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KNIT & NATTER GROUP

The Longest Thread See above. A small group of us visited the exhibition of about 50 tableaux of knitted representations of scenes from World War II at Southwell Minster in mid September - BRILLIANT.

Jan Addiscott Group Leader

ONLY 8 WEEKS TO GO!

If you enjoy this Newsheet and wish it to continue to be published monthly

We urgently need an additional CO-EDITOR for this NEWSHEET...
as Rod one of the current two editors retires NEXT MONTH in December,

Duties include : sending monthly standard email to group leaders asking for items. Using our dedicated editorial u3a laptop and Microsoft Publisher and Word apps to insert items and photos in Draft Newsheet , thereafter sending for printing after committee approval.

IF YOU CAN OPERATE A SMARTPHONE YOU HAVE THE TECH ALREADY!

And we have more tech help on hand "in case"

Contact the Editors radcliffeu3a.news@gmail.com

MEMBERS' MONTHLY MEETING — THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Doors for the Members Monthly meetings at the Grange Hall will not open before 2pm with the meeting starting between about 2.15pm - 2:30pm or as soon as everyone is seated and has obtained refreshments

Our meeting in November on the 6th just before Armistice Day will have an appropriate topic.

TRAVELS WITH A TIGER - RIDING THE WESTERN FRONT

Inspired by historian Anthony Seldon's book 'The Path of Peace' in which he recounts his solo walk along the length of the Western Front, Phil Drabble decided to do the same journey on his Triumph Tiger motorbike. Tracing this historic route, he crossed some of Europe's most evocative and beautiful scenery from the Swiss border, riding through Alsace, Lorraine, Champagne, the Somme and Flanders, finishing at the North Sea in Belgium. Phil's talk is a homage to all of those people, on all sides, who fought and died on the Western Front, focusing in particular on the fate of two men from his native Nottingham.

A WARM WELCOME TO ANY NEW u3a MEMBERS

Melanie Gregg, Membership Secretary

FROM THE CHAIR

As we come near to the end of 2025 I am pleased to confirm that our u3a is in a very good position. We have brought in new members throughout the year and started new groups to ensure we remain a vibrant organisation. It is important that we are always looking for new members with new ideas and groups to remain so.

Your committee, led by Carol White, have laid the plans for our Christmas Party and a great afternoon is guaranteed for all who attend. We have C J Jackson a Soul and Motown singer, who can personally say is an excellent entertainer, singing songs from the 60s that will take us back to our youth.

I once again have to make the point that we are looking for members to stand for various positions, including the important positions of Chair and an Editor for our NewSheet. Organisations like ours rely on members standing for the various positions to ensure that we remain a well organised and forward thinking group that keeps in touch with new ideas to keep us fresh.

I am pleased to confirm that I will represent our u3a in the Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and will lay our wreath on the War Memorial in St. Mary's Church grounds.

George Roberts Chair gjandmroberts@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

This enthusiastic group continues to meet monthly. We now have fifteen members, having been able to absorb all of those on our waiting list. Over the years it has been interesting to see the move from cameras to mobile phones, which do seem to produce some amazingly good results. Of course, it is a matter of choice which of those options we wish to use.

We always set ourselves a monthly topic on which to base our photographs, which we view via the room monitor at the following meeting. We all agree that this encourages us to go out and have a go. Recent topics have included Look Up, Insects, Paths, Water. The meeting also gives us the opportunity to discuss photographic problems and also to hear from each other about recent developments, especially linked to the move to digital mode. There are so many free applications available, plus others which need a subscription.

Hence, we are all continuing to learn about and enjoy our hobby.

Janet Groves Contact clandjg@outlook.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** !

BOULES GROUP



On a beautiful sunny day at the end of September. Our last game of the season? Who knows, but we always enjoy a good fun game with lots of banter followed by a good lunch at Radcliffe Golf Course.

Jon Jones jonjones33@gmx.co.uk

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT GROUP

Our Friendship and Support Group enjoying lunch during October in The Gamston Lock and taking advantage of their "40% off vouchers" recently circulated around the village.



15th November

10am – 1pm

Craig Moray Community Centre,
Corner of Queens Road and Shelford Road
Radcliffe on Trent Nottingham
NG12 1DL

07742 434437

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Refreshments Available

What sort of things can we try and help you with ?

Woodwork, Electrical, Tool Sharpening, Jewellery, Soft Furnishings, Needlework, Basic Bike Repairs and more.

Why not pop along and find out!

All information correct at the time of going to print

Cash donations can be made on the day



CLASSICAL MUSIC GROUP

We usually meet every 3rd Thursday in the month 10.30-12.30 at the Dawson 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 Thursday 20 November, 2025.

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

POP QUIZ GROUP

Get ready for the u3a Pop Quiz. It's like a bridge over troubled water. The next quiz is on Thursday 13th November 11am-12noon at the Royal Oak. No charge, just buy a tea, coffee or another drink. Come along to hear songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Try and answer these pop music questions...it's just a bit of fun.

What names are missing from these songs?

Baby _____ (Rod Stewart)

Come on _____ (Dexy's Midnight Runners)

Good Golly Miss _____ (Little Richard)

Happy _____ (Who)

Tell _____ I Love Her (Ricky Valance)

Good luck. The answers will be in next month's news sheet.

Richard Turner

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The answers to OCTOBER'S questions:-

Not bad tremors = Good Vibrations

Living things on the red planet = Life On Mars

A shout out from England's capital = London Calling

A young female for the sabbath = Sunday Girl

Large females do not produce tears = Big Girls Don't Cry



REAL ALE GROUP

Thanks to u3a member Steve Westby members of our u3a Real Ale Groups were able to enjoy the tastes of the many real ales on offer at this years four day ROBIN HOOD BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL held earlier this month at Nottinghamshire County Cricket ground at West Bridgford.

GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

Next meeting (2pm Tuesday 11th Nov. 2025, in the Trent Room of Grange Hall)

TITLE:- RECYCLING, PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE. This presentation, kindly prepared by Charlotte Pemberton and Tina Fox, recycling support officers for Rushcliffe, will discuss this activity in a local and national context. WHY RECYCLE? We all have a responsibility to minimise our impact on the environment and to protect it for future generations.

ACTIVITIES WE PERSONALLY CAN ADOPT INCLUDE REDUCING WASTE AND REUSING ITEMS. Charlotte and Tina will have many more ideas.

FINAL NOTE - This talk has been made possible through contacts made by one of our members, Roger Burston.

Martin Clarke, Group Leader.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

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

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

Our next issue and maybe our last is our DECEMBER edition.

The deadline for articles please is 17th November, 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 send.

Thanks *Patrick* Editor