



RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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MEMBERS' NEXT MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will not open before 2pm with the meeting starting at about 2:30pm or as soon as everyone is seated and has obtained refreshments.

FROM THE CHAIR

Our stand at the Village Show was visited by a fair number of potential new members and we did actually sign up two. We are hopeful that more will join in time, as good interest was shown and literature taken.

I do think that our presence was very important, in that being the largest group in the village we should ensure we are seen being proactive.

As I write this report, I have just returned from the meeting in the Royal Oak called to set up a new Walking Group. I am delighted to report that we have been pleasantly surprised by the response and we had nearly 40 members attending, with another 15 expressing interest who could not attend. This bodes well for the future of a most important group in our u3a and one we have been missing for some time.

One of the problems we face with all our groups, is they all have an optimum number, to ensure they operate efficiently. In the situation when a group reaches that number, the answer is to open a second group. To this aim it is important that your committee are advised, to allow them to look into the possibility of starting a second group.

This is where our Group Leaders can be pro-active by updating, via Jan Addiscott our Group Co-Ordinator, as soon as any changes happen. Jan has worked hard to produce a new, more informative Group List, and was finally ready to forward it to all our members, however by chance we have found out that one of our groups has changed its venue, which now requires a rewrite of their information.

What I think we all need to learn from this, is if there is a problem then your Chair and committee are there to support you and reconcile any problems and to ensure all our members are happy and involved.

George Roberts gjandm.roberts@gmail.com

Our speaker this month is **Steve Lovell** who will present his talk about **Wildlife Spectacles in the UK.**

Why travel around the World ?, Britain has some Wildlife spectacles of its own, although in an ever changing world how long will they last"

"A Self Employed Garden Designer with many years as a Soft Landscaper. A qualified Adult Education Tutor Group Speaker and Cruise Ship Speaker. I worked for the RSPB and am now the proprietor of a wildlife tour company. I am very widely travelled both in the UK and across the world, my talks reflect this."

Groups News

We thank Arnold Cade for helping to make plans for the Walking Group to begin again very soon. We had a good response from members wishing to join the group, which shows how it has been missed in recent months. We will be contacting all those who have indicated an interest with details of the first walk.

The Table Tennis group has been meeting on a Wednesday afternoon thus far. Now, it is hoped to start a Monday group at the same venue. Please contact **John Fisher** (johnfisher41@gmail.com) or myself if this would be of interest to you.

Jan Addiscott, Groups Coordinator : groups@rot-u3a.org.uk

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10.30 - 12.30 at the Dowson Room The Grange. All welcome. No previous knowledge needed. Refreshments provided in the interval. The price is £2 including tea, coffee and biscuits. Listen and relax at our next meeting on Thursday 17th October.

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

COFFEE MORNING FOR MEMBERS

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, the tea and coffee is included FREE !!!!!!!!!

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to

Jacky Arnold, Ray Arnold , Veronica Atkinson, Roger Crafts, Sue McKinlay

Ross McKinlay, Lindsay Evett, Jenni Barrow, Linda Jackson

Linda Rycroft , Andy Conacher, Andrew Shaw

Melanie Gregg - [Membership Secretary](#)

Discussion Group

Bob Coleman, our 'Discussion Group Leader ' will have a stand at our next Monthly Meeting on October 3rd. Bob will be pleased to answer any questions and explain what the group sets out to achieve and how it operates. He looks forward to meeting all members who enjoy having a good discussion, on a wide range of subjects, these are selected by the members. If you are interested in joining the group, Bob will ensure you are made most welcome by the members.

The group meet at the Royal Oak on Main Street on the Third Wednesday of the Month at 3pm.

Contact **Bob Coleman**
bobcoleman517@gmail.com

GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP.

Please find brief details of our next 3 monthly meetings:-

Tues 15th October. 2-3 hr visit to Sharphill Nature Reserve, West Bridgeford (administered by Notts Wildlife)..

Tues 12th November. Talk by Dr. Greg Chapman on VICTORIAN DINOSAUR HUNTERS.

Tues 10th November. Social Quiz based on some of the specimens exhibited during our July meeting.

This event will also feature seasonal Wine/coffee and mince pies.

Our September 17th meeting was a walk around Central Nottingham Market Square to examine some of the great variety of decorative stone used to front many of the commercial structures visible, as well as flooring.

If you want to receive email updates on our activities please contact us on the email address below.

Martin Clarke, Group Leader. email sumatraman947@gmail.com

TRIPS AND OUTINGS GROUP**Successful Visit to Trentham Gardens and Wedgwood Pottery**

A group of 37 members set out for the visit to Trentham Gardens and Wedgwood Pottery. The weather was excellent throughout the day and this allowed us to just enjoy visit all the more. Many of our members had not been before and it's fair to say that everyone had a great day. The Trentham Shopping Village had many interesting offerings to tempt us to spend, which many did. The wide variety of food on offer were tested and found to be excellent. One or two visited the magnificent garden before re-joining the group for the drive to Wedgwood Pottery.

On arrival at Wedgwood we split in to two groups for a 45 minute conducted tour of the factory. The was a fascinating experience, to see up close the skill and patience of the crafts people in producing the exquisite Wedgwood Pottery. Many then made their way to the Museum where items going back to the start of the company were on show. Onward on to the Café where we had our Crème Tea waiting for us. This was superb, lovely Scones with Cream & Jam all washed down with English Breakfast tea. This left us a short time to visit the Shop, where various purchases were made, before joining our Coach for the journey back to Radcliffe.

From the comments of our members this proved to be a most successful day enjoyed by all.



Sandra Straw at [0115 933 3011](tel:01159333011)

AVIATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Aviation Group will be on Tuesday 1st October at 2pm in the Trent Room at Grange Hall. There is a £4 entrance charge – cash only please.

Our speaker will be group member [Milan Petrovic](#) who will be talking about:

RAF Newton: It's inception and wartime history.

Milan has been fascinated by RAF Newton ever since his first flight there as an Air Cadet in 1972. In this talk, he plans to outline why Newton 'is where it is and why it looks how it looks' and describe its early history using details gleaned from the national archives.

Adrian Cresswell. Group Leader. Email : crela7@gmail.com

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

(Coming soon!)

A reminder to look out for tickets at our monthly meetings.

Also, keep an eye on your email inbox for more info.

Your Committee

Group of the Month - - Poetry for Pleasure

We are a group that meets monthly on the last Thursday of the month. Having decided on a topic at the end of the meeting, we then individually choose 2 poems, for reading during the following month. At the next meeting we each read our chosen poems to the group, related to the topic chosen. After each one we have a short discussion, and this can often bring contrasting views. We cover the full spectrum of poetry from Classical to Modern.

For more information contact Group Leader, **Anne Mountford** at Email : annemm510@gmail.com

BOULES GROUP

We are the Radcliffe on Trent u3a Boules Group who currently enjoy weekly games on the Boules pitch at Radcliffe Golf Club.

Six of the eight current members are pictured on the bench kindly provided by the Golf Club. Eight is our maximum membership but we can always add keen u3a members to the waiting list.

Contact - **Jon Jones**, Group Leader at jonjones33@gmx.co.uk



REAL ALE GROUP

This group has been going for ten years since 2014. In that time 48 separate local pubs serving ReaAle have been visited. That's some pub crawl!

Ok, admittedly we have attended some more than once for example the Earl of Chesterfield eight times, The TBI four times and the Buttercross at Bingham three times. Always at lunch time on the last Wednesday in the month, always for a meal, a drink and always accessible by bus or tram.

Over the last three years we have been fortunate to attend the Nottingham Beer and Cider Festival now held on the iconic Notts County Cricket Ground at Trent Bridge.

Last month we were fortunate with the weather and went for the first time in the group's history to The Castle PH and enjoy a drink, al fresco meal and friendly conversation overlooking Nottingham Castle and Robin Hood's statue.

If you would like to join us you will be welcomed. Just contact Rod for rendezvous details.

Rodney Fogg, Group Leader. Email ; rodneymogg@gmail.com



NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

To all our Group Leaders thank you for articles and contributions especially photos to keep members informed of what you do.

Please continue to send us your items, articles, photos or sketches to: radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

Our next issue is our NOVEMBER Issue No 95

The deadline for articles please is 20th OCTOBER, 2024

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 submit. Thanks

Rod & Patrick Co-Editors

U3A BRIDGE GROUP

The bridge group continues to meet every Monday afternoon at 1.45 in the main hall at the Grange. We regularly get between 6 and 9 tables playing duplicate bridge. We are a very friendly and sociable group and welcome new players who can play bridge. Don't worry if you haven't got a partner we will always find you one.

In a few weeks' time we are off to Derbyshire for a bridge weekend kindly arranged by Len Jackson, one of our members. We will be playing bridge in the evening with a trip to the bar after we finish. During the day members either play bridge amongst themselves or go off and enjoy the surrounding countryside and towns.

As usual just before Christmas we will be having our Christmas lunch at Ashmores .

If you are interested in playing with us please contact

Greg on **07437411875** or email at **gjbungay@yahoo.co.uk**

INDOOR CARPET BOWLS GROUP

The time is near when we will recommence our Indoor Bowls Group following the success of last year. The group will again meet in the Pavilion at the Bowls Club off Cropwell Road. The season will again be active from Tuesday 1st October to April 2025 inclusive. It will meet weekly on Tuesday mornings (10.30 am to 12.30pm). Cost is £5 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

We should like to thank Philip Adams for organising the Group last year and are pleased he will be continuing this year. Philip will again have a table at our next Monthly Meeting in the Grange Hall on Thursday 5th September and will be able to answer any questions you may have. Equipment will be provided

Philip has asked for anyone who is interested to please let him know. He can be contacted

by email: **philip@radcliffeot.co.uk** or by telephone: **07742 146657**.

PLAY READING GROUP

The Playreading Group is an informal, friendly bunch who meet monthly to read a range of plays. Most of our time is spent on the reading itself with a brief discussion, usually during our refreshment break. Comedies and thrillers are particularly popular. Play choices over the months have included comedies such as Alan Ayckbourn's "Neighbourhood Watch", Ray Cooney's "It Runs in the family" and Mike Leigh's "Abigail's Party".

We have enjoyed thrillers by the queen of crime fiction, Agatha Christie, and "whodunnits" by Frances Durbridge. We have also dipped into other genres including "The Lady in the Van" by Alan Bennett, "An Inspector Calls" by Priestley, Miller's "A View from the Bridge" and Ibsen's "A Doll's House". Suggestions for plays are always very welcome.

There is no need to buy plays as we hire sets from the Nottinghamshire Arts Library. We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Rainbow room in St Mary's Church Hall Building from 2pm-430pm. To cover the hire of the room and plays there is a £3 charge on attendance which includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

We have a couple of spaces for new members currently so do email or ring if interested

Jan Powis, Janet Groves, Margaret Hodgkinson Email: jan_powis@yahoo.co.uk Tel **01159336048**

