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RADCLIFFE ON TRENT NEWSLETTER

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Join us! Join a warm community of 630+ local friends across Radcliffe! For £20 a year, enjoy member-led groups, monthly speakers, and social trips. Meet new people and belong at your own pace.

Learn, Laugh, Live...

CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS!

This year's u3a **members' party** will be held at Grange Hall on Thursday 3rd December, doors open at 1.45pm for a 2pm -4.30 event. A great chance to party, chat to friends old and new, enjoy nibbles and toast each other with a glass of Prosecco or non alcoholic drinks. You will be serenaded while you wait by our very own Ukulele band, there will be a super special opening act to welcome the start of Christmas, Malcolm's quiz and our guest act will be Revival, a well known and respected Nottinghamshire music band bringing us 60s and 70s classics to dance or toe tap to.

Tickets, priced at £5 will be available again at our October monthly meeting and from One More Chapter in the village on a first-come, first-served basis. This is likely to sell out quickly, so early booking is recommended.

Come and join us!

fiction books and articles and is a historical novelist with two published novels to her name. Her particular interest is 19th century popular entertainments: music hall, theatre, circus and fairs. She has appeared on local and national radio, and in documentaries about fairs and circuses on BBC4.



Last month's talk was about Brian Clough

MONTHLY TALKS

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

October 1st – Ann Featherstone: Ghostly Tales to be told.

The October talk (in readiness for Halloween) is Ghostly Tales to be Told. The October talk is Ann Featherstone who is always a popular speaker at Radcliffe u3a. Ann is a retired university lecturer and teacher as well as an author. She has written non-

November 12th – Dave Pinion: In the Wake of Shackleton

"In the Wake of Shackleton", is based on my Antarctica trips to South Georgia and the Weddell Sea, and the (mis)adventures of the Shackleton Endurance Expedition. "

Chris Hopton,
christine.hopton@outlook.com

Speaker Finder.

POP QUIZ

You May Say
I'm A
Dreamer ...

I've got to get a message to you about the u3a Pop Quiz. It's yesterday once more. The next quiz is on Thursday 8th October 11am-12noon at the Royal

Oak. It's a fun quiz. There are no questions from a book or the internet just listening to and identifying songs and artists from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Richard Turner ayamonterichard@gmail.com

KNIT AND NATTER



Our group is busy knitting poppies once again – which will be attached to the wreath at The Grange for Remembrance Day in November. It is hoped that the display will

flow from the first-floor window to reach the ground this year, which will be a fitting tribute for the occasion.

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ART GROUP

Our little art group decided to enter some of our work at the Village Show, held on the 6th of September. Despite the challenges of registering (the lack of IT literacy getting in the way) for the show, we entered 5 pieces of work. The organisers set three criteria for the age group we fall into. We entered into two categories, the allotment shed, and the farmers table. I am so pleased to say that all five entries were acknowledged, with Christine Simons, Joy Moran, and Brenda Wealthall achieving second places, Dianne McAvoy Robinson got highly commended. I very pleased to say I got first place. The lovely thing about this achievement is that none of us have ever entered a competition before, and even more of an achievement, Dianne and Joy have never painted until they joined our group. I think it just goes to show that you don't need to be a lifelong artist to be able to draw and paint, and age is definitely not a barrier. If you fancy having a go, please come along and talk to us and watch us working on Tuesday mornings, 10:00 at the Royal Oak on Main Street. You will be made very welcome.



John Parkinson john@j-parkinson.co.uk

CHAIR'S REPORT

"It's fantastic to see our u3a growing with record membership! With so many people joining, many of our popular interest groups are running at full capacity. We want every new member to feel welcome and find their place straight away, so if you've had trouble joining a group that's currently full, we'd love to help!

The best solution is often starting a secondary group for that interest. The committee is right here to support you in getting a new group off the ground—we just need to know where the demand is. If you're looking for a group that's currently full, please get in touch with me and let's work together to make it happen!

Our new interest groups are thriving, and we owe a huge thank you to our group leaders for their time and dedication in making them so successful. We can be immensely proud of the difference our u3a makes across Radcliffe and nearby villages. Having moved here in 2021 knowing no one, I know firsthand how wonderfully our u3a helps people build lasting friendships and share interests in retirement."

George Roberts

JIVE 'TIL FIVE

The Jive group has changed from a group of people who wanted to learn to Jive, to a group who now like any opportunity to jive. As such the group is putting on a number of live events over the next few months, so they can practice all their moves.

7th October – Rockin Daniel, (one of the few DJ's that plays vinyl records), who gets everyone up and dancing

4th November – Aaron Fender, a great singer and guitar player, who will get you dancing or feet tapping to 50's and 60's music.

18th November – The Greythorn Band, a new volunteer band, that has promised us an afternoon of rock and roll music.

2nd December – The Moonshiners, one of the best-known local rock and roll bands, who will get you dancing from the first to the last song.

If you like just listening to music, including vinyl records, dancing to 50s and 60s music, or just fancy an afternoon with good company, come along and join us.

Charges vary according to the event.

Wednesdays 3pm–5pm Grange Hall

ALL WELCOME!

For details, contact *Margaret* or *Sue* via the Radcliffe on Trent u3a website rot-u3a.org.uk.

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

We continue to be extremely active. Our next visit is to Bottesford Parish Church on Friday 25th September. This Church is one of the largest Parish Churches in the country. It has strong links to the Duke of Rutland and many monuments of the family. After that we go to the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in Sherwood. We will there explore all aspects of the Jewish faith. This is on Tuesday 27th October. Next year we are planning a full programme of visits. If you wish to join the Group, open to all U3A members, please contact me on WhatsApp 07970268096 or scampion50@gmail.com. *Stephen Campion*

TRIPS AND OUTINGS GROUP

We recently visited both the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the National Coal Mining Museum near Wakefield. The visits were exceptionally interesting. The Sculpture Park featured impressive outdoor exhibits by renowned artists, while the Coal Mining Museum vividly brought home the dirty, difficult, and dangerous work carried out by miners toiling underground. We then enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea at the museum before heading home.

Looking ahead, our final trip of the year will be our Christmas Lunch at **Morley Hayes** on **Tuesday 8th December**. For those new to our u3a, this is always a fantastic festive treat—renowned for its exceptional



food, wonderful ambiance, and attentive staff. We'll also enjoy a stop at a local garden centre en route! Remaining tickets will be available at our Monthly Meeting on **Thursday 1st October**.

Your Trips & Outings Committee is already hard at work planning next year's excursions! As a sneak peek, destinations under consideration include the **Royal Armouries & M&S Heritage Centre in Leeds**, **Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings**, **Waddesdon Manor**, and **Hanbury Hall**. We're also planning a return trip to the **Kilworth Open Air Theatre**, along with our popular **Christmas Lunch**. This year, we're expanding our horizons to include **National Trust properties**, opening up a fantastic selection of new places to explore.

Have a destination in mind?

Is there somewhere special you'd love us to visit? We'd love to hear your suggestions! Please get in touch.

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

VINYL RECORD GROUP

There's still nothing quite like listening to music on vinyl—the rich sound, the album art, and the memories connected to every sleeve. Our u3a Vinyl Record Group meets regularly to share our love of music, trade stories, and enjoy good company.

Centered around 60s to 80s Pop and Rock but with plenty of flexibility, our sessions so far have covered a huge range of styles and eras. Members bring in LPs or singles from their own collections, leading to discussions about the records that shaped our memories.



It isn't just about the music—it's about the conversations, the nostalgia, and discovering something new along the way.

Whether you have a large record collection or just enjoy listening to great music, you're very welcome to join us from 1pm to 3pm in the Scout Hall on the last Wednesday of each month. Bring a favourite LP if you wish, or just sit back and enjoy the music. Contact Phil if you are interested info@rot-u3a.org.uk.

AVIATION GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Tue 6 Oct at 2pm in the Trent Room in Grange Hall.

Our speaker one of our Group's members, Milan Petrovic, who will talk to us about: Nottinghamshire Air Crashes. Milan will be talking about some of the many air crashes that have occurred in the local area over the years, and some of the investigative work he has carried out on a few of them.

Future talks in 2026.

03-Nov	Flying the Hump (Crossing the Himalayas) Tony Broadbent
01-Dec	Xmas Lunch or Social?

Adrian Cresswell Aviation Group Leader,
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PICKLEBALL – EXTRA SESSIONS



The pickleball group meets every Friday morning 10 – 12 at Cotgrave leisure centre BUT we also meet on Wednesday afternoons 2 – 3pm at the new Saxondale pickleball barn. So, more possibility to try this up-and-coming sport. All equipment is provided so come and give it a go!

Contact *John Flynn* –jaffly52@gmail.com
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GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP



Our next 3 meetings are as follows: –
Each on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 – 4pm in the Grange Hall Trent Room.

OCT. 13th. "Introducing Indonesia and its numerous Volcanoes". By Martin Clarke.

NOV. 10th. "Mineralogy in Wine, (Can you TASTE! the Minerals?)". By Dave Harrison.

DEC. 8th. "Bring your own, and/or examine our Fossils, Rocks or Minerals". By Bob, Greg and Martin.

Martin Clarke sumatraman947@gmail.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP



We meet monthly every 3rd Thursday 10.30 – 12.30 in the Dawson Room The Grange. 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 15 October Michael Riggall** michael.riggall@ntlworld.com

DISCUSSION GROUP



- What cuts would you make if you were the Prime Minister?
- Should Oprah Winfrey run for President?
- Britain through the eyes of an immigrant.
- Public Inquiries: Do they serve a purpose?
- These are just a few of the topics we have discussed over the years. We have also talked about far more light hearted topics:
- Choosing our Desert Island Discs,
- Determining what makes a funny TV programme,
- Picking our bucket list, or simply deciding
- Do we need men?

For just 1½ hours each month we put the world to rights.

We meet on the THIRD Thursday of every month, 1.00pm to 2.30pm in the Memorial Room at the Methodist Church on Shelford Lane.

If you want to know more please phone me or just come along to one of our meetings. You will be most welcome.

Alan Howe 07777 698799

JOIN US



FOR JUST £20 A YEAR

Join us at our monthly meeting (first Thursday), visit rot-u3a.org.uk/home/join-us/ or email members@rot-u3a.org.uk. Or visit our 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. Tea and coffee are included for FREE!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Anne Adams, Jayne Storey, Nicola Stevenson, Peter West, Ann West, Richard Brooks, Nicola Newham, Jane Martin, Cheryl Tillson, Tim Tillson, John Brook .

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

NEXT EDITION

DEADLINE 20TH OCTOBER 2026

Please continue to send articles, photos and 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?

2026 DIARY DATES

<u>Oct</u>	1 st Speaker Ann Featherstone 28 th Coffee Morning
<u>Nov</u>	5 th Speaker Dave Pinion 25 th Coffee Morning
<u>Dec</u>	3 rd Christmas Party (Grange) 8 th Morley Haze Christmas Trip

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; Carpet Bowls; Knit & Natter; Let's Go Bowling.

Wednesday – Art 1; Fit & Toned; Jive 'til 5; Photography; Real Ale; Scottish Country Dance; Table Tennis; Vinyl Records.

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 operate a waiting list.

--- Community notice ---



Radcliffe Repair Café

28th NOVEMBER 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.

Contact: 07742 434437 radclifferepair@gmail.com

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