



NEWS SHEET

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Until further notice Members' monthly meetings, usually held in the Grange Hall on the first Thursday of each month are suspended .

Chairman's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.

I, for one, am glad to be rid of 2020 !

So a few important messages.....



Firstly our regular Thursday Meetings dates are in the diary at The Grange Hall. We clearly cannot meet yet but we are ready to go !

In the meantime our next NG30 TV programme is scheduled for broadcast around the 21st January 2021 on Notts TV(date to be confirmed). It will feature the fascinating Laura Parker, local archaeologist. The dreaded Covid has prevented broadcast in December. We will advise you of all the ways and times to view this very soon.

Secondly, in some format we need an Annual General Meeting in March. Sadly (for me) it is my time to stand down as Chair. So we will need to elect a new Chair. Happily we have a nomination in Beverley Lawe, who has the support of the committee. We also need to reappoint The Treasurer, Cliff Murray, and re-elect the rest of the committee who have indicated a willingness to stand again.

We are presently considering our options for how to run a " virtual" AGM and Vote. Bright ideas welcome. Over the next few weeks we will try to gauge your interest in attending an online AGM in March. We are assuming Face to Face in The Grange Hall will still be out of the question.

However none of the foregoing prevents any Member from putting their name forward as Chair, Treasurer or as committee member. I would love to hear from you if you are interested. Cliff, our excellent Treasurer, needs to stand down in March 2022 so it is particularly important a volunteer emerges now with those skills. If it is not you then who do you know. Please !

Finally a thank you to all our membership for sticking with us. Thank you too to the many of you who have given support and feedback during this difficult last year. It has kept the committee and Newsletter team motivated knowing our efforts are appreciated.
See you soon.

Malcolm

UKULELE ZOOM XMAS PARTY

Having been meeting via Zoom on a weekly basis since April, we finished the year with a Zoom fun Christmas party, complete with santa hats and Christmas jumpers!



We were able to welcome several guests and also group members we had not seen for a while and then set the party going with playing/singing a few carols. After that there was lots of chat and with Chris sitting comfortably at the helm to keep us under control, we managed not to talk over each other!

Our thanks to Marjorie for her Christmas quiz, to Robin and Chris for their musical contributions, to Angela for her very imaginative composition and to Di for her lovely recitation. Interestingly, somehow our Zoom sessions have brought us closer together as a group and we have become much more autonomous, which I believe is what U3a is all about.

Why it has taken Zoom for this to happen I am not quite sure!

It is now 9 months since we heard ourselves playing and singing together as a group, as Zoom only works successfully if we are all muted, so we now look forward to post Covidtimes and making music together once again.

We all wish all of you, Committee and members, a very Happy Better New Year.

Lyn Coxon Group Leader - lyncoxon@btinternet.com

Photographic Group

Members of the Photographic Group have been active recently, first having Autumn colours as a subject and then the day of December 1st

One of our members, Keith Collins has organised a site on Facebook for us, that is for group members only. This is to encourage us all to share our photographs and enjoy each others' work

It has been well received with the majority already signed up and more expressing an interest in joining and contributing.

This picture was taken by Janet Groves on the December 1st and is an example of the variation of subjects that interest us.



Currently, we have Christmas time as a project and are trying to decide on a project for January, although this is giving rise to some thought.

The weather has been challenging, especially to the Autumn colour project when two organised group days were abandoned due to rain

However, we look to the New year with optimism and the possibility of meeting again around Easter. Let us hope for the best.

David Henderson Group Leader.
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WALKING GROUP

The 'friendly' few, following the rule of six, enjoy a sunny walk to Cotgrave Country Park in mid December. We wish you all a *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

George Smith Group leader— georgeasmith35@gmail.com

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We send our thanks to Group Leaders for their articles and contributions during 2020 and wish you all as happy a New Year as is possible.

All our members love to know about the activities of the Groups.

THANKS AGAIN

And please send your items and pics to:

radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

It would be most helpful if contributors would use only this address for NewsSheet matters.

REAL ALE GROUP

The group had their regular monthly Zoom Meeting as a Christmas Party, complete with drinks, nibbles and the mandatory Pub Quiz. I have to admit it was different but so has been 2020. Happy New Year Everyone.



Rodney Fogg , Group leader - rodneyfogg@gmail.com

Geology and Environmental Studies Group

Our proposed next study topic is AN ANCIENT "BREXIT" DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The last Ice-Age ended approximately 12,000 years ago and at that time the melting glaciers revealed a Britain that was joined to mainland Europe by the area now occupied by the southern North Sea. This area has become known as Doggerland and is currently the subject of much ongoing research. It has become clear that both man and animals such as mammoth and sabre-tooth cat were able to migrate between what is now NW Europe and Britain. However, by 8,000 years ago, due to continued glacier melting, sea levels had risen to the extent that Doggerland became inundated and Britain an island area as today.

Enquiries & suggestions to Group Leader **Martin Clarke** at email sumatraman947@gmail.com

And/or Mo on 07308144380)

Carols for Christmas—

sadly this one arrived too late for our December issue but we couldn't resist including it for the New Year.

— EDITORS

Doctor Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen,
Regulations lay about in
Tiers that were uneven
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though Covid was so cruel
When some Bubbles came in sight
Breaking all the rules.

"Hither nurse and stand by me,
But keep your social distance,
Yonder Bubbles who are they
Putting up resistance?"
"Doc, they come from miles around
Across the town, no doubting,
Their local pub's been shut for
months,
The one they call The Fountain."

"Bring me masks and bring me
gloves,
Bring me sanitiser,
You and I will spend our time
Trying to make them wiser,"
Nurse and doctor forth they went,
Forth they went together
Through the cold deserted streets
And the bitter weather.

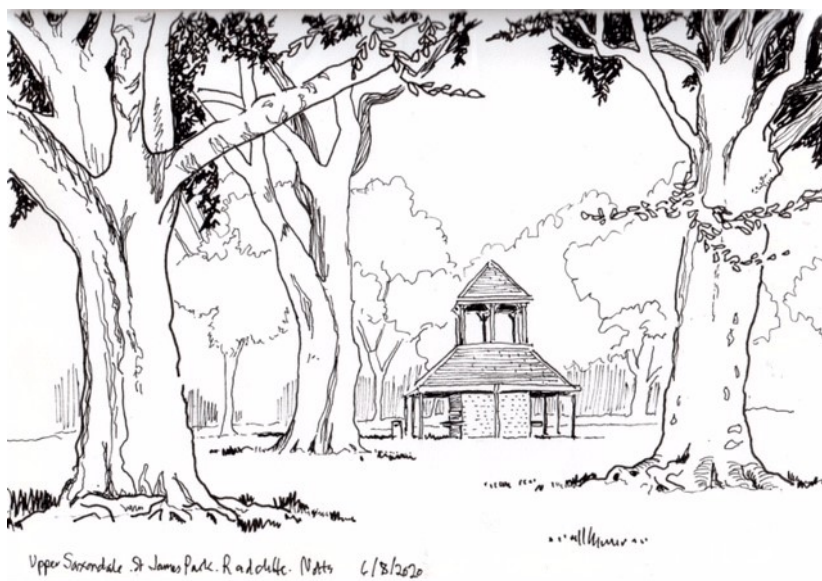
"Doc the R rate's going up,
infection's getting stronger,
I've just done a twelve hour shift
And can't go on much longer."
"Wear your PPE my nurse,
Fight this battle boldly,
We'll find this vaccination works
If we freeze it coldly."

A nurse's pay is not that much
You'd hardly say they're 'minted',
But the nurse just carried on
For hours and never stinted,
Party people please be sure
To limit all your meetings
Then the nurse and doctor too
Can enjoy Christmas greetings.

ANON

No prizes for guessing the tune

Another selection from the palette of our Chief Editor



IMPORTANT NOTICE

FEBRUARY NEWSHEET

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Thank you **Editorial Team**