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U3A ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD ON THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER IN THE GRANGE HALL

U3A Member's regular Monthly Meetings are held in The Grange Hall

DOORS OPEN AT 2:00pm

Refreshments are served & Group Stalls advertise activities/enrolment

Announcements are made at 2:30pm with Guest Speaker at 2:45pm

FILM APPRECIATION GROUP

They don't make 'em like they used to. "Thank goodness for that!" said our members at yesterday's meeting reviewing the film 'The Old Man with the Gun'. Much vaunted by the critics, it was a slow burning trip down Hollywood's memory lane, Robert Redford style as the lovable rogue, with visual references to many of his films. However it was deemed thin on story line and even the melting Redford smile... dubbed one of the best special effects in movie history failed to weaken the knees of his erstwhile female fans. Some admitted leaving the theatre in a state of shock at his geriatric appearance and even my assistant's excellent mince pies failed to lift them. We hope they recovered in time for Christmas.

David Richards Group Leader Film Appreciation

0115 9335499 or 07817 660 659

**OUR U3A MONTHLY
GUEST SPEAKER on**

THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY

is

Malcolm Britton

The topic is

A STORY OF BROOKSBY

See page 4 for details

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hello Everyone,

Well the new year is up and running. What an excellent start to the year Dr Ann Featherstone gave us with " Maidens, Murders, and Monsters". Ann stepped in at short notice and for which we are grateful and I am sure we all wish Vince Eager, who had had to drop out, a speedy recovery from his operation.

So on my mind presently is a hope for a good Annual General Meeting which proceeds our March Meeting on Thursday 7th March. That usually gives the committee the endorsement to press on with our plans. From my point of view I hope 2019/20 will see us successfully deliver a new website to enable us to deliver better communication and services. It will also allow us to open up to Members more of the interesting Regional and National U3A opportunities which can sometimes be quite hard to communicate .

Beyond that I hope we build on a good last year ,continuing to offer more and better to both existing and new members. I close with the " V" word. Success depends on VOLUNTEERS please, from help on Thursdays monthly meetings to technical skills, running groups and committee roles. If not you WHO? It is our U3A!. All the best.

Malcolm McDowell Chairman

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Our first trip of 2019 is on Wednesday 15th May to Cheltenham Racecourse where we will be taken by Steam Train to Broadway. We will have free time in the quaint, picturesque village of Broadway, often referred to as the "Show Village of England". We will then have Afternoon Tea at the "Tea Set" served on vintage china consisting of sandwiches, scones with cream & jam, dainty delights & a choice of tea or coffee.

The cost of this trip is £35 per person. Tickets will be on sale at the February monthly meeting the tickets are very limited.

Please make a note in your diaries for upcoming trips during the year.

Weds 12 June Burton Brewery, lunch & visit to National Arboretum- Tickets available at March meeting

Weds 26 June Kilworth Open Air Theatre-Joseph & Amazing Dreamcoat—**SOLD OUT**

Tues 17 Sept Boughton House & Gardens with Lunch

Weds 27 Nov Renishaw Hall & Gardens with Christmas Lunch

Any queries, contact **Steve Harris** on **0115 9333011** or **Sandra Straw** on **0115 9123141**

GEOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES GROUP

Our last meeting was a review of the 11 events held during 2018 and was accompanied by wine, cheese and biscuits.

Many thanks to all who have supported this group, with special mention to RoT u3a members Bob Addison, Greg Chapman and Jim Parkhouse. The next meeting is on Tuesday Feb 12th at 2-4 pm in Grange Hall Trent Room, when Greg Chapman will present another thought provoking Quiz. For more information email Group Leader: martinclarke@live.co.uk

NEW GROUPS & GROUP LEADERS

Whilst we have many requests for New Groups - which is good!! We also need Members to come forward as Group Leaders. Help and guidance will be given to any new Group Leader. Members can also share the responsibility when starting a New Group.

Potential New Groups: Jewellery Making, Chick Lit Books, Singing for Fun, Creative Writing, Folk Music, Railways, Ballroom Dancing and Italian

Please come forward and register your interest in joining or leading any of these Groups at the February Monthly Meeting.

Margaret Walker would like start a Whist Group Contact **mwalker61@btinternet.com** or **Tel: 0115 9333094**

Roger Allton Group Leader is starting a new group called "Getting the Most of Windows 10". Contact **rogallton@hotmail.co.uk** or **Tel: 0115 9334705**

FRIENDSHIP & SUPPORT

This group is for members who live alone or carers who want to develop their social life and enjoy the company of friends, sharing interests and planning joint activities each month with others. The group meets in Platform29 Café, Station Terrace in Radcliffe on the first Monday of each month at 2:00pm. There members in smaller groups will plan what and where they would like to go and what they would like to do. It can be going to the cinema, theatre, to a garden centre or just out somewhere different for lunch or morning coffee. Anything is possible. If this appeals to you do come along we are a friendly group and you will be made most welcome. We also help and support each other in other ways.

Contact **Rodney Fogg** Group Leader Tel **07971837119**

CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Classical Music Appreciation Group's next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st February 2019, from 10.30 to 12.30 in the Dowson Room at the Grange. £1.50 per head, including tea/coffee/biscuits. New members welcomed. For further details contact

Joyce Bullimore

joyce@bullimore.f9.co.uk



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DR. ANN FEATHERSTONE



Ann Featherstone gave January's talk at our monthly U3A meeting on Thursday 3rd January in the Grange Hall. The talk entitled, " Maidens, Murders and Monsters", explored the history of the Victorian melodrama through the experiences of its hero and heroine actors as well as theatre and backstage design and development .

GARDEN GROUP

Our U3A Garden Group have their first meeting of 2019 is on Tuesday, February 12th at 2.00pm in the British Legion.

We will be attempting to formulate a plan of activities and events for the year ahead.

Roger Burston Group leader. Email:

roger.burston@hotmail.co.uk>

A BIG THANKYOU

The following local businesses kindly donated gifts for our Xmas party raffle:-

Tesco Radcliffe on Trent

Lesley Cree Opticians

Piano

Ashmores

Obsessions

Burleys

Love Fabric

Costa Coffee Radcliffe

J Nights Barbers

Liquorice

Well Pharmacy

Co-op Radcliffe

Atrium

Humble Cat

Flower Room

Fruiticious

With grateful Thanks **RoT U3A**

BRIDGE GROUP

The U3A bridge group went out for their Christmas / New Year lunch on the 9th January. Twenty five members came along for a social and enjoyable lunch with plenty of wine and beer and conversation.

The group, which now has over thirty members, continues to meet every Monday in the Dowson room at the Old Grange at 2pm. Our bridge continues to improve thanks to the excellent tuition of two of our members.

Greg Bungay

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

The following local businesses have very kindly offered discounts on production of your U3A membership card.

Café Piano..10% off lunches and dinners.

Liquorice Ladies Fashion

3, Cropwell Rd , 15% off all full-price clothing

**OUR NEXT MONTHLY U3A
MEETING IS ON**

THURSDAY 7th MARCH

**AT 2.00pm IN THE GRANGE
HALL**

The speaker is

KEVIN POWELL

The topic is

CARRINGTON STREET

It is also our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**KNIT & NATTER GROUP**

If you enjoy sewing, perhaps you'd like to consider joining our Knit & Natter group. The photo shows a blanket made from 6 inch knitted squares, sewn together. This was sent to the Inner Wheel for their Baby Bundle project. Some of our ladies are less keen on sewing than on knitting, so we are always looking for volunteers to sew these squares together. We meet once a month and enjoy a relaxing couple of hours, plus a cuppa and a biscuit. Please contact me for details. **Jan Addiscott** :Tel : **0115 8457398**

REAL ALE GROUP

Its been an interesting year for the Group. In January we went to the Trent Bridge Inn. In February it was the Ned Ludd PH on Friar Lane. In March we ended up, based on local recommendation, in the Three Crowns PH, Parliament Street. April it was an old favourite, The Trip to Jerusalem. The Salutation PH was proposed for May.. June saw us travelling via tram to The Station Inn, Hucknall. July it was the Poppy and Pint at Lady Bay, a Castle Rock pub. In August we put on our boots for the annual trek to The Chesterfield PH, at neighbouring Shelford. September it was back into town to The Head of Steam, High Pavement. September and two of our Group had the honour and fun of judging the home-brews at Radcliffe's Village Show. October, it was The Horse and Plough in Bingham.

In November eleven of us visited The Buttercross at Bingham don't think any of us were disappointed. All our boxes were ticked. An excellent choice of Real Ales at very good prices (who can beat locally £1.99 a pint!). The choice of and standard of meals was exceptional averaging £3.99 per meal. Good service and good company completed our pre-Christmas Real Ale Group Meeting. A pretty eclectic year all around I think!

If you would like to join us you will be most welcome. We meet at the bus stop outside The Grange at 11:15am every last Wednesday in the month. We democratically decide where we will visit at each monthly meeting. We are usually heading home around 1:30—2:00pm after a good meal and friendly conversation.

For more details contact **Rod 07971537119**

THE STORY OF BROOKSBY—An early Danish settlement along the Wreake Valley in Leicestershire that has made a significant contribution to the history of England. Malcolm Britton traces the story of its residents from earliest times up to the present day. 2pm. Thursday 7th February, Grange Hall

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We want to encourage interest, discussion, debate on all kinds of issues relating to what we do in the U3A....or what you would love to do. Anything our members would find stimulating or of news interest. If you have a story to tell, pictures to share or issues to raise send it to The Editors by e-mail at.....

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

Or by letter post at

**The Editors. 4 Lime Close,
Radcliffe on Trent. NG122DF**

MARCH NEWSHEET

For the next issue of our U3A monthly Newsheet please send your news, articles and photos to our Editors at

news@rot-u3a.org.uk

by **21st February**

Thank you Editorial Team