Speaker Steve Short demonstrates some of his magical skills to U3A members at February’s monthly meeting.

Information about the U3A groups run in Radcliffe, where and when they meet, can be found inside starting on page 10.
A NOTE FROM THE NEW CHAIR

At the AGM last month three members of the Committee stepped down: Ann Keen, Pam Thompson and Lindah Kiddey.

All three were inaugural members of Radcliffe U3A and were responsible for setting up and running what has quickly become a very large organisation.

Many thanks to all three for steering a steady course and leaving a well-organised structure for those of us who have followed.

Anne McLeod

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What is the U3A all about  In Radcliffe on Trent, the University of the Third Age has been established for three years. It is part of a national movement, the Third Age Trust. It is a unique and exciting self-run organisation which sets up activities and opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come together socially and to learn together for its own pleasure and reward. For the sheer joy of discovery and adventure! Members share their skills and life experiences by organising themselves into voluntary groups to follow a particular interest or activity of their choosing. The learners teach and the teachers learn, and there is no distinction between them.

Welcome to the Radcliffe on Trent U3A and How to Join  An open meeting is held each month which anyone can attend - members and non-members. At this meeting you can see what the U3A does, have a coffee/tea, visit our display stalls advertising the many interest and activity groups that are held locally. It is at these meetings you can join the U3A. Perhaps you will also feel that now is the time to add your name to a list and take up a new interest! You will receive a warm welcome at all of them. Then take your seat and be entertained by one of our guest speakers.

To attend the monthly meetings is free for U3A members, £2 for non-members. Refreshments are free.

To become a U3A member it is £20 each year. Membership forms are available from the desk in the foyer or ring Penny Tytler, Membership Secretary on 0115 9333028

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PAT testing for portable electrical equipment. 4th
June 2015

This service will be carried out by Joe Bailey as in pre-
vious years and will be available at The Grange Hall at
our 4th June Monthly Meeting from 1:00pm till 3:15
pm for U3A member's to bring along shared electrical
equipment to be checked.

Jim Parkhouse

U3A Members Monthly Meetings—2015

2nd April  Barbara Meyer  “Big Cats”  A wildlife pho-
tographer who is involved with wildlife conservation,
particularly as it relates to big cats.

14th May  Ian Morgan  “Inspector Hopkinson’s
Discovery”  A factual Victorian ‘whodunit’. Using only
contemporary evidence, the audience tries to solve the
true-life murder.

4th June  Andy Smart  “An Extraordinary Hero”  The
life of WWI ace Albert Ball VC, DSO & two bars, MC.

2nd July  Karen Carter  “The Nottinghamshire/
Lincolnshire Air Ambulance Service”  A valuable
public service explained. Where does the money go?

August  No meeting –Summer Break.

Anne McLeod
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Members Monthly Meeting
Thursday 2nd April 2015 at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent 1.30 – 3.30pm

Barbara Meyer – Wildlife Photographer

Barbara Meyer has taken photographs for many years and always been focused on wildlife and nature.

After taking redundancy from her banking job in 2008 she took up her hobby on a more professional level and obtained a diploma in photography. A trip to South Africa and the chance to observe and photograph a leopardess and her cubs led to her decision to help leopards and other big cats through her photography.

Her business is now registered as a community interest company (non-profit) which concentrates on the endangered big cat species in Asia and the Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance being the main beneficiary of the funds she has raised.

Barbara’s has written and illustrated a book about the rare Amur Leopard entitled ‘Against All Odds’ which was published in 2013.

Diane Kidger

Report on last month’s speaker:

“No-one speaks English like an Indian” – Rami Seth.

Or: “No-one exposes the idiosyncrasies of the English language like Rami Seth”. At our March meeting we all sat down, then sat up as Rami took us on a hugely

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**Bridge Group**  Greg Bungay on 0115 9334942

**Canasta Group**  Annette Ayres  on 0115 9333080

**Classical Music Group**  Joyce Bullimore joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

**Criminology Group**  Victoria Hurst at plum47@tiscali.co.uk or ring 0115 8414895.

**Croquet Group**  Joan Spooner on 0115 9332696

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**Discussion Group**  Bob Coleman on bob@coleman4.orangehome.co.uk

**Family History Group**  Dave Morgan 0115 9332353 valdave_morgan@btinternet.com

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entertaining yet enlightening romp through the vagaries of the English language, citing such a multitude of examples of homonyms, double entendres and colloquialisms that at the end we wondered how on earth anyone learns to speak our language. A series of expertly displayed images elicited laughter, groans and shakes of the head from the large audience. One example: his daughter wished he would “go down well” when he gave a talk about the Titanic! On a more serious note, Rami illustrated how Indian words have passed into the English language, not from the days of the Raj but from ancient Sanskrit, including the days of the week. He also pointed out the massive debt we owe to Indian soldiers in both World Wars. A superbly polished performance – no wonder he’s so popular that he had to rush off immediately afterwards to address another audience.

*Dinah Wilcox*

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HEARING SPEAKERS AT THE MONTHLY MEETING

Several people have mentioned that they have difficulty hearing the speaker at Grange Hall. To help improve the situation all speakers are told at the time of booking that they have to wear a lapel microphone. Clive Holland ensures that the Inductive loop system is switched on at the beginning of each meeting and does a “test” with each speaker to check that the reception is as clear
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as possible. The Committee are trying to pur-
chase a podium for speakers, [not as straight-
forward as you would think], but could anyone
who struggles to hear please sit nearer the front
-there are always plenty of seats and the bonus
is you get a better view.  

Anne McLeod

DATA PROTECTION

We often hear about keeping ourselves safe and
about identity theft. With this in mind can I
make a plea to all group leaders and members
who regularly send e-mails to several members
within their group. When sending an e-mail to
more than one person use Bcc, [blind copy] in-
stead of cc, [copy]. By doing this each recipient
will not see the e-mails of every other per-
son. This is really important because if one e-
mail address is slightly incorrect that e-mail
could be received by a total stranger. You can
always start your email with “Hello Everyone” so
that each recipient knows that the email has
gone to everyone. Many thanks.

Anne McLeod

Walks:-

Tuesday 7th April 5 miles: Circular walk from Biondi car
park (Gunthorpe lock), Gunthorpe, Hoveringham and returning
alongside R Trent. Meet at Wharf Lane car park at 10.00 am, or 10.20
at Biondi (Ref SK687438). Study walking gear/boots advisable – it
may still be wet/muddy. Bring drinks and packed lunch. Leader:
George Smith - tel 0115 9334407 or gajm.smith1@tiscali.co.uk

Friday 3rd April 10.5 miles – Circular walk – Fiskerton, Stay-
 thorpe, Upton, Southwell Racecourse, Rollestone. Meet at Wharf
Lane car park for a prompt departure at 09:00 or meet at approx
09:20 at the start of the walk, which is at the riverside car park at
Fiskerton (map ref: SK740513) Please let the Walk Leader know if
you intend going direct to Fiskerton and provide a mobile number.
You can then be contacted if the walk has to be cancelled. Thank
you. Walking is on a mixture of fields and tracks with some road
side walking and includes part of the Trent Valley Way. Please wear
good walking boots, as it may be muddy, wet and slippery under-
foot. Take a packed lunch and something to drink. Leader Derek
Smith - tel; 0115 9334482 or dsmith1950@hotmail.co.uk.

Friday 17th April 12 miles – Circular walk – Lowdham, Lambley,
Woodborough and Epperstone. Meet at Wharf Lane car park for a
prompt departure at 09:00 or meet at approx 09:15 at the start of
the walk, which is on the Old Epperstone Road, Lowdham (map
ref: SK655476). Please let the Walk Leader know if you intend go-
ing direct to Lowdham and provide a mobile number. You can then
be contacted if the walk has to be cancelled. Thank you. The route
is hilly in parts and walking is on a mixture of fields and tracks with
some road side walking. Please wear good walking boots, as it may
be muddy, wet and slippery underfoot. Take a packed lunch and
something to drink.

Due to the length of the walk it is intended to have an afternoon
‘coffee stop’ in addition to the usual morning ‘coffee’ and lunch
stops’. In view of this you may wish to take extra food and drink.
Leader Derek Smith - tel; 0115 9334482 or
dsmith1950@hotmail.co.uk.

Wine Tasting Group Further information can be obtained
from the Group Leader, David Harrison at winemanu3a@gmail.com
Spanish Group  The class will meet in the Radcliffe Room of the Grange from 10 to 12 on Tuesdays 14th April, 28th April, 12th May, 26th May and 9th June. Further details from Christine Marquina on 0115 933 4821

Supper Club Group  If you are interested in joining us please phone Joan Stanway for more details on 0115 9334065

Ukulele Group  Our weekly meetings will continue until the end of April when we will commence our summer break. For further information contact Lyn Coxon on 0115 9334359

Walking Groups

Details of walks will be emailed to members when available. Note to all: Please remember to bring your U3A membership card when you sign in at the beginning of the walks (for insurance purposes) and give an emergency contact name & telephone number. Walks are open to ALL U3A members – non-members will be charged £2 per walk for insurance cover. Prior confirmation is advisable when booking for teas etc is required, but otherwise there is no objection to simply turning up if you decide to join us on the day.

Sufficient car sharing facilities are hopefully available from Wharf Lane car park, ROT – please remember to bring a bag to change out of your muddy boots for the return journey home. If you are sharing a car, a contribution towards the fuel cost would be appreciated.

Interest Groups-News

Visits and Outings Group

Blenheim Palace—8th JULY

Why not join us on a trip to Blenheim Palace on Wednesday 8th July. Tours can be taken for free around the house and there will be lots to see in the beautiful gardens. The cost will be £33 and will include a cream tea of scones, tea or coffee. Bookings will take place at the May monthly U3A meeting – visit the Outings Group’s Stall.

Heraldry Group

Appeal for new group members

The next time you are enjoying a snack or coffee at St Peter’s Cafe in town next to M&S pop in the church and look at the four large heraldic stained glass windows depicting some of the famous sons of Nottingham. Then come and find out more about this fascinating Art & Science... “A Taste of Heraldry " ....an introductory course run by Bob Jones. There are 6 x 2 hour sessions around my dining table plus a visit or two to view some local heraldry. I need 4 to 6 new members who would be interested to set up another course. Let me have your details - contact Bob Jones Tel: 01145 9334306 email hazbob@talktalk.net
CURRENT INTEREST & ACTIVITY GROUPS
(alphabetically listed)

These are available for any U3A member to join:-

**Book Appreciation Group** will meet on Wednesday 1st April in The Manvers side bar at 2pm to discuss the March book choice “A PALE VIEW OF HILLS” by Ka Zuo Ishiguro. If you are a book lover and would like to give us a try come along or contact **Sue Terry** on 0115 9120129. or email bob-nslue@hotmail.co.uk

**Boules Group** We have started the new season, but the metal boules tend to be a bit cold! We meet every Monday morning from 10am until about 1.30. Feel free to join us if you can stand the cold, but if not, join us later. For details of next meeting etc., contact **Al Reed** on moalan@talktalk.net

**Bowling Group** We will be starting the six week course on bowling on Thursday 23rd April, so this is your last opportunity to join. Please visit our table at the U3A meeting on 2nd April to join and try something new.

Contact **Pat Baulcombe** tel 0115 9333487 or email patri-ca193@hotmail.co.uk

**Bridge Group** The Bridge Group meets every Monday afternoon at 2-4 pm in the Dowson room, The Grange. We have a 5 minutes or so teaching session, which we all find very helpful. If you fancy a game of bridge please come along. Contact **Greg Bungay** on 0115 9334942

**Canasta Group** Contact **Annette Ayres** on 0115 9333080 for any information.

**Needlework Group** If anyone would like further details, please contact **Jan Seingier** Tel 0115 9123038 Group Leader.

**Play Reading Group** Contact **Pam Thompson** on 0115 9335382 or email pamthompson2@btinternet.com

**Poetry for Pleasure Group** If you would like to come along contact **Diana** on 0115 9332425

**Real Ale Group** Last year we visited among others the ‘Navigation’, Trent Bridge, the ‘Butter Cross’, Bingham, the “Trip to Jerusalem”-disputed oldest pub in England- and the ‘Canal House’ and a trip around the Castle Rock Brewery in Nottm –always on a bus route. So far this year we have been to the “White Lion” in Bingham and the “Poppy and Pint”, Lady Bay. A different pub each month. All meetings are planned to take place at lunch time on the last Wednesday of every month starting about 12 noon till around 2.30pm. We depart each month from the bus stop at 11.45am from outside The Grange. For further details turn up at the bus stop or contact **Rod** on 0797 1537 119 or at rod-neyfogg@gmail.com.

**Scottish Country Dancing Group** Held in St Mary’s Church Hall, each Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm-4.00pm. We do not meet on the last Wednesday of the month when the Mothers’ Union have the Hall. Mary Scarlett and Jean Hudson are the new Group leaders. For more information contact **Mary Scarlett** on 0115 9333981
Luncheon Groups : Maximum membership : 20 per group. There are three groups:-

1. Newstead Luncheon Group  Following on from delicious lunches at Bistro Pierre and Fire & Ice, our next lunch is arranged for 14 April when we will be joining with the Belvoir Lunch Group at the Venezia Restaurant at Upper Saxondale. We still have a couple of vacancies to join our small, friendly group and new members are very welcome. Your own transport is not essential as members with cars are happy to arrange lifts. Contact Gillian Dunn on 0115 9118595 bri-an.gillian.dunn@gmail.com.

2. Belton Luncheon Club  In March, seventeen members enjoyed an excellent meal at the Radcliffe Golf Club which was very ably organised by Mary Needham who is also organising our April lunch on Tuesday 14th April to the Chesterfield Arms in Bingham 12 for 12.30. Please let Mary know if you wish to join us athleticmary@greenbee.net or 0115 9334381. Our membership is now closed as we have 20 members. Contact Sheena Fawcett on sheena.fawcett@ntlworld.com or 01159 334473

3. Belvoir Luncheon Group.  We are all enjoying this group. We went to the Chesterfield Arms at Shelford this month and in April we are going to Venezia at Saxondale. As this restaurant is opening in the day especially for us we have invited the Newstead group to join us and are looking forward to a jolly occasion.
Any problems contact Pat Baulcombe tel 0115 9333487 or email patricia193@hotmail.co.uk

Classical Music Appreciation Group  Will be meeting on Thursday 16th April from 1.30 to 3.30 pm in the Dowson Room. £1 per head, free tea/coffee/biscuits. For further details contact Joyce Bullimore joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk

Criminology Group  The Criminology Group is now full, but I have started a waiting list. Just to remind you that we meet on the last Tuesday of each month, between 2-4 p.m. at St. Mary's Church Hall, in the upstairs Rainbow Room. Contact me Victoria Hurst for further details at plum47@tiscali.co.uk or ring on 0115 8414895.

Croquet Group  The croquet group will recommence, meeting behind The Trent public house as last year, when the weather permits. Time and day(s) to be announced. Contact Joan Spooner on Tel: 0115 9332696

Cycling Group  After a three month lay-off, the cycling group resumed its activities with a Vale of Belvoir ride. A group of six riders, four old hands and two new members, set off from Colston Bassett. In view of the lay-off, it was one of our shorter rides (15 miles), and fairly flat as well. It was a brisk morning, but the group were heartened by the prospect of coffee and cake (and warmth) at the Dove Cottage Cafe. The group went by road through Langar, Barnstone and Granby and on to the excellent Dove Cottage. In fact we spent almost as long in the Cafe as we did on the bikes, prompting the question "why don't we just drive straight to the cafe, and forget about the cycling?" Shortly after leaving the cafe, we joined the Grantham Canal for a few miles, and then by road back to Colston Bassett. This ride was the first of three March rides based around sections of the Grantham Canal, but also covering parts of the Vale of Belvoir. The objective of these rides is to complete the rideable sections of the Grantham Canal. Other rides in other areas are planned for the rest of the year. Contact Dave Hood for more information on davehood49@gmail.com
**Discussion Group** will now meet at The Horse Chestnut PH every second Wednesday in the month at 3-00 pm. Contact **Bob Coleman** email: bob@coleman4.orangehome.co.uk

**Family History Discussion Group**. Contact: **Dave Morgan** 0115 933 2353 at valdavemorgan@btinternet.com.

**Film Appreciation Group**. The next meeting will be on Monday the 20th April. For details of the film to be discussed and the venue of the meeting please ring or email. Contact **David Richards** on 0115 9335499 or d.richards68@ntlworld.com.

**First Aid Group**. We now have almost 50 people who have completed the full course and another 25 who have completed most of it. Congratulations to all those people, you are making Radcliffe a safer place in which to live. Quite a lot of people have told me they have had to use what they have learnt. It is great that they now have the confidence to help others. The next First Aid course will start on Wednesday 22nd April from 10 till 12 at St Mary's Church Hall. It will run every Wednesday morning for 4 weeks. There will be a booking sheet at the April meeting to reserve a place on the course or contact me **Anne McLeod** on 0796 6478873 or email me at mail@annemcleod.co.uk

**Flower Arranging Group** If you would like to join us contact **Gerry Mills**. 0115 9336935 or michael.mills27@ntlworld.com with a follow-up meeting about two weeks later to reinforce what she has shown you and answer specific questions. The meetings are held at members houses (to keep the cost down) so again, please let Rosie know if you are prepared to host a session. The group for April is full but names are being taken for sessions in May. Please contact **Rosie** on erg.garner@gmail.com or 01949 838333 if you are interested in attending one of these.

**IT Skills Group** Group Leader: **Ian Jones** – Tel: 0115 9335814 or e-mail ian@kuwtraining.co.uk

**Jazz Appreciation Group** Meetings will continue as follows. Monday 13 April, Monday 18 May and Monday 22 June All meetings 2.00 pm. – 4.00 pm. In the Manvers Arms side bar. Contact; **Michael J. Bedford** on Tel: 0115 8450151 or michael@mimo.org Our.Facebook.link.is https://m.facebook.com/groups/740639129279887?ref=bookmark

**Keep Fit Group** We meet every Monday morning between 10.00 and 11.00 in the Methodist Church. To cover the cost of the room hire we charge £2 per session. Please bring along a yoga mat and something to drink and wear loose or stretchy clothing. Men and women welcome. Contact **Sian Barnard** 0115 9334019 or **Anne Spencer** 0775 9522175 or spencer531@btinternet.com
CURRENT INTEREST & ACTIVITY GROUPS (continued)

Geology (continued) The 9th monthly meeting was on 10th March when 29 folk attended a presentation and discussion, lead by Martin and Greg Chapman, prompted by the, to some, controversial proposal to drill for oil between Radcliffe and Bingham. Two major themes drove the discussions:- 1. UK became a net importer of energy in 2003 and now has to import the majority of high carbon fuels that it needs due to a 60% decline in North Sea Oil and Gas production as well as a 90% fall in Coal mined indigenously. Wind Power etc contributes <15%, Nuclear~20%. 2. Oil and Gas has been produced on shore in UK since at least the 1950s, albeit on a much smaller scale than in the North Sea. The largest onshore field is Witch Farm in Dorset. In the East Midlands Eakring was an early producer. Oil shows have been noted in boreholes at Bingham, Cropwell Butler, Kinoulton and previously in Harlequin No 1. Re-interpretation of seismic and previous borehole records have lead to the current interest. Our next meeting is on 21st April. As BGS Keyworth could not accommodate all those wanting to visit during the Feb meeting, a repeat visit has been arranged for the 21st April when again a max of 20 are welcome. Some 10 have already applied so there are currently spaces available. The May meeting is planned as a Field Excursion to the Eakring area. To apply for places on the BGS visit, or for any other info on this group contact Martin Clarke on martinclarke@live.co.uk.

IPad Tutorial Group Rosie Garner is running ad hoc tutorials for the Apple ipad as and when there a people interested. She runs groups for no more than 6 people at a time and does an hour and a half 'presentation'

French Beginners Group Contact Jean Mugaseth for further details on Tel 0115 9335164.

French Conversation Group We meet in members' homes, on alternate Tuesdays, from 10am - 11.30am. For more details contact Pat on 0115 933 3421 or by e-mail: patricia-fox@sky.com

Friendship and Support Group You’re not lonely, we can help. If you live on your own or are a full time carer and would like to get involved in some local social activities or just find people in similar circumstances to talk to for friendship and support, then the U3A Friendship and Support Group is for you. Group members meet each first Monday in the month in the Manvers Arms side bar between 2pm – 3.00pm. There we chat over a coffee or tea and arrange in small groups what we want to do over the coming month. We have so far this year been for a meal at the Riverside, Trent Bridge, visited the Thea English Tea House in town, been to Nocutts Garden Centre, planned a trip to Bingham and attended the local Drama Groups production of “Spring and Port Wine”. New members welcome, just come along or contact Rodney Fogg on 0797 1537 119 or rodney-fogg@gmail.com

Gardening Group. For details/ date/venue contact Roger Burston by telephone on 0115 9332096

Geology and Environment Study Group This Group’s meetings take either the form of presentations/discussions inside or outings eg. to Charnwood Forest where we studied Ancient Volcanic rocks such as the Volcanic Breccias shown in the photo section of this newsletter. (continued page 16)
16th January - Walking Group - Cotgrave (see page 21)

Belton Luncheon Group’s Christmas Meal at Ashmores. (see page 18)

2nd March Friendship & Support Group monthly meeting in the Manver’s. (see page 13)

Examining Ancient Geology in Charnwood (see page 13)

January’s Flower Arranging Group in the British Legion (see page 12)

U3A Ukulele Group performing at RoT Lions Club Concert (see page 20)