**

Our March gathering looked forensically at a French film 'The Colours of Time' (La Venue de l'Avenir – Arrival of the future).

The first round of pre-discussion voting gave it pretty high scores, including six '9's' which is certainly an endorsement! The plot follows four cousins from a big extended family who have never met until the reading of a Will. They are VERY different people who volunteer to represent the wider clan on an ancestral quest. Celine, A high flying exec welded to her mobile, Abdelkrim, a teacher with a Maghreb background (quite unusual for French cinema to feature a character with roots in former colonies), Seb, a shallow 'hip' fashion photographer, and Guy, a country beekeeper.

The family has inherited a very scuffed farmhouse in rural Normandy. The four cousins find themselves retracing the steps of their ancestor into 19th century Paris which actually becomes their lived experience. They are plunged back and forth into 1895 and the 'belle epoch' following their ancestor's voyage of discovery, still wearing their 2025 clothing, then dropped back to the present day.

Ancestor Adele, a country girl, decides to strike out for Paris after her grandmother's death and find the mother she's never met but who has funded her upbringing. Grandma's lips were forever sealed. The cousins find themselves following Adele and mixing with the poorer bohemian residents of the French capital with plenty of horse dung on the streets, then into strange meetings in intellectual 'salons' with the era's famous creative characters, including Monet and Victor Hugo, who's a bit of a flirt!

Paris 2025, and 1895 delivered with fantastic CGI (computer generated images) is shown in all its glory but this confrontation between two eras calls into question the cousins' present-day situation. Adele romances with a future famous painter, Gertrude Stein, Picasso just starting his surrealist/abstract period and many more, observed by the truth-hunting cousins.



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Adele's mother is a prostitute, thus the secrets and Grandma's disgust. She welcomes her daughter but is ashamed of her way of life. The two are reconciled, the cousins eyes brim with tears of relief. Eventually Adele returns, now literate and planning to become a teacher, to her country sweetheart. Meanwhile the

cousins have found a dusty painting that turns out to be a Monet! It seems Adele's mother has been captured on canvas by the great man, a notorious womaniser. Could he be Adele's father?

The cousins then have an ethical question to answer – sell the painting for big money to be shared or donate it to the nation. All is resolved and both the cousins and the screen audience leave well pleased. It's a real feel-good movie, beautifully shot with appealing characters across both centuries and a pleasing if somewhat untaxing plot.

Post-discussion votes rose to reach dizzy heights; ten x 9's including a 9.5 (!) and all agreed it was two hours well spent at The Broadway Cinema.

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KNIT AND NATTER



During the week when the world was celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday this cheeky little ape was found in a charity shop. It will be warmly welcomed by Tara's Angels, along with knitted clothing which is desperately needed by families who flee domestic violence – often with only the clothes they are wearing.

We meet on the second Tuesday monthly and our gathering in May was a very lively afternoon. As well as the items shown in the photo, blankets and hats were brought along and will be distributed to various charities, including the Friary and Police Aid.

For more information: *Jan Addiscott* - 01158 457398



2026 DIARY DATES

June 4th Speaker – East Midlands folklore calendar | 16th Trip to Liverpool | 24th Coffee Morning

July 2nd Speaker – Barrow to Bagdad and back again | 16th Trip to Kilworth Outdoor Theatre | 29th Coffee Morning

Aug 6th Speaker – In the Forbidden Land | 26th Coffee Morning

Sept 3rd Speaker tbc | 22nd Trip to National Coal Museum and Sculpture Park | 30th Coffee Morning

Oct 1st Speaker tbc | 28th Coffee Morning

Nov 5th Speaker tbc | 25th Coffee Morning

Dec 3rd Christmas Party (Grange)



AVIATION GROUP

There will be no meeting of the Aviation Group on Tues 2 June, as the Group will be away on a trip to East Kirkby Airfield to see their Lancaster and Mosquito aircraft.

Adrian Cresswell, Aviation Group Leader, crela7@gmail.com

JIVING FOR FUN GROUP

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our live music event on Wednesday, 13th May. Aron Fender provided a fantastic afternoon of live rock 'n' roll music, creating a wonderful atmosphere for all to enjoy. There was plenty of dancing, chatting, and toe-tapping throughout the afternoon, and everyone seemed to have a great time. We hope to repeat the event sometime in the autumn, so watch this space for future updates.

If you are interested in joining the group, we meet every Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Grange Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent.



For more information, please contact *Margaret* on 07773426253 or *Sue* on 07954586735.

NEXT EDITION DEADLINE 20th June 2026

Please continue sending items (articles, photos, sketches) to: radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com. Any member may contribute to our Newsletter. Your experiences could be the inspiration someone needs to join us. Why not share what you enjoy most about being a member?

JOIN OUR U3A **Everyone is welcome – just £20 a year.**

Looking for something fun, friendly, and fulfilling? The u3a in Radcliffe on Trent offers 40+ groups, 600+ members, and endless ways to get involved. Join us at our monthly Members' Meeting (first Thursday), visit rot-u3a.org.uk/home/join-us/ or email members@rot-u3a.org.uk for more information. We also 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. Tea and coffee are included for FREE!

Community notices

Radcliffe Ladies Choir is welcoming new members. Join us on Wednesday evenings at St. Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm where you will receive a warm and friendly welcome.

We sing a wide variety of songs from modern show tunes to seasonal favourites so there's something for everyone to enjoy. Our motto is 'friendship through singing' so come and join us in song and make some new friends. If you want to hear us in action and meet members of the choir, we will be performing our next concert on 4th July at the Methodist Church Hall, Shelford Road, Radcliffe on Trent, NG12 2AG.

Sheila Brumfitt (Choir Secretary) – Tel. 07929 428484

Radcliffe Repair Café 25th July 10am–1pm

What sort of things can we try and help you with? Woodwork, Electrical, Tool Sharpening, Jewellery, Soft Furnishings, Needlework, Basic Bike Repairs and more. Refreshments Available. Cash donations can be made on the day. Why not pop along and find out! Craig Moray Community Centre, Corner of Queens Road and Shelford Road, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham, NG12 1DL.

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