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Save Radcliffe Swimming Pool Campaign Update

On 5th February, Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council held a public open meeting to discuss the issue of Radcliffe-on-Trent pool closure. In attendance were local councillors, South Nottinghamshire Academy (SNA), Radcliffe-on-Trent Swimming Pool Association (ROTSPA) and approximately 100 residents of Radcliffe-on-Trent.

The swimming pool was built in 1973 with funds raised by the Radcliffe community over a number of years as well as some funding from the local authority. Since the school became an Academy Trust in 2011, the pool is owned by them and pay a large part of its running costs. 300+ people use the pool a week, through private swimming lessons and public sessions.

Save Radcliffe **Swimming Pool Group** was formed at the end of December 2013, when the news of the proposed demolition of the swimming pool was announced. A petition has been set up to explore the Radcliffe community's support for the pool, raise awareness to the community of the proposal, ask SNA to reconsider the location of the rebuild of the school and allow local residents the opportunity to keep the pool open and available for community use, without any consequence to the new school build.

Local residents raised issues and their concerns they have if the pool is to be demolished, such as how would swimming on the school curriculum be achieved and lack of leisure facilities in Radcliffe.

Radcliffe Parish Council are to hold an initial meeting for a working group to look into the feasibility of all the options raised in the meeting; the possibility that the new school build plans are altered to accommodate the pool and that SNA provide compensation by way of land for a new pool to be built by the community. A plea has gone out for interested parties and members of the community to make up this working group, with support of local councillors.

If you are able to help with any expertise and/or have great community spirit, please contact us via radcliffecommunity@gmail.com or via [facebook.com/SaveRadcliffeSwimmingPool](https://www.facebook.com/SaveRadcliffeSwimmingPool). If you are interested in reading the minutes from the public meeting find them on rotpc.com
Swimming Pool Group

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor in on Radcliffe on Trent?

Be involved in decision making in our village. In May 2015 Elections will be held. Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council has four main committees consisting of Finance & General Purposes, Amenities, The Grange & Grange Hall and Planning and Environment.

- Parish Councillors are all volunteers
- At Radcliffe, Parish Councillors choose to receive no pay or expenses
- Parish Council meetings are usually on Monday evenings

It has been almost one year since I was elected as Chairman of Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council. A year that has been most enjoyable, it has been a very busy year for Councillors and staff alike.

Whilst it is very sad that there is a likelihood of the pool being closed, I do believe we must not stand in the way of our young people benefitting from a new school.

The purchase of the Lily ponds was a wonderful achievement for the Village, with the abundance of the wildlife and lovely views there is something for the majority of residents to enjoy.

The Christmas events were all a huge success. I attended the party for the over 65's at Grange Hall, this being organised by our South Nottinghamshire Academy, one particular highlight amongst many was the Signing Choir. I would urge everyone to go and see and listen to these at every opportunity. I also send my congratulations and thanks to all the young people and staff for their hard work on this special occasion.

Please keep your eye on the Parish Council website and the village notice boards for all our forthcoming events.

I would like to wish you all a good hot summer.

David Smith - Chairman of the Parish Council.

Retired Caretaker

Sue - our Grange and Grange Hall caretaker retired on the 22nd February 2014. Sue and husband John Spray have been with us for 15 years. John retiring last year.

I think anyone who has visited will agree with me that both buildings have been kept to a very high standard of cleanliness. Sue has always had a smile on her face, even when being asked to perform arduous tasks above and beyond her job description. All the council wish Sue & John a very happy retirement.

I understand that they are remaining in the village, so if you see them in their garden, say Hello!

Sue has volunteered to assist our new Caretaker Terry for two weeks to get settled in and for that I thank Sue.

Finally, Sue, as I said previously, may your retirement be every thing you wish for.

David Smith - Chairman of the Parish Council.

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AMENITIES

The weather continues to be challenging, we have been fortunate to date not to have lost any major trees, but the wet conditions prove very difficult in the maintenance of our grounds.

Recent decisions concerning housing development and the possible loss of leisure facilities have resulted in much discussion and community interest.

Whatever the outcome of these decisions, we must try to nurture the enthusiasm and concern that exists in our village. The future provision of leisure and amenity facilities will be challenging on many fronts not least finance, but this should not deter the aspirations of the community and the Parish Council. A Community group Working Party is to be set up, with Parish Council representation, to investigate the possible provision of a new pool on the South Nottinghamshire Academy site.

The Trim Trail recently installed at Valley Road has been a huge hit, and new picnic bench is due to be installed any time. All safety surfaces will be inspected and a programme of renewal will take place where necessary. A survey of wild life is to be undertaken on Cliff top, Lily ponds and Dewberry Hill, so do keep us informed of any sightings.

Roll on Spring!

Josephine Spencer - Chairman of Amenities

Grange Hall and The Grange

Thank you to Staff and Pupils of South Notts Academy who assisted the Parish Council with the organisation of the over 65's Christmas Party which was again a resounding success. Also thanks to the musical contribution of the pupils of the Junior School , Bob Flower and the financial contribution from the Jeffrey Dole Charity.

Plans for the village show are progressing well which will be on Sunday 7th September.

Other yearly events will be the Children's Fun Day 21st August And the ever popular Concert Band on December 21st.

An exciting new event is held on the 18th May with The Radcliffe Ideal Home Show which is an opportunity for Local Businesses to Showcase.

A Farmers Market will be held in Grange Hall on the last Sunday of the month commencing in March until October.

Other events currently under discussion are :

Battle of the Bands (Youth)

Boules Competition and Picnic

Don't forget the Parish Annual Meeting 16th April Grange Hall—7pm

Penny Astill – Chairman of The Grange & Grange Hall

AN EXCITING TIME AHEAD FOR RADCLIFFE SCOUTS

With the re-development of South Nottinghamshire Academy due to begin later this year, Radcliffe Scouts are looking to the future and are hoping to use some of the surplus land to build a new Scout Hall. The aim is to provide an environmentally friendly building which would provide an excellent venue for Scouting for the young people of Radcliffe over the years to come as well as a facility for other community uses.

We have had some very positive discussions with the school, but there is still a tremendous amount to be done if our plans are to be successful. We would therefore like to hear from anyone who would like to help us, in any way, however small, whether or not they are currently involved with the Scout Group. Our intention would be to sell our existing premises but this is unlikely to raise enough money to pay for a new building, so raising funds from other sources will be vital. The project will also take careful management, as well as technical, legal and other skills, and we would ideally like to involve as many people from the Radcliffe community as possible. Specific skills aren't necessary though; we are just looking for people with enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved.

If you think that could be you, please get in touch with Group Chairman Giles Ward on 07710 130922 or email chair@radcliffescouts.org.uk.

And finally....a very big thank you to everyone who supported us with our Christmas Post, including Post News, Burleys, Woodside Stores and Spar who sold stamps and all of the young people and their families who delivered over 5000 Christmas Cards around the village. We raised £1,239, which was a great result and a useful starting point in our fundraising towards our new building.

Grange Hall Bar

The Parish Council would like to welcome our new Bar Operators - Bartsch Inns. Bartsch Inns already operate a number of bars in the Rushcliffe area, and we look forward to a successful partnership with them.

A new range of drinks and prices will be available to the users of Grange Hall from February.



Radcliffe Olympic Football Club

It is proving to be a difficult time for the Radcliffe Olympic teams who have been adversely affected by the rain that has beset the country. Whilst it has been possible to play a limited number of games at Bingham Road, at the time of writing it is almost mid February and there have still been no games played on the Recreation Ground on Wharf Lane since before Christmas. This has resulted in a number of First team home fixtures needing to be rearranged, many of them in midweek and the season to be extended. A revised list of home fixtures is shown below. All fixtures are subject to change; visit the club website www.radcliffeolympic.co.uk for the latest details.

There are hot and cold refreshments along with a match day program available for all First team games so come along and support your local village football team at the Recreation Ground.

The Men's section of the Club are in need of volunteers to help with the general running of it and in particular on match days when they are playing at home. If you are able to help please contact Michael Bradley the Men's section Secretary on 07825285024 or contact the club via email at mail@radcliffeolympic.co.uk.

The wet weather it did not stop the Annual Boxing Day charity match going ahead, albeit on The South Notts Academy All Weather pitch. Once again it was highly successful thanks to great support from players and supporters alike. The event raised £1,535 which has been donated to Macmillan Cancer Care and the Haematology Research Department of Nottingham City Hospital.



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Council Leader honoured with MBE Cllr Neil Clarke, Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council, was delighted

and honoured to receive an MBE in this year's New Year's Honours list. Cllr Clarke said: "This is a great honour and I feel both privileged and humbled to have been nominated to receive this award. I have spent many years working for the people of Rushcliffe and hope my contribution has, in some way, led to Rushcliffe being recognised as such a great place to live. This could not have been achieved without the support of a great number of people to whom I am most grateful." Cllr Clarke has been a Councillor for 27 years and Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council since 2005. He is chairman of the District Council Network.

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Parish Clerk's Report

Best Kept Village Competition - The Parish Council has once again entered the annual competition and encourages residents and businesses to support the application as we endeavour to win for a third consecutive year.

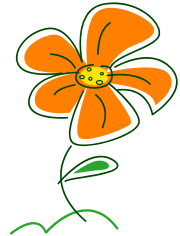
Work continues on enhancing the village amenities, recent projects include:

Clearance work at Rockley Park Pavilion and Greenhouse areas

Enhancement of Public Toilets at Rockley Park

Bingham Road Triangle clearance of dead hedgerow

New Picnic Bench and Litter Bin at Valley Road Play Area



The Parish Council has also just tasked a Consultant to survey the trees under our responsibility so that we can undertake a scheduled programme of any necessary works.



Scoop the Poop - Unfortunately a big concern in the village currently is the increase of dog fouling in our green spaces, pavements and play areas. Dog fouling causes many problems, it can get on your shoes and clothes, or in the worse cases it can lead to blindness due to an infection called 'Toxocara Canis'.

The Rushcliffe Borough Dog Fouling Order was introduced in 1998. An on the spot fine of £50, or a fine of up to £1,000 on prosecution applies if you allow your dog to foul in a public place and you fail to clean it up straight away.

Always take a bag with you to clear up your dog's mess. The Council provides a number of dog bins for you to dispose of the bags.

If you see someone committing a dog fouling offence please report it to the Dog Warden at the Borough Council Tel: 0115 9819911 or online www.rushcliffe.gov.uk

Lily Ponds – A future proposed project is to install an information board on all the local wildlife in this area. We are starting to collate information and would love to hear from you if you happen to come across anything of interest.

Planting - We would like to thank the Rushcliffe Borough Council Biodiversity Grant Scheme for their contribution of £400 towards the planting of native species in the village and also the Greenwood Community Grant Scheme for their recent award of £300 for the planting of new Oak Trees on the Cliff area.



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If you would like to know more about volunteering come and see us at the volunteer centre or contact the volunteer centre on 0115 9699060 or email volunteer@rushcliffecvs.org.uk

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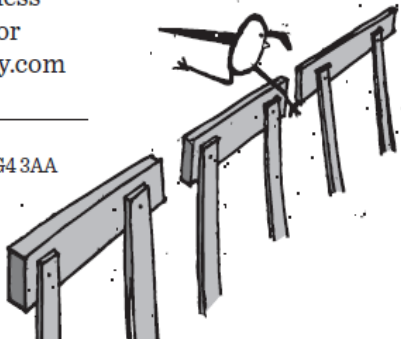
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The annual Carol Service at the Grange organised by Christians Together in Radcliffe was well supported and benefitted from the excellent music played by the students of the South Nottinghamshire Academy. We are grateful to the Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council and their staff for their help and facilities for this village event. The four winners of the Lost Sheep Trail were presented with their prizes. Well done, children! Thanks too to all the local businesses for making room for the lost sheep!

On the morning of Good Friday (18th April) the traditional Walk of Witness will take place in the village. Further details of this and all Easter services will be available from the four local Churches.

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World War 1

I had the pleasure some weeks ago of sitting in on a meeting at the U3A, regarding the first World War. I was extremely impressed by the amount of research that has been carried out on persons from Radcliffe on Trent who were involved in the war.

I understand that a full report is to be in this newsletter.

Chairman David Smith



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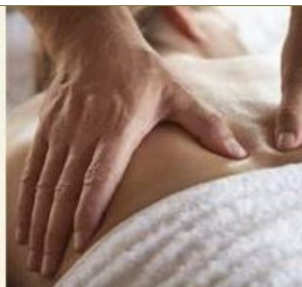
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An Honour for Marie.

One of the reasons that Radcliffe is such a nice place to live is its sense of community. If you choose, there is always something to do or somewhere to go – sports teams, The Scouts and Brownies, the Boys' Brigade, WEA evening classes, the U3A, the Drama Group, the Ladies Choir, the Male Voice Choir, the Women's Institute, the annual Carnival, the Village Show, the Gardening club, to name but a few. The British Legion, the schools, the churches, the public houses, and the Parish Council also play their part by organising musical evenings, clubs, quizzes and social events.

This sense of community, of belonging, doesn't just happen. With a few exceptions, the clubs and groups we all enjoy, are organised and run by volunteers. These people give freely of their time and skills to make the village a better place to live.

We are very proud that one Radcliffe resident who was born in Radcliffe on Trent, has been recognised for her efforts in the New Year's Honours. Mrs Marie Langdon has been awarded the British Empire Medal. Many villagers will know Marie from the Women's Institute, or from her days as a weekend volunteer at Radcliffe on Trent Police Station where she helped record the details of minor crimes. What they may not know is that she is one of the longest serving volunteer at Hayward House Hospice in Nottingham. Not only does she help brighten the lives of those people who are terminally ill, but she has also been an active fundraiser for the unit over many years.

Marie has also entered the 2013 Race of Life. She also walked 13.1 miles through London in her bra as part of the Half Moon Walk, raising more than £400 for breast cancer research. More recently, Marie has been active in organising the Village Show. In an Evening Post interview, Marie described herself as an "ordinary person". It is "ordinary" people like Marie that make Radcliffe on Trent the community that it is.

Barbara Deavin

Radcliffe Food and Gift Festival

Last December saw the 5th annual Food and Gift Festival to be held at Grange Hall in aid of Maggie's Cancer support Charity Nottingham.

Another major success meant that the committee was able to give £5,000 to this worthy cause, which the Festival has been supporting over the past 5 years.

There is much work goes into the organisation of such an event in order to raise this amount of money in just one day and thanks go to all concerned in making this possible.

As with any fund raising event it is necessary to keep reviewing aims and objectives and to keep introducing new ways to be successful. It is important to listen to local opinion and it is with this feedback that the committee has decided that this year's event will support a range of local charities rather than just a single one.

The charities/groups chosen will be announced at a later date.

It remains therefore for me to thank all villagers who have supported this Festival and to remind you that the date for this year's event at Grange Hall will be Sunday November 30th.

Georgia Moore

Planning and Environment

The Parish Council have hosted two public meetings to consider its view on planning applications for the large housing developments at Betts Farm, which is at the top of Shelford Road (400 houses) and the fields to the north of Nottingham Road, that are behind the RSPCA (300 houses). Many of you attended these events and were able to give your views for and against the proposals.

Parish Councillors listened very carefully to what was said and then gave their own views on the applications before voting. The result was that councillors were unanimously against both of the applications, in both cases the main reason given was that the proposals were to build within the Green Belt.

Rushcliffe Borough Council are in the process of carrying out a Green Belt review and it is likely that parts of the Green Belt will be changed. Should this happen any future planning applications affected by a change would have to be looked at again. Any future meetings would be open to the public (as are all Parish Council meetings) and every effort will be made to publicise them so that you have the chance to come along and if you wish, have your say.

Rod Brears -Chairman Planning and Environment

Radcliffe Village Show

Calling all budding bakers, gorgeous gardeners, fantastic flower arrangers and delightful dogs!

After the success of last September's Village Show, there is a new date for your diary.

The Radcliffe on Trent Village Show will be held on Sunday September 7th 2014.

The ingredients of the day will be the same:

- **The Great Radcliffe Bake Off**
- **Children's Competitions**
- **Flower Arranging**
- **Photography**
- **Produce Show**
- **Brass Band**
- **Morris Dancing**
- **AND THE DOG SHOW!**

The only thing missing this year will be the rain!

MBE for Cllr Kay Cutts

"I was completely shocked and disbelieving," said Mrs Cutts, leader of the Conservative opposition on Notts County Council.

Her career in public office goes back 41 years to the day in 1972 when she was elected a parish councillor for Norman-ton-on- the-Wolds, the village that has been her home since 1963.



Mrs Cutts – Kathrine but universally known as Kay – was later elected to Rushcliffe Borough Council and became chairman of its recreation committee.

She was first elected to the County Council in 1989, representing the Radcliffe-on-Trent division, but her first 20 years at County Hall were spent in opposition.

Mrs Cutts, whose husband Nigel is retired, is a grandmother of four. Her interests outside public life include the countryside, country sports and gardening.

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Radcliffe Community Signing Choir to Conquer Jersey.

The Radcliffe Community Signing Choir, which began in September 2013 are hoping to reach new heights on 8th November this year. They are attending the Jersey Eisteddfod and competing in the only Signing Choir Class Competition in the UK.

The Signing Choir never have to worry about hitting a high note, because all their “Singing” is done in British Sign Language. They sign the songs along to backing

tracks and make music accessible to Deaf people but people with normal hearing also find the beauty of watching a signed song intriguing and are able to enjoy music in a visual way.

Signing Choirs are not a new thing to the village, Simon Astill, himself profoundly Deaf originally set up the South Nottinghamshire Academy Signing Choir in January 2012 with Nick Entwisle from the school. Parents soon took a keen interest and in September 2013 the Community Signing Choir was born.

Just before Christmas, the group performed Christmas songs in front of shoppers in Nottingham’s Broadmarsh Centre and on March 26th they are performing at Carlton Central Junior School in Carlton.

Throughout the spring and summer they will be performing and raising money at various events to support their entry to the Jersey Eisteddfod. Simon is constantly looking for ways to raise their profile and challenge the choir but they don’t come as big as the Eisteddfod.

“If we can inspire just a single person to show an interest in British Sign Language, Then that will make life a little easier for Deaf people” says Simon who cannot hear the music at all, but is supported by Sue Bailey-Douglas through their company Harmoneyes that also has a Community Signing Choir in Derby and perform themselves at venue’s such as Wembley and London’s O2 providing BSL versions of well-known songs for the masses.

The Radcliffe Community Signing Choir have recently been sponsored by M.A. Mills Funeral Service in the Village and are continually thriving to be active part of the Community.

The choir welcomes new members at any time. They rehearse every Wednesday during term time at South Nottinghamshire Academy from 6.30pm – 8pm and it costs £3.50 weekly to come along, learn some signs and songs and have a drink for more information, please contact admin@harmoneyes.org.uk

Finance and General Purposes Committee

As we draw towards the end of our financial year I am pleased to report that The Parish Council is operating within its set budget and has been able to achieve all its objectives this year.

For 2014/15 I am pleased to report that for the 3rd successive year we are able to freeze the precept with no increase for three years along with many improvements in the village is something I am proud of.

During the year this committee gave support grants to many groups within the village and I am pleased to list them as it is important to support our many active village organisations.

Grants were given to;

Radcliffe Guides

Rushcliffe Positive Futures

Radcliffe Community Plan

South Nottinghamshire Academy - Signing Choir

Radcliffe Local History Society

Radcliffe Boys Brigade

Radcliffe Junior School Dare Programme

Radcliffe on Trent Sports Association

Radcliffe Play Group

Digitising of the Library Cutler Albums

The Village Show

Additional Christmas Lights

Next Financial year we have further plans to enhance the village and a sound budget has been written for that purpose with no increase in Council Tax for the Parish Council. I am pleased to confirm that Radcliffe on Trent is a financially well run council who spends tax payers' money both carefully and wisely.

Gordon Moore - Chairman Finance and General Purpose Committee

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There are still the results from Radcliffe Village Show on the website www.rotpc.com, together with Chris Smith's speech from the unveiling of the Totem Pole.

Don't forget to look at Lizarc Photographix website for the official fabulous pictures of the day.

Thank you to every one who helped and supported us on the day and get ready for the next one on Sunday 7th September.



The White Rose

Imagine a country where it was forbidden to listen to foreign radio, with all aspects of the media and creative arts under direct government control. Where only the fittest were seen as worthy of life, euthanasia acceptable for those with physical or mental disabilities, and the role of women limited to breeding a master race. A country whose leader was obsessed with racial purity and an entire race of human beings was to be exterminated as an integral part of state policy. This was Nazi Germany.

Then, in 1942/3 go to Munich, home of Hitler's National Socialists where a small group of students and a professor of theology sought to expose this moral and political bankruptcy. Known as the White Rose they wrote and distributed 6 A4 pamphlets to lead a German resistance movement aimed at changing events in Germany. They used their ecumenical Christianity, commitment to the humanist, liberal traditions of Europe "to fight this corrupt and poisonous system...We will not keep silent, we will be your bad conscience. The White Rose will leave you no peace." Having distributed their final leaflet at the University three of them were arrested, quickly brought to trial and then executed. Within the year the remaining three suffered in the same way.

A moving, dispassionate and thoroughly researched account of the significance of the White Rose was presented to the Radcliffe and District Probus Group by Hinrich Siefken. It provided a thought-provoking perspective on the role of individual Germans during the war.

Jeffery Dole Charity

Most of you will have heard of Jeffrey Limmer whose claim to fame is the Jeffrey Dole charity. Jeffrey was a wheelwright and he served as a churchwarden in 1614. There is no record of his wife, but his son William, died when quite young and left everything to his father. Both father and son were religious and when Jeffrey died he left bequests to friends, acquaintances and to the church.

The vicar was to have £3.6s.8d and Radcliffe church to have £10 to use at their discretion. His was the largest recorded bequest to the village poor during the 16th and 17th centuries. Jeffrey died on 8 August 1617 and Alice Wheatley (either his sister or sister in law) swore to carry out his wishes. His gift was managed by the churchwardens who lent out the money at interest. Other smaller bequests were made over the years and they were handled in the same way. By 1718 the monies were invested in land in the open fields and after these were enclosed in 1789, the poor were allocated land close to the centre of the village on Bingham Road. The profits from building leases on this land in Victorian times are still distributed annually. In 1885 the plaque you now see on screen was erected in the church to the memory of these early benefactors, headed by Jeffrey Limmer.

The charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners and is run under their supervision.

Historically, the Charity was administered by nine Trustees, comprising the rector, two church wardens, a representative of the Parish Council (prior to the inception of the Parish Council it had been Overseer of the Poor), plus five other persons who must be property owners. Today it is administered by eight Trustees who are local residents, including the Vicar and members of the Parish Council. Trustees are not paid and not precluded from receiving gifts themselves.

Radcliffe on Trent Local History Group



The Dowson Room - The Grange

The Dowson Room retains its old fashioned style while benefiting from lots of window light. The room is suited to use for small meetings and presentations. It is ideal for small family gatherings such as a birthday party or meal.

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The **Fete will be open at 12pm** with over 30 stalls as well as games, activities, various refreshments, a bar, BBQ, exotic and traditional foods, a Bouncy castle, and a Bungy run all in The Grange and the grounds.

The street **procession will start** from Bingham Road Playing Field at 1pm and will finish at The Grange.

There will be **entertainment from 2pm** including The Infant School Choir, Bella Divas, Radcliffe Male Voice Choir, Samba Band, Special Arena Guests! Fencing Display, The Dako Flying Angels, "Joke Factor in Comedy Corner" and finishing up with the popular tug of war.

The Mayor of Rushcliffe will also be judging the stalls and making presentations.

Funds raised on the day are distributed to community groups within the village.

For more information see www.rotcarnival.org.uk or if you would like to assist the Carnival Working Group contact Peter Lord on 07951211665 or rot.carnival@virginmedia.com



The subject of the watercolour now displayed in the Dowson Room of The Grange is of 'The Poplars' which was a grand house in the centre of Radcliffe on Trent where the road to the health centre and the row of shops which include the post office etc now stand. It was owned by Lord Manvers and was rented by John Green. The Green family (farmers) eventually moved to The Chestnuts. It was then bought by and lived in by Butler Parr who was a well known local cricketer and it then became known as 'The Butler Parr House'. As can be seen on the painting access to the house was over a footbridge. Under this bridge flowed the open Syke Drain and the house suffered from regular flooding and when a relative, also named Butler Parr, a brewery agent took over the house he decided enough was enough and built Field House in 1927 leaving The Poplars empty. It was demolished about 1938.

The current owner of the watercolour is a descendant of the Green family. He has loaned the painting to the Radcliffe Local History Society for his lifetime.

This watercolour is by Samuel Parrott who lived in Nottingham (1791-1876). He was a builder by trade but in the Directories of 1871 – 1874 he is listed as an Artist as well as a Builder. He was a landscape artist of some talent and showed 2 of his landscapes at the Mechanics Institute Exhibition in Nottingham. In 1841 he had a painting accepted by the Royal Academy. One of his paintings currently hangs in Nottingham Castle.

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Radcliffe Ladies Choir started their Autumn 2013 term with a Vocal Workshop in September which attracted two new members with the possibility of a further member to start in 2014. We held a "Coffee Break" concert in St Peter's Church, Nottingham in October which was well attended and raised needed funds for the church. In December we held our annual Christmas Concert with a tribute to the 100th anniversary of Benjamin Britten's death by singing his Ceremony of Carols. The concert was dedicated to Pauline Gaunt, a founder member of the choir, who suddenly passed away at the beginning of December. She will be greatly missed by us all, especially those of us who knew her as a close and loyal friend. Her loyalty to the choir was second to none. We are starting the New Year with our Annual Dinner at The Nottinghamshire Golf & Country Club at the end of February and then on 8th March we are joining forces with the Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice Choir to raise funds for the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust "Skylarks" Appeal at St Giles Church in West Bridgford. On 26th April we are holding "Afternoon Tea" in The Grange from 2.30 until 4.30 so do come along and enjoy a cup of tea together with home-made cakes. We then move on to St Barnabas Cathedral in May at their Flower Festival and then, of course, our annual Summer Concert is to be held on Saturday 5th July. The ladies of the choir are going from strength to strength under the guidance of our Musical Director, Alex Patterson and we look forward to entertaining many more audiences both at home and further afield. Thank you all for your support - **Sheila Brumfitt**

Greenwood Community Tree Planting Scheme 2013/2014

Radcliffe-on-Trent Parish Council is delighted to have benefitted from the Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme Funding to plant 8 established oak tree saplings on Cliff Top.

The tree planting project is very important to help prevent erosion of the escarpment overlooking River Trent, particularly to replace those trees that may be lost from Ash die-back disease over the next few years.

Currently, Cliff Top woods have about 100 oak trees that age from 200 years to 60 years old and for the long-term benefit of the woodland it is important to introduce young oak trees into the area

March 2014

Radcliffe on Trent Local Food Producers Market

After spending the most part of 10 years trading on Farmers Markets and seeing the ups and downs in the finances of the country as a whole, the one thing that has struck me is how much good such events have done for the local economy! So why has Chilli Fundamentals decided to sponsor/organise this monthly event? Well, in short after a couple of years of our customers and friends saying "why don't you set one up yourself", every time I have complained that there should be a Farmers Market in Radcliffe On Trent.... I decided "why not"! So here we are, there is now going to be this fantastic event on the last Sunday of every month.

Radcliffe is a really great village with a fantastic sense of community and a lot of support for the local shops and businesses so it should have its own good quality food market. Why should people have to travel further afield when there are so many fantastic producers in and around the area?

One of the key points in our company ethos is 'Keeping it local'! What exactly does that mean? Well to us it means supporting local business, cutting down food miles, boosting the local economy by buying from local producers or using local shops and services when possible and generally really living as part of your own local community.

This market will bring not only local customers but also people from outside of the village who may not have known what a thriving place Radcliffe is. It will help the traders on the day by enabling them to get their company known to a wider audience and for them to sell more products and as they will all be local producers a proportion of the money they make will inevitably be spent in the local shops which in turn will benefit the village economy as a whole. Then of course there will be the people who come from further away who will no doubt stop perhaps in the local pubs or see a shop they would like to come back to another day. It is a win win situation really!!!

Chilli Fundamentals are not running this event for profit, we will just be charging enough from each producer so that we cover the cost of the hire of Grange Hall. We will also be giving a stall to the Residents Association free of charge for them to sell teas and coffees with groups like The Lions, Cubs etc so that any profit they make they can give to the relevant groups funds.....again helping local children's and community groups.

There are going to be some really fantastic local companies selling their goods and the produce will be of the highest quality!

Everything will have been produced or grown by the sellers themselves and no two stalls will be the same!! There are going to be 20 traders in total ranging from our own homemade chilli products to eggs from free range chickens.

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After a long association with the Methodist church on Shelford Road, the club will mark its 20th year by moving its meetings to the Grange Hall from September. The greater seating capacity there means that we can welcome new members; moreover, we can now extend membership outside Radcliffe. This means that if you have a family member or friend who lives elsewhere but would like to accompany you to club events, they will be welcome to join too.

We hold monthly meetings on the last Thursday evening of the month from September to April, with a varied programme of informative and entertaining speakers. Their visual presentations are often wonderful and refreshments are provided afterwards. If you would like to come as a visitor before committing yourself to membership, you may attend two meetings at £3 each.

During the summer months coach outings are arranged to some of the best public and private gardens in the country, many with a nursery for special plants. Our coach drivers are very understanding when we come home laden with new additions for our own gardens! (Visitors would not be eligible for outings, except on the rare occasions when there are spare seats.) We have a Christmas Social and a Summer Social and socialising in general is a very important aspect of the club. We have also enjoyed successful club holidays at home and abroad, visiting many famous gardens which are talked about for months afterwards.

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RadVentures is a group of villagers launched in 2004 in memory of Radcliffe resident Malcolm Thompson, a great enthusiast for the performing arts.

The group brings professional artists on national tour to the village, largely through the national Village Ventures Rural Touring Scheme. Performers' fees are subsidised by Arts Council England, Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council. This means that tickets are a fraction of the price of city centre venues.

We are now in our 10th year and have hosted an impressive 34 events, including music, theatre, dance and comedy.

As a voluntary group, we are non profit-making, with any surplus made from ticket sales invested back into the Radcliffe community.

It was RadVentures which commissioned the splendid black cast iron sign with a heron and the village in silhouette, gifted it to the village and erected it opposite the Co-op. We have also twice paid for professional entertainers for the Carnival and have funded Music Workshops at the Junior School and Drama & Dance at the Summer Play Days: a total of over £5000 in gifts to the community.

We are currently looking at ideas for our next gift to the village. Could it be sculpture or an information board for the newly acquired Lily Ponds to help identify plants and wildlife? If you have any suggestions, we would love to hear them.

We would also warmly welcome residents joining our group.

Get in touch with our Secretary Mary Riddell on 0115 8411505 or billmaryriddell@ntlworld.com Also do look at our website at

www.radventures.org.uk

Our next production is Nottingham Playhouse Theatre Company in 'The Second Minute' on Saturday 10th May at 8pm at The School Theatre, South Notts Academy, Cropwell Road, R-on-T. Tickets: £8 from Pen & Paper 'box office' or RadVentures direct. Tel: (0115) 9334115

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Radcliffe on Trent Advice Centre

ALIVE AND BUSY

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“There is no let up in the demand for our service” its Chairman Brian Kent said.

“We are on course to at least equal last year’s record breaking number of enquiries. Not surprisingly our core business remains to ensure people receive their right welfare Benefits, to help others to deal with their debts and to sort out tax problems.

In fact the Advice Centre may be able to help across a whole range of issues including Employment, Housing and Consumer Matters and Form Filling.

“our magnificent team of trained volunteers will always try to help - and have helped many thousand's of residents over the years” Brian Kent added. We are always on the look out for more Advisers. As they work on a rota there is no commitment expected to attend each week. And of course we will arrange the necessary training.

The Centre hopes to open a satellite office in Bingham on a Wednesday morning.

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Radcliffe Advice Centre

Radcliffe Community Plan

**Open Meeting for all Radcliffe Residents
in Grange Hall**

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Presentation of the results from the Survey, a chance to see what other residents think about our Village.

From the results the next step is the formulation of a VILLAGE PLAN and action plan.

A major part of forming a Village Plan is the continued consultation with residents.

So make the date in your diaryfor the 23rd April

Sue Clegg

Positive Futures have successfully began our transition programme with our current cohort at South Nottinghamshire Academy and our working week is Mon – Thurs 11:30 – 1pm at South Nottinghamshire Academy where we provide 1-2-1 support to the young people and on a Friday we provide behavioural support to the Yr 11's. We also have a Thursday after school session where we provide Multi sports 2:50-4:00pm at SNA. We are also looking to provide ASDAN accreditations to the young people, such as Football, Volunteering, Cooking and Leadership to help boost confidence levels and provide various sports and activities outlets.

During February half term we successfully delivered our Community Pride for ROT. This took part at the Recreation ground on Wharf Lane where the young people assisted artist James Mayle in spray painting the grey fence that runs along the bottom of the railway tracks. The agreed design read- Radcliffe-On-Trent Rec 2014. During the process we had positive comments from local residents who use the park and the young people who took part in the event really enjoyed themselves and the final result.



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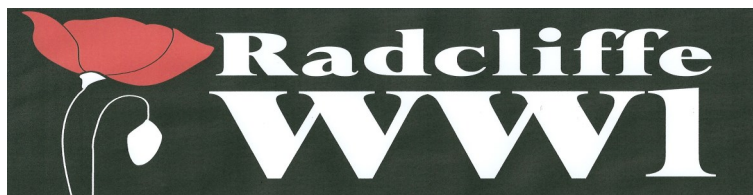
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What sort of place was Radcliffe on the outbreak of war in 1914?

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How did residents earn a living? Where did they live?

Were they all Radcliffe born and bred?

What part did the village play in the war effort?

Where did the combatants serve? How many died?

What was life like for those at home?

What was the village's role in caring for hundreds of wounded soldiers?

How was the village changed by the war?

Did the soldiers return to a 'Land fit for heroes'?

How were the fallen remembered?

These and many other questions will be addressed in an exhibition to be held at Radcliffe British Legion from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th August 2014, to mark the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of war.

The story of Radcliffe and WW1, told through soldiers' letters and diaries, photos, maps and official records, has been researched by members of Radcliffe University of the Third Age. It has been supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Accompanying the exhibition will be a week of events, including talks, poetry reading, a choral concert and films.

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