

Join us! Become part of a warm, welcoming community of over 630 local friends across Radcliffe and surrounding areas. For just £20 a year, our u3a is all about making lasting connections and enjoying life together through member-led interest groups, lively monthly speakers, and friendly social trips. Come along, meet new people, and feel right at home at your own easy pace! [Learn, Laugh, Live...](#)

FAMILY HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP



Our Family History Discussion group meets once a month to share our experience of researching our family histories. Some of us are long-term family historians while others are just setting out on this absorbing hobby. We discuss our successes and the brick walls we might be facing. We help each other with suggestions. The internet screen in the Radcliffe Room at the Grange means we can hunt for solutions together. We meet on the **third Thursday of the month (except July, August and December)** from **2 to 4pm**

in the Radcliffe Room of the Grange (the white building in the grounds of Grange Hall). We each pay £3 to cover the cost of room hire. Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Thursday September 17th. You will be most welcome, whether you're a beginner or an old hand!

Group leader: *Dave Barton* davidhbarton@btopenworld.com

MONTHLY SPEAKER TALKS

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

September 3rd – Marcus Alton: Brian Clough, The Lost Tapes

A journalist and broadcaster whose topic is **Brian Clough the Lost Tapes**.

He has many stories about the legendary football manager including interviews not made public before. He was a driving force for the statue of Brian Clough in Nottingham City Centre.

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-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.

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. We follow the path of "The Boss" on his ship Endurance via wonderful South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and deep into the Weddell Sea to Vahsel Bay and Berkner Island. Our ship Ortelius set a new furthest south world record (over 78 degrees) before returning northwards to visit Elephant Island and make a rare landing at Point Wild.

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CHURCH VISITS GROUP



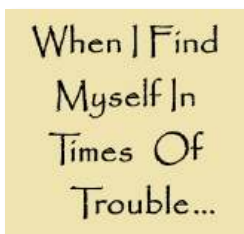
Dave and Maggie Holmes have handed over leadership of the Group to George Roberts and me. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to them both for their dedication and hard work in leading the group so far. Moving forward, I will handle organizing the visits while George will coordinate the lunch arrangements.

Two visits are scheduled for the remainder of the year. The first takes place on Friday, September 25th at 10:30 am with a guided tour of Bottesford Parish Church. The church holds significant historic interest, featuring monuments dedicated to the Duchy of Rutland's family, and we also plan to view several listed structures throughout the village.

The second visit will be to the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in Sherwood, Nottingham, on Tuesday, October 27th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If you are not currently a member of the Church Visiting Group and would like to attend either visit, please contact me at scampion50@gmail.com or via WhatsApp at 07970268096.

POP QUIZ GROUP



In the summertime the *name of the game* was the u3a Pop Quiz. Come along and see if you like it. The next quiz is on **Thursday 10th September 11am-12noon** at the Royal Oak. *No charge*, just buy tea, coffee or any other drink. Listening to and identifying songs and artists from the 60s, 70s and 80s. It's a fun quiz, not competitive and no prizes.

Richard Turner ayamonterichard@gmail.com

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

Join our monthly listening group every third Thursday of the month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Dawson Room at The Grange, with the next meeting taking place on Thursday, 17 September. Entry is £2.50, which includes tea, coffee, and biscuits during the interval. Everyone is welcome to come along, listen, and relax, and no prior knowledge is needed.

For more information, contact group leader *Michael Riggall* at michael.riggall@ntlworld.com.



FROM THE CHAIR

"All organizations need fresh ideas to stay relevant, and new committee members provide that momentum. We are delighted to welcome Joy Moran, who has taken charge of our groups. Joy is already visiting groups to introduce streamlined Attendance & Receipts Forms, ensuring easier record-keeping and full compliance with regulations like GDPR. She has also worked with Brian Wildeman—who recently completed specialist training to oversee PAT testing, and ensure electrical equipment is safe to use. Replacing long-serving group leaders is never easy. As founders of the Church Visiting Group, David and Maggy Holmes have decided to step down, and they will certainly be a hard act to follow! Fortunately, current member Stephen Campion is taking over as leader, with my support on post-visit refreshments. We're grateful for David and Maggy's years of service and look forward to this next chapter."

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

TRIPS AND OUTINGS GROUP

Upcoming Visit to Sculpture Park & National Coal Museum Wednesday 23rd September

We are intending to visit the Yorkshire Sculpture Park near Wakefield, an art gallery featuring both open-air and indoor exhibition spaces set across the 500-acre parkland of Bretton Hall. The park showcases work by British and international artists, including Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. We will spend about two hours here, though anyone wishing to stay longer can remain at the park to be collected later. From there, we will drive five miles to the National Coal Mining Museum, where we will have plenty of time to explore the history of UK coal mining and learn about the difficult, dangerous, and cramped conditions miners endured. The group members from the Sculpture Park will rejoin us at 3:30 pm for a relaxing afternoon tea, after which we will depart for home at 4:30 pm, arriving back at approximately 6:30 pm. Tickets:

George Roberts 07971 593 802 or *Sandra Straw* 07411 910 142 or buy at Grange Hall meeting on Sept 3.



GARDEN GROUP



10 of us went on the visit to the allotments at Elston on Thursday, Aug 13th. Numbers were low for various reasons – child minding, holiday absences and the very hot weather being the main ones. Despite the heat, our visit was very enjoyable. John Woodcock, who is very involved with the allotments there and James, the current chairman of their group, did a great job in showing us round, giving us a bit of background regarding how the allotments came into existence and how they are looked after at present.

In the early days of their existence, they had the foresight to employ someone to find water nearby. Three boreholes were drilled and luckily, at the third attempt, the drill found an underground stream which has never let them down. Lucky them! I think John said that the area covers about 4 acres and includes several allotments and a community orchard with a variety of fruit trees that they have planted. Some have been bought while others, especially the apple trees have been produced by grafting. Many questions were asked and our group went away with various ideas to try for themselves. When we had finished our tour of the allotments, we were treated to some much-appreciated drinks and cakes provided by others in the allotments group. (See photos)

Several years ago, members of the group attempted apple tree grafting under the guidance of John Woodcock, achieving mostly successful results. John has offered to lead another grafting session next year, likely sometime in March. Costs are estimated at £10 per participant.

Our next event takes place on the afternoon of Thursday, September 10th and is a visit to Elaine Walker's garden on Shelford Road for our now annual plant "swap"

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AVIATION GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Tue 1 September at 2pm in the Trent Room in Grange Hall.**

Newark at War, 1939 – 1945

One of the group's friends, Keith Robertshaw will use Newark as a typical local industrial/agricultural town as he charts the changes that the war brought to the people on the Home Front. He will discuss the overwhelming military presence in and around the town, particularly the construction and use of the 8 military airfields that were within 10 miles of it and other aviation-related aspects. There was a lot going on!



Our programme for the remainder of 2026

06-Oct	Notts Air Crashes	Milan Petrovic
03-Nov	Flying the Hump (Crossing the Himalayas)	Tony Broadbent
01-Dec	Xmas Lunch or Social?	

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

KNIT AND NATTER GROUP



Our Knit & Natter Group meets monthly. One of the charities we have always supported is Police Aid. When I took our last donation to them in July, I was advised that Police Aid was closing, due to lack of funding and volunteers. Such sad news – we have knitted for them since our group started. We do support other causes, such as Tara's Angels, Nottingham hospitals and Dementia homes, but would welcome news of other places which would welcome our knitting.

Having said all that, it needs to be said that (occasionally) we also knit for ourselves!

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FILM GROUP

Well, the club enjoyed wine, fizz, soft drinks and snacks during our final meeting of the summer session. The sun blazed, the skies were blue, we were cool and refreshed. Two movies were discussed on 26th July – 'Odyssey' ... unusual as we normally steer clear of blockbusters, and a darkish French thriller 'A Private Life'.

"Odyssey"



Director Christopher Nolan, whose previous attention-getting films include 'Oppenheimer' and 'Dunkirk' set himself an odyssey of a task, made remarkable by not using special effects! A mix of two classics of world literature, Virgil's Aeneid and Homer's 12,109 line long mythical poem is a long and complex tale tracking our hero Odysseus, (Matt Damon on top form) and his 20-year-long adventures. The epic, played with Nolan's deft hand is a feast for the eye. It features plenty of flinch-provoking wartime gore, especially with the Trojan Horse aided sacking of Troy, truly scary one-eyed man-eating

monsters and multiple serpents, tremendous sea tempests, snarling baddies, coquettish and downright mean women temptresses and a very loud soundtrack. His overly patient wife, Penelope, (Anne Hathaway) sits at her loom hanging around for her long-absent husband and stretching credulity, especially, as a bank of suitors wait to catch her eye. All ends well. The hero and audience were equally exhausted yet satisfied after a three-hour long movie marathon. Before and after discussion votes hardly moved; two zeros (can't please everyone) two fives and big majority-pleasing sevens and nines.

"A Private Life"

What to say about 'A Private Life?' Impossible to follow complex plot, Jodie Foster, fluent French-speaking and impressive as a psychiatrist with weird client, unresolved complex psycho problems, and a 'who done-it' which we didn't care much about. Too clever for its own good. Votes before and after remained identical from three to eight which most erring on the lower side of grades.

We convene again on Monday September 28th.

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JIVE ‘TIL 5 (FORMERLY JIVING FOR FUN)

To give us more time to practise, socialise, and enjoy dancing together, we’re switching to a new monthly format featuring two tutor-led sessions, one freestyle session, and one live music or DJ session.

We welcome all dancers. Some members lead so everyone gets a partner, and we rotate partners often throughout the session. We also do strolls—individual dances to rock and roll tracks that let us dance as a group without partners.

Jive ‘til 5 meets **Wednesdays from 3pm to 5pm at Grange Hall**. Just turn up—no booking, partner, or previous experience required. Beginners will receive friendly tuition, and the focus is purely on fun.

Our first session is Wednesday 9 September, hopefully featuring live music by Aron Fender (to be confirmed). Entry is £5 per session, but your first two sessions are completely free to try.

For details, contact *Margaret* or *Sue* via the Radcliffe on Trent u3a website rot-u3a.org.uk. See you on 9 September!

COMMITTEE NEWS

The Radcliffe on Trent u3a has adopted the National u3a safeguarding policy. For details of this and other policies see our website rot-u3a.org.uk. Safeguarding the most vulnerable in our society is everyone’s responsibility. Abuse can take many forms; physical, emotional, sexual, financial and includes neglect. Any concerns should be reported to the police, health and social services via the [multi-agency safeguarding hub \(MASH\)](#) at Nottinghamshire County Council – see Nottinghamshire County Council website > Safeguarding Adults for full guidance or telephone 0300 500 80 90.

The Committee.



2026 DIARY DATES

<u>Sept</u>	3 rd Speaker Brian Clough the Lost Tapes 22 nd Trip to National Coal Museum and Sculpture Park 30 th Coffee Morning
<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



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!

NEXT EDITION DEADLINE 20TH SEPTEMBER 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?

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Elaine Gallagher, Paul Carrington, Dave Richards, Jackie Richards, Maureen Clark, Martin Spencer and Zena Mazey. We hope you enjoy your time with our u3a!

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

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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 use a waiting list.*

--- Community notice ---



RADCLIFFE REPAIR CAFÉ

26TH SEPTEMBER 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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