

RADCLIFFE NEWS SHEET

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FROM THE CHAIR



With Christmas and the New Year behind us leaving memories of catching up with visiting relatives and friends, we have to settle down to normal life. This is where our u3a can make a difference, as we once again join our many groups and the friends we have made along the way. There are many people living alone who could get so much from the u3a, and we should all be aware when we meet people in that situation, to offer them the opportunity to join us.

I visited our new Art Group 2 and whilst it is at this time a small group, the members were very keen and there was camaraderie amongst the group. Are you an artist? Would like to spend time with likeminded people, why not consider joining the group. The group meet every Tuesday between 10am and 12 in The Royal Oak. Interested? Contact the Group Leader John Parkinson via our web site.

If you have used our Web Site recently you will have noticed some big improvements, these

have all been done by Phil Gregg our committee member who looks after our IT. Phil looks after all our computers and their programmes and his expertise is invaluable to us. I should also mention that he and Mel also run the Pub Trail Group so our thanks go to him for all his efforts for our u3a.

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A WARM WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S NEW u3a MEMBERS

Sarah Ingram Linda Anderson Pam Higgs Martin Culshaw Pam Selden.

Melanie Gregg - Membership Secretary

AGM NOTICE

We hereby give Notice of the Annual General Meeting
Of the Radcliffe on Trent u3a
Which will take place at

THE GRANGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6th MARCH 2025 AT 2.00PM.

The Agenda, Minutes from 2024, Accounts for 2024, Chair Report and Treasurers Report will be available on our Website at the beginning of February, Paper copies will be available on Request ahead of 1st March.

The following have indicated their willingness to stand for Election to the Committee.

- George Roberts as CHAIR
- Brian Wildeman as TREASURER
- Jan Addiscott
- John Addiscott
- Steve Harris
- Ann Littlewood
- Malcolm McDowell
- Melanie Gregg
- Phil Gregg
- Patrick Mountford
- Mary Roberts
- Penny Tytler
- Carol White
- Philip Adams
- Christine Hopton

(Brian Wildeman & Christine Hopton were Co-Opted onto the Committee during 2024.)

If anyone else wishes to stand their Nomination must be with the Committee ahead of 21st February. Election would then be by Ballot or Show of Hands.

In common with all AGM's this is meant to be a short affair, ahead of our usual Monthly Meeting with our guest speaker.

It would be helpful if any Questions of significance could be presented in Advance. Routine questions can, of course, be answered at any other time by the Committee.

For and on behalf of the Committee [George Roberts](#) Chairman

Members should be aware that they are welcome to attend the Committee meetings, held in the Radcliffe Room in the Grange, at 2pm on the Monday following the Monthly Meeting.

CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We meet usually on 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 £2.50 including tea, coffee and biscuits. Listen and relax at our next meeting on 20th February.

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

AVIATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Aviation Group will be on Tuesday 4th February at 2pm in the Trent Room at Grange Hall. There is no entrance charge.

Our speaker will be Robin Macey, who will be talking about:

The Nottingham and Derby Hot Air Ballooning Club.

Robin is the Club Publicity Officer Society and has been involved in the sport of ballooning in Nottingham since 1984. His talk will cover Hot Air Ballooning locally, and will include some aerial photos of local places in Nottingham and also Radcliffe on Trent.



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

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP

We continue to meet monthly on the second Wednesday afternoon at 2pm, in the Radcliffe Room of the old Grange Building.

Each month we have a new topic to photograph, which in December was 'Illumination'. When we viewed the photographs there was a very impressive interpretation of that theme.

A few examples are shown here.

This month our topic is 'Bare Trees', which we will view at our meeting on 12th February. New members would be most welcome if you would like to join us.



Janet Groves Group Leader Tel: 07743 543 577

Editors note— Our banner picture this month is by courtesy of our Photographic group

Are you new to the area or have spare time on your hands? Then why not use it in a fulfilling way, whilst making new friends Then why not consider joining the u3a (University of the Third Age) in Radcliffe on Trent

Membership is open to all not in full-time employment and offers many very different possibilities to enhance your time.

With over 600 members and 50 Group's as differing as Geology, Gardening, Knit & Natter, Wine Appreciation, Bridge, Trips & Outings, Scrabble and Friendship Groups & many more to ensure you can find something that interests you.

To join come along to any of our monthly u3a Members Meetings on the first Thursday each month held at the Grange Hall from 2pm to about 4pm.

GROUPS NEWS

Canasta : This group meets on alternate Fridays from 1 - 3pm in the Dowson Room at the Grange. Susan Sinclair has kindly volunteered to take over the organisation of this group following the sad news of the death of Margaret Walker.

Whist : The Whist Group has been inactive for some time. If any of the former members of this group are interested in its revival, please get in touch so that we can explore this option together.

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

TO ALL READERS OF THIS U3A NEWSHEET

IN APRIL THIS YEAR WE WILL BE PUBLISHING OUR

100th EDITION

OF THIS U3A NEWSHEET.

TO MARK THIS SPECIAL OCCASION U3A MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES OR/AND PHOTOGRAPHS RECALLING MEMORABLE EVENTS AND OCCASIONS THAT HAVE HAPPENED OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS IN OUR ORGANISATION.

SEND YOUR ARTICLES TO radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

u3a COFFEE MORNINGS

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 !**

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 March 2025 Issue No 99

The deadline for articles please is 20th February, 2025

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

Trips & Outings 2025

Bletchley Park – Tuesday 15th April 2025 - £38 pp including coach and entrance

Sold Out

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Kilworth Outdoor Theatre Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 £58-00 pp



**Sold Out**

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We will be selling tickets for Bradford & Cambridge at the Monthly Meeting on the 6th February. **Note: This will be on a Cash or Cheque basis**

**Bradford City of Culture 2025 Tuesday 13th May
£20 Coach Only**

Note change of date from previous notification

We plan to include a visit to Bradford our 'City of Culture 2025' on Tuesday 13th May, with a visit to the National Science and Media Museum. This museum has been fully refurbished for Bradford's City of Culture in 2025, with many new exhibitions on offer. There is a very interesting section by Kodak on the origins of Photography and many examples of cameras through the ages. The museum sets out to discover the transformation to our lives by the impact of Images & Sound. After your visit you will be free to explore Bradford Town Centre where you will find many Cafes & Shops. The city also has many great examples of Victoria Architecture to admire.

If you are more adventurous you could catch the 622 Bus to Saltaire and its magnificent Mill, now full of a variety of interesting and varying exhibitions including many original works by David Hockney, Bradford's most famous son. There are also shopping opportunities and a café if you are feeling hungry. You can also explore Saltaire the houses built by Titus Salt for his workers. The 622 runs every 15 minutes and takes 20 minutes and leaves the bus station, a 5 minute walk from the centre, with a 5 minute walk down to the Mill.

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**Cambridge – June 10<sup>th</sup>  
£20 Coach Only**

This will be a day trip with the option of visiting the Botanical Gardens. The coach will drop us off at Parkers Piece a, 5 minute walk to the main colleges. If sufficient are interested in starting with the Gardens our coach will drop you off there. Entrance to the Gardens, which are owned by the University, will be at you cost of £7-70 or £8-50 with Gift Aid. For more info. .... <https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/museums/cambridge-university-botanic-garden>

## JIVING FOR FUN

As our Jiving for Fun group progresses, we continue to make sure that the fun part of it is still the most important to us. We have a great bunch of members who regularly socialise together at venues other than our weekly jive group. We also meet up for coffee each month. This is more of a social meeting where it's nice to have a chat and a catch up as we don't always have chance during our dance schedule on Wednesdays. Our three tutors are still doing an amazing job, especially for keeping us in order during some of our more hilarious attempts at some of the more advanced moves.

We have a really important announcement. After a successful event last year we welcome back local musician Ken Godfrey and his Central Jazz Band to play for us at the British Legion on Wednesday, the 12th March 3 pm to 5pm. This is a traditional Jazz band guaranteed to get your toes tapping if not actually dancing. You don't need to be a member of our jive group to attend. All welcome..The bar will be available. £7 on the door.

if you are interested in joining our group and would like to find out more, then please contact:-

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### **RADCLIFFE ON TRENT u3a MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETINGS**

Our monthly meetings (usually first Thursday at 2pm ) held at the Grange Hall provide opportunity to meet other members, find out more about group activities and have a tea/coffee and biscuits before a talk from an invited speaker (usually just over an hour). The speakers come with a positive track record from speaking to similar groups and topics cover a broad spectrum selected to be interesting, informative and where possible some relevance to Radcliffe, wider Nottinghamshire and issues impacting on our communities. Here's a 'heads up' of the year ahead so far.

**February 6th** Kevin Powell-local history specialist given talks before to us. Shakespeare St Nottingham. From Muddy Track to a Seat of Learning.

**March 6th** - the AGM and then Pat Hall to lighten the mood. Observational Comedy and poems and an ability to see the funny side of life.

**April 3rd** - Bharat Patel Radio and TV reporter. Indian Takeaway. One boy's take on three continents.

**May 8th** - Anna Herbert. Heritage Interpretation and Visitor Experience Manager St Mary Magdalene Church Newark - Re awakening St Mary Magdalene The National Lottery Heritage Funded restoration project.  
(not quite Notre Dame scale but important as the 12th Century Church is restored for future generations)

**Have a good year and support your U3A.**

*Christine Hopton.* Speakerfinder and Publicity Officer.

## UKULELE GROUP

December is traditionally a busy month for the Ukulele Group. It's the time when we dust off our Christmas songs, ready for festive sing-alongs. We are pictured at one such event at a local care home, a venue where we play quite regularly for the entertainment of the residents.

Speaking of festive entertainment, the other photo shows members of the group at our pre-Christmas "fuddle" where they were clearly enjoying themselves!



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## **FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP**

Members of the group having lunch and supporting the recently re-opened and re-furbished Manvers Arms in the village



## **SOUP LUNCH**

I have recently been told that the Soup Kitchen, which is held at The Methodist Church on the 1st Thursday of each month, is in danger of closing if more people are not encouraged to use it.

I wondered if it was possible to include this in the U3A Newsletter as it would be an ideal pre U3A meeting lunch which I know a few u3a members use.

It is held 1st Thursday of each month at 12.15 in The Methodist Church and consists of soup, roll and butter, cake and tea or coffee for £5.

*Diane Williams*