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Spring/Summer 2015**



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Information Access Points

The Parish Council aims to get as much information as it can to you the residents about what's happening in your village.

- The Parish **Newsletter** is delivered twice a year to every household.
- The Village **Notice Boards** outside the Grange Hall, Post Office and Upper Saxondale are updated every week.

- We regularly **tweet @rotpc**



Or you can also find information on our **Facebook** Accounts

GRANGE HALL & THE GRANGE OR RADCLIFFE VILLAGE SHOW



- Our **websites** have recently been redesigned to allow staff to update information a lot quicker and we have links to many other village organisations, why not check them out and find out what's happening in your village.

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Are you on it?

Your vote matters – but can you vote? Only if you're on the register. You must get on the electoral register by Monday 20 April. Three elections take place on Thursday 7 May – General, Borough and Parish. The 2015 elections are the biggest since 1979.

The way you register changed in 2014 under Individual Electoral registration (IER) – individuals now have to register themselves, rather than under the old system where a household was registered. Register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. Don't leave it to the deadline to register, as we may need more information to prove your identity, before we register you.

All the information you need – deadlines, what to do, how to do it, whether you are on the register, postal and proxy voting and more can be found online or by calling us. You can also find out who is standing for election, your nearest polling station and FAQ is which should answer most common questions.

Find out at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/elections or call us on 0115 981 9911

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Radcliffe on Trent

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Meet at Rockley Park

Sunday 22nd March, 10am

Bags and Litter Picks Provided

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This year's 2015 Radcliffe-on-Trent Charity Carnival will take place on Saturday 11th July and the theme this year is 'GREAT MOMENTS IN HISTORY'

The **Fete will be open at 12noon** with over 30 stalls with something for the whole family including games, activities, various refreshments, a bar, BBQ, exotic and traditional foods, a Bouncy castle, a Bungee run and Punch & Judy.

The street **procession will start** from Bingham Road Playing Field at 1pm and will finish at the Grange where The Mayor of Rushcliffe will judge the stalls followed by the presentations.

There will be **entertainment from 2pm** including The Fantastic Falconry Birds of Prey Display Team, The Infant School Choir, The Samba Band, plus Special Arena Guests and groups finishing up with the ever-popular Tug of War. In Grange Hall there will be performances by both the Radcliffe Men's and Ladies Choirs and the excellent Trent Navigation Company Shanty Band.

Funds raised on the day are distributed to community groups within the village at a date to be advertised in November. For more information go to 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

HEDGES CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS!

All Radcliffe residents are being urged to check their property boundaries for any overgrown hedges and overhanging trees that could cause problems to pedestrians , especially for the visually impaired, wheelchair users and people pushing prams or buggies.

Hedges should be kept within the curtilage or boundary of a property where they are adjacent to a footpath or road. The width of the footpath in most instances should be about 1.6 metres and certainly hedges should not narrow the footway, obstruct the path or obscure the view of motorists turning out of a side road or driveway onto the highway.

The Parish Council has been made aware of a number of properties that do not conform to the law and in some cases the street lamps are sitting in the middle of an overgrown hedge or their light is being obstructed by branches of a tree.

IF you have an offending hedge or tree please ensure that you cut it back within the coming weeks, otherwise Notts County Council may be called in to remedy the situation at a cost to the property owner.

Please ensure that overhanging branches of trees are well above adult height so as not to cause any possible injury to passing pedestrians especially with the dark nights of winter.

The Parish Council's plea is:

“Please be mindful of your overgrown hedges and trees causing an obstruction and obscuring visibility for both pedestrians and vehicles.”

If you know of a problem hedge or tree then please contact Notts. County Council directly or the Parish Council office.

Cllr Janet Maughan Chairman of Amenities



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THE CUTLER ALBUMS

In 1986 seven large albums of early 20th century photo's and memorabilia were donated to the Library by local resident Fred Cutler "for the people of Radcliffe".

Issues of access and the cost of obtaining copies of these photos' have been discussed by the History Society and Parish Councillors. A letter was sent to the Library on 25th April 2013 on behalf of Ruby Cutler (senior surviving member of the Cutler family) which stated that she was concerned by the reduction of Library hours and closure of some Libraries. Should this occur here, the Albums would be sent to the Archives in Nottingham. Therefore we requested that the Albums should be transferred and stored safely in the Parish offices and viewed on request.

It was also felt that copies could be made of some photos' although copyright is an issue. However, Richard Caunt and the local History Group are looking at compiling a CD.

In the meantime we are waiting for a reply to our last appeal letter to the Library service requesting to have the Albums at the Parish Council.

More news to follow.

Cllr Penny Astill

Chairman of The Grange & Grange Hall Committee

THE GRANGE AND GRANGE HALL

On December 22nd 2014 we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of Grange Hall with Rt. Hon Kenneth Clarke QC MP as a guest.

He and his wife, Gillian, attended the event with parishioners, councillors past and present, who enjoyed coffee and mince pies along with a commemorative cake. A DVD of the building from commencement to opening was shown throughout, a copy of which can still be obtained from the Council office at a cost of £4.

The Annual Christmas events again were well attended. Many thanks to South Notts Academy, Bob Flowers, musical content from the Junior School, and financial support from the Geoffrey Dole charity for their continued support and help at the ever popular over 65's Christmas party.

Maintenance of both buildings is ongoing, and recently the Grange Hall floor has been professionally sanded and sealed to keep it looking good.

The extensive Fire & Water Risk management of December 2012 recommendations are reviewed quarterly and actions taken so far have stayed within budget.

Bookings for both The Grange and Grange Hall are above target and again have increased as has income. Both venues continue to have many and varied hirers from far and wide, regulars and one-offs too. However, due to increasing costs we have needed to review our hire charges. Local residents and regular users continue to receive discounts.

The 3rd Annual Village Show is on Sunday 6th September and hopefully the weather will be as glorious as last year to make it even more successful, Thanks, and congratulations to all parishioners and organisations involved in the planning of this wonderful event.

Cllr Penny Astill

Chairman of The Grange & Grange Hall Committee

RADCLIFFE ON TRENT MALE VOICE CHOIR

(Registered Charity No. 1059527)

The Choir would like to thank all of our sponsors, advertisers, supporters and attendees for helping the Choir in delivering 2 highly enjoyable and successful charity concerts, just before Christmas. Once again, we were complemented by top quality performances from the Blidworth Welfare Band and the Radcliffe Junior School Choir, both of whom encouraged attendance and ensured that there was barely an empty seat at each performance. We are most grateful to the outgoing junior school headmaster, Steve Arnold, and our President, Rt Hon Ken Clarke CH PC QC MP, for compèring the matinee and evening concerts, respectively. This year's nominated beneficiary was the Nottingham branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and our new website has been put to good use in displaying the sponsors' adverts which also appeared inside the concert programme booklet. A final figure for the donation to charity is posted on our website.

The Choir's annual tour is planned for Brittany, in early April 2015, following a considerable amount of logistical juggling on the part of the primary organiser, Peter Arkley, second tenor. The trip now incorporates a ferry trip out of Portsmouth, so the chaps are already musing over putting together an unofficial performance of sea shanties to entertain our fellow passengers! At the end of May, we are performing a joint concert with the RAF Cranwell Military Wives Choir and a military band, at Southwell Minster. This is a fantastic venue, acoustically and aesthetically, and a rare chance to catch 2 choirs who share the same musical director in Victoria Barlow.

And 1 more date for your diaries, will be our singing at the Radcliffe on Trent Charity Carnival, on Saturday 11 July, for which we always enjoy drumming up local support and generating interest from potential recruits!

Contact details and further information about all concerts in the Choir's 2015 programme, can be found via the Website and Facebook page. If you didn't manage to pick up our new CD, *With Heart and Voice*, at Christmas, it can be bought at our concerts or through choir members. We are in the process of submitting the CD for online download via sites such as iTunes and Amazon. Watch this space. The Choir is open to potential new joiners at any time during its concert season.

Ritchie Davies

Media Officer, Radcliffe on Trent Male Voice Choir

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Each group takes part in various activities ranging from camps to campfires, pantomime visits to crafts. Due to our fantastic team we are able to offer this to many girls in Radcliffe, enabling girls of differing ages to be part of the wider guiding community.

Guiding gives girls opportunities to travel overseas, meet new friends and try activities which are beyond their normal expectations. Through guiding we have two members taking part this year in The Nottingham Gang Show, allowing them to perform on the Theatre Royal stage. Last year two girls travelled to Canada for an International Camp and this year we have another girl going to Japan for the World Jamboree.

We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you would like to come and join a fabulous team please contact Nicola on pidgeon.nj@gmail.com



RADCLIFFE ON TRENT SCOUT GROUP

Our piece in this edition of the Parish News is, unfortunately, not as upbeat as the last couple I have written. Rather than news of potential new projects and exciting activities for our members I have to report that, sadly we have had to close both Beaver Colonies. This has been purely down to leaders being unable to continue – there is no lack of interest from families who would like their children to be involved – as our waiting list bears witness.

We desperately need some new adult volunteers – both with leading and helping with the activities, and on our committee which deals with the nuts and bolts of running the building, finances and fundraising. This need not be a big commitment – with enough people a team can work together and the load be spread. We are flexible in our volunteering (some of our leaders only commit to every other meeting, for example) and even the smallest offer of help would be welcome. It is fun and fulfilling and no experience is required.

If you think you may be able to help us please contact me – Kate Ward (kate@wardfamily.org.uk) or 07802692484. If you yourself can't help, please spread the word as the future of our Scout Group is at risk without some new volunteers.

On a more positive note, we have some sparkling new toilets in the Scout Hall! In addition to members of the Scout Group, the changes have also improved things for other regular hall users such as yoga classes and the Vale of Belvoir Karate club. We hope that it will also make the hall more attractive to other potential users in the future. We were able to complete the works thanks to a grant from the Big Lottery Fund via Awards for All. The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out 40% of the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery.

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

At Grange Hall 7.00pm

THIS IS YOUR MEETING, WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

There is a question and answer part of the evening to enable parishioner's to raise issues with the Councillors. Questions should be submitted to the Clerk to the Council so that they can be included on the Agenda

*You are invited to stay on for a coffee with us afterwards
Chairman Cllr Roger Upton*

CLOSURE OF NATWEST BANK

The announcement of the closure of the NatWest Bank in Radcliffe on Trent in the Nottingham Post on 11 December 2014 came as a shock to the Parish Council and the local community.

The Parish Council discussed this at its Full Council meeting the following Monday and agreed to send a letter to the bank on behalf of the community, to strongly express its surprise and disappointment at the way proposed closure had been announced and to urge the Bank to reconsider its decision. The letter also suggested some possible alternatives to the closure and made the point that this was the last major bank in the village.

The NatWest Executive Office in Edinburgh responded on 6 January 2015, but said that its decision to close the Bank was unchanged. The Parish Council sent another letter on 9 January to respond to some of the points made and again urged the Bank to reconsider its decision. This correspondence can be viewed on the Parish Council Website.

The Radcliffe Residents Association organised a public petition in the Main Road on Saturday 17 January and at the time of going to print we are still trying to get the NatWest to change their mind. A similar campaign is being run by Keyworth Residents Association where their NatWest Bank has also been identified for closure in March.

Roger Upton.
Chairman of Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The current administration of the Parish Council completes its four year term of office in May 2015 and the electorate will have the opportunity to vote for new parish councillors. In recent years there has been a relatively low turnout of voters, but I would urge everyone to use their vote, to give their verdict on the policies that have been pursued by the Parish Council and how they would like it to be run for the next four years.

Many of the current parish councillors will not be standing for re-election and I would like to thank them for all the hard work and hours that they have given as unpaid volunteers for the local community.

There are many changes happening to Radcliffe, especially in the village centre, with several businesses opening and others closing. The Parish Council takes an active interest in these developments and tries to ensure that Radcliffe retains a vibrant local shopping centre. Our small shops make the village centre what it is, but they depend on your local custom, so if you can shop locally then it really does make a difference.

The Parish Council has started to implement some of the recommendations of the Community Plan and is working with East Midlands Trains to try and improve the services at our Railway Station, and it is in negotiations with the Rushcliffe Borough Council to improve the management of the Health Centre car park. We have also started a programme of installing new seating in the village centre.

The Rushcliffe Local Development Plan was adopted by the Borough Council in December 2014 and this directs where new housing development should go in the next 15 years. Radcliffe is allocated a minimum of 400 new homes and this is why the Parish Council is promoting a Neighbourhood Plan, which if adopted, will become part of the Local Development Plan and it can then influence where this new housing should go, the type of housing and its design.

You will find in this Newsletter the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Draft Vision Statement, which is a high level vision, taken mainly from the Radcliffe Community Plan, of how Radcliffe people want their village to develop. If you have any comments on this draft Vision Statement, please send them to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

The adoption of the Rushcliffe Local Development Plan means that a review of the Rushcliffe Green Belt, including that around Radcliffe, will soon be taking place and the Parish Council will be involved in this.

As usual, but especially for the benefit of new residents, I would like to remind everyone that all parish council meetings are open to the public and you are very welcome to attend. Most of the meetings start at 7pm on a Monday evening in the Radcliffe Room in The Grange and details can be found on our website or on the notice board in front of the post office. This year the Annual Parish Meeting is at 7pm in Grange Hall on Wednesday 22 April 2015. This is your meeting where you can hear what your parish council has been doing in the last year, and you have the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions.

As I approach the end of my term of office as Chairman, I would just like to say that I have enjoyed leading the council for the last year and hopefully we have made a positive contribution to making this village such a great place to live and work. We are very mindful that we spend your money, and for this reason we have endeavoured to introduce new ways of working to reduce costs, but at the same time improve services. We have kept the parish rate the same for 4 years, have reduced our debt and have healthy financial reserves.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the officers and members of staff of the parish council for the work that they do to provide good quality services for the community.

Roger Upton.



Food For Thought

There is a lot to be said for a really good lunch. Add to that...interesting company, an opportunity to keep the brain cells active and a variety of stimulating Speakers. So, what else might you want? The chance to visit places near and far, and a range of social activities. You've probably got it by now – especially if you are a regular reader of this publication. All the above are readily available at the Radcliffe & District Probus Group. We meet every other Tuesday at Ashmores restaurant in Radcliffe. So, if you are a retired or even semi-retired gentleman why not come and join us? *Just contact Peter Mason on 0115 9336050 or David Brooker on 0115 9372418 to find out more.* And, don't forget wives, companions and significant others are most welcome to attend our social events and outings.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT:

The Radcliffe-on-Trent Neighbourhood Plan continues to make good progress.

A Neighbourhood Plan Project Team has been set up to take the project forward and it comprises young and older residents, business representatives, County, Borough and Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, a planning officer from the Borough Council and a community development officer from Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire.

The Project Team has agreed a Draft Vision Statement with six strategies, and this is included in this Newsletter and on the Parish Council website for information and comments. ***IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, PLEASE SEND THEM IN WRITING TO JACKI GRICE, PARISH CLERK, BY 31ST MARCH 2015.***

The next stages of the project plan require some professional planning expertise to prepare draft planning policies, and tenders have been received from three Royal Town Planning Institute Accredited Planning Consultants to provide this service.

The tenders have been evaluated, and a preferred consultant has been recommended to a Full Council meeting, it is planned to apply for financial grant aid from the Government to pay for this planning consultancy support, to move the project forward to independent examination and a referendum.

The project team is working closely with the Radcliffe Community Plan Group to ensure that the two plans are in broad alignment and that there is adequate consultation with the community.

The Rushcliffe Local Development Plan Part 1 – Core Strategy was adopted by Rushcliffe Borough Council on 22 December 2014 and this requires Radcliffe to have a minimum of 400 new homes in the next 15 years. There will be a review of the Green Belt around Radcliffe and it is important that the Neighbourhood Plan is engaged with this.

An adopted Neighbourhood Plan should give the local community some control through the planning process of where new housing is located, what type of new housing and design is preferred, and to ensure that local services such as schools, health centre, sports and leisure facilities, disposal of waste water and roads infrastructure are improved to cope with the requirements of the increase in population and to improve the village centre.

This Neighbourhood Plan project is programmed to be completed in the summer of 2016 and regular progress reports will be given in this Newsletter.

Roger Upton.

Acting Chairman of Radcliffe-on-Trent Neighbourhood Plan Project Team.

**THE HARLEQUIN 3 WELLSITE ON LAND ADJACENT TO THE A52, GRANTHAM ROAD,
RADCLIFFE ON TRENT, NG12 2AW.**

The County Council first gave planning permission in 1999 for the Harlequin 3 well-site and for the drilling of up to two exploratory boreholes for oil and natural gas, and this permission has been renewed a number of times and is valid until October 2017, subject to environmental permits being granted by the Environment Agency.

The Parish Council is consulted about planning applications, but it does not have any decision making powers. In the case of the Harlequin 3 Wellsite, that is done by the County Council and the Environment Agency.

When in early January, the Parish Council became aware of the Environment Agency's public consultation on the application for environmental permits, it arranged a public meeting with a panel of representatives from Hutton Energy, the County Council Planning and the Environment Agency. It was also proactive in getting the consultation period extended to the 13th February 2015.

The Parish Council also listened to residents comments at its Planning Committee meeting in February, before it responded to the Environment Agency consultation.

The majority of the residents at the public meeting and at the Planning meeting, and especially those who live in Upper Saxondale, the Harlequin and Hudson/Dowson Way which are nearest to the site, were opposed to the proposed drilling works.

The main objections were that they had only recently heard of the proposed works and in particular that all residents in the vicinity of the site should have been sent individual letters about the project.

They were especially concerned about noise, lighting, traffic congestion, containment of water on the site, removal of naturally occurring radioactive material, wildlife, air and water pollution, health and safety, radon, flaring off of gas, and some unanswered questions at the public meeting. They were also very concerned about these issues should the wellsite be found to be commercially viable and brought into production.

The Parish Council's response to the Environment Agency's consultation states that a significant number of residents, and especially those in the vicinity of the wellsite, are opposed to the proposed drilling and it lists their main concerns. It requires that Hutton Energy are to prove to the complete satisfaction of the Environment Agency that their proposed exploration activities meet all legal requirements, including environmental, technical and health and safety; and that the site is effectively monitored by the Environment Agency.

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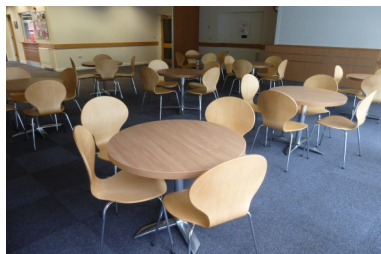
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"FROM THE PARISH RECORDS OF 25 AND 50 YEARS AGO"

50 years ago in 1965

The train services at Radcliffe station were being discussed then as now, but there seems to have been the issue of the possible closure of the station or even the Nottingham to Grantham line! A council minute in March 1965 states that a further letter had been received from Bingham Rural District Council which asked for the number of passengers travelling each day from Radcliffe to Nottingham and to Grantham and had the Parish Council "any economies to suggest."

In October the Parish Clerk stated that he had received a request from Cllr Hannan for permission to purchase a flame gun and two new rakes for the purpose of getting rid of the fallen leaves! Cllr Mrs Mackie said that the tennis club had one which was run on calor gas and it could be borrowed. At the November meeting, however, the Park Keeper said that he found the flame gun used by the tennis club was not suitable for his purpose, as it entailed him carrying around a cylinder of gas! Clearly risk assessments and health and safety were not so important then.

In October the minutes also record a discussion about constructing a subway under the A52. Cllr Cooke suggested that a subway be built at the Harlequin under the By-Pass for the benefit of children and elderly people. The Chairman thought the idea a good one, but suggested that in view of work on the culvert and the diverted bus route, the matter be left over for six months. Clearly this idea was never carried out.

25 years ago in 1990

In January the Parish Clerk drew Members' attention to the amount of horse manure which had accumulated in the stables at The Grange over a number of years. The Clerk was asked to research ways of disposing of the manure, such as mushroom farms!

In May the Parish Clerk reported that the Borough Council were to introduce "Poop-Scoop" By-Laws and prohibit dogs from certain play areas under their control. The control of dogs in public places was obviously a problem then as now.

And finally, there was the problem of smells in the village. Cllr Hodd referred to the recurrence of the nauseating smells which had started to drift over the village. The Clerk said he had asked the Environmental Health Officer to trace the source and take the necessary action, bearing in mind the fact that the fishing season would soon start.

Roger Upton.
Chairman of the Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council.

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AS IT PREPARES FOR ITS 50TH BIRTHDAY VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP RECEIVES OFSTED 'GOOD'

Radcliffe on Trent Pre-school Playgroup has existed in the village since 1965 and is a key provider of childcare locally. Playgroup received an Ofsted inspection on the 6th November 2014. The inspector spoke with parents, staff and committee and observed the children in the setting. We are delighted to report that we were given a GOOD rating across all areas.

Some extracts from the report include:

“Children enjoy attending the playgroup and are involved in learning through playing and exploring, which supports them to be active learners.”

“The environment is welcoming and well-resourced and activities are set up to encourage children to explore and discover.”

“Children make good progress because practitioners are experienced and demonstrate a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage.”

Committee Chair, Victoria Devaney, says, ‘We are very proud of our setting, and I’d like to congratulate our Supervisor, June Barnes, and all the staff on the results of the inspection’.

Playgroup will be 50 years old in 2015. To mark this milestone we are holding a party in the British Legion Radcliffe Hall gardens on Sunday 7th June 2015 from 2 – 5pm. All members of the community who wish to celebrate with Playgroup are welcome to come along. Over the years, many members of our community have been involved in running Playgroup, either as staff or committee. If you were involved and would like to let us know please email rotplaygroupadmin@googlemail.com or telephone 07505 606447 so that we can send you an invitation. We hope to see lots of you there to share your stories!

As many of you will already be aware Playgroup is planning a move of premises. For the last 8 years we have been fortunate in our fantastic location on the South Nottinghamshire Academy site. The school has shown us great support throughout our time there. With the new school build taking place we will need to find new premises elsewhere in the village. We are currently looking at a number of options that will provide us with our own dedicated facility, and we will be passing on more details about this exciting move in due course.

We are all very much looking forward to Playgroup continuing to provide great childcare in the village for, we hope, another 50 years!

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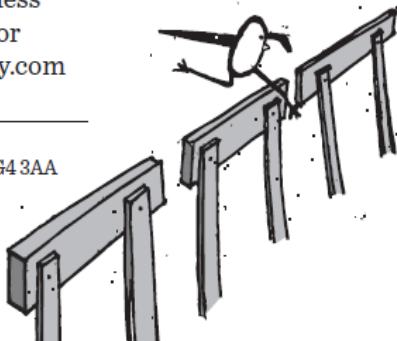
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Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club

Dave Rich and Adrienne Brightman, Captains at **Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club** for 2014 shown presenting a cheque to Chris Burton of Family Care, the chosen charity of their year. Club members donated the magnificent sum of £9,756.28 for Family Care throughout the year.

Chris Burton, Finance and Fund Raising co-ordinated of this locally based charity was overwhelmed at the sum raised. She said "words still fail me! When we had that first conversation at the end of 2013, I never imagined to be receiving such an amount as I did on Friday 16/1/15. Thank you!"

Family Care looks after the needs of children going through adoption, domestic abuse and family bereavement. All monies raised pays for support workers and counsellors which is a vital service to help children throughout Nottinghamshire. Dave and Adrienne are very pleased to have supported Family Care.

Christians Together in Radcliffe

Christians Together in Radcliffe celebrated the first Sunday in Advent with a family friendly service, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Over 100 people attended the traditional Carols at the Grange on the 15th December. Many thanks to the staff and pupils of the South Notts Academy who played so admirably and to all who provided the hot drinks and mince pies. In January we came together at the Methodist Church to participate in the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, following material provided by the churches in Brazil. Lent discussions will take place and the Walk of Witness will process in the village, followed by a service at St Anne's on Good Friday. Further details can be obtained from any of the Churches websites.



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Radcliffe on Trent Advice Centre CHALLENGING TIMES

These are very challenging times for advice agencies and for the people who turn to them for help. More difficult times probably lie ahead as, for example, the significant impact of present and future changes to welfare organisations like ours to sustain the service provided.

However, we are pleased that we have been able to move forward in the service we provide. While maintaining the free confidential service on a Thursday morning upstairs at St. Mary's Hall, Main Road, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, we now provide a similar free confidential Advice service on a Wednesday morning in Bingham. (The Old Court House, Church Street) between 9:30am and 12:30pm.

At both venues we may be able to help on a whole range of matters including welfare benefits, debt, tax, form filling and employment, housing and consumer issues. We welcome anyone who feels that they may benefit from our confidential service, whatever the topic. And our help is often a turning point in solving their problems.

As ever, we are on the lookout for more Advisers to join our team. We work a rota system and there is no commitment expected to attend every week. Full training is arranged. Anyone interested to join us is invited to drop into St. Mary's Hall on a Thursday morning for a chat or to phone Brian on 0115 9899123.



Radcliffe Village Show - Sunday 6th September 2015

It's Show Time again ! ...well ...September 6th actually, but you can make use of these winter nights and weekends by planning your entry now.

We have had great fun reviving the old fashioned Village Show over the last couple of years and by taking part you are helping to keep the tradition alive !

Who wants a rosette ?

We will be holding the ever popular dog show again ...who really has the waggiest tail in Radcliffe ?

Growing beautiful vegetables ..do you remember seeing those fantastic green beans last year? Wow ..could you do the same?

Arranging flowers and making cakes and jams competitions ..it really could be your new hobby .

The theme for the scarecrow will be Robin Hood ...how many versions of the outlaw will we see dotted around the village in September?

Photography will be back ..the theme is Nature for the Children's Category and All Creatures Great and Small for the Adult Section, so get snapping now ..you could have a great photograph by the time September comes around .

Sewing and knitting are making a re-entry again this year and a new section, crocheting ..you can do it Radcliffe!

The children's categories are growing this year ...we have a cup for the winner of the poetry competition, a model of anything made from fruit and vegetables, the painting on a paper plate, cup cakes and Victoria sponge, model of a garden on a tray ...remember that one?

We had some fabulous entertaining side shows last year and are planning more for this year, the band will be back, the Helter Skelter will be returning ..singers, new dancers, bunting, hog roast, ice cream and new ideas to make it a little bit different from last year, oh, hazy dazy crazy days of summer, I can see it now.

So ...get the knitting needles, paint pots, cameras, flour & flowers out and get those lovely Radcliffe dogs trained well and we will see you in September!

All section details will be available on the parish council website www.rotpc.com, Twitter @ROTPC , Facebook Radcliffe village show , on village notice boards , or just pop into the Grange Hall Reception.

You will need to register your entries the day before, Saturday 5th September at the Grange between 10 & 2pm .

Don't forget & don't be late , you are keeping the tradition alive ..go on have a go , take part in the show .

Cllr Mel McKechnie

Parish Clerk's Report

Village Diary

Calling all village groups, organisations and individuals. The Parish Council website www.rotpc.com will now be hosting a Village Diary. This will help avoid events clashing on the same date and will also provide another facility to advertise your event. However the diary will only be useful if people provide the information to go on it. We will be accepting information on your event in Word or PDF formats. Please email the Parish Clerk clerk@rotpc.com so we can get this this project rolling.

Village Grit Bins

The Parish Council would like to map where the Grit Bins are in the village and Nottinghamshire County Council only refill certain bins on the Highway. If you are aware of a grit bin in your area, could you please advise the Parish Clerk of its location.

Bingham Road Triangle

Bulb Planting has been carried out and we hope the area will be awash with colour in the Spring.

Rockley Park

The Parish Council is undertaking a new planting scheme in the woodland walk area and would welcome any plant donations. Contact the Parish Clerk for a list of the appropriate species available.

A new 'Mini Beast' educational area has been erected at the side of the Pavilion, this will enable local school children to learn more about insects.

Dog Mess

Please, please. pick up after your dog, the village and recreational areas are increasingly suffering from dog mess being left by irresponsible dog owners. Not only is this anti-social behaviour unsightly but a real health hazard for those who find themselves on the receiving end of it. Please report any sightings of this activity to the Dog Warden at Rushcliffe Borough Council Tel: 0115 9819911.

Litter

There has recently been a lot of litter dumped opposite the entrance to Valley Road Play Area. The litter has been tossed over the fence on the Cliff and is very difficult to retrieve. The Parish Council has recently re-located a litter bin to the Cliff Path, so please use it. It also appears that local residents have used the Cliff Bank to dispose of laurel bush cuttings. Certain branches of this size don't rot down for many years, obscure any spring flowering bulbs like snowdrops and daffodils that might be growing underneath and generally make the bank look a mess.

There is a Community Litter Pick planned for 22nd March, meet at 10am at Rockley Park, please help us look after this unique area.

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

CIVIC AWARDS

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council presents Civic Award certificates to residents who have made an outstanding contribution to the village.

Nominations are now being sought and should be sent to the Clerk of the Council at The Grange, Vicarage Lane by Friday March 20th 2015.

Also, the Parish Council will present Awards to young people who have demonstrated personal achievement that has benefited both the individual and the community of Radcliffe on Trent.

Nomination forms are available from the Council Office at the Grange between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. each weekday morning, they can be downloaded from the council website or they can be emailed to you.

The Annual Parish meeting will be on Wednesday 22 April 2015 in Grange Hall.

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The event will raise the spirits and get toes tapping with the ticket-buying public at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent on Friday 24th April, 7:30pm.

The Event is cabaret style; audiences bring their own drinks and nibbles.

Both the band and Cutting, a virtuoso on melodeon and accordion are on national tour. Radcliffe is on their circuit this year courtesy of the National Rural Touring Scheme. The scheme, titled Village Ventures locally, brings top-class entertainers to community venues outside city centres, with much cheaper tickets and friendly informality as a result.

Andy Cutting's music weaves his own compositions with new and classically influenced melodies from Central France and Eastern Europe. He is known as a player of great warmth and a witty rapport with both audiences and fellow players.

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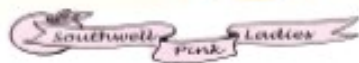
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The group is made up of around 40 people ranging from 19 to 70 years in age. As you can see from the panel below there is something there for almost everyone with an interest in the theatre (and this is only a selection of the jobs involved)

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<i>Set Builders</i>			

The group has been going for nearly 60 years and I joined around 20 years ago just to do one play. I was hooked from the start and have done one or other of these jobs for almost every production since then.

The group is a really friendly one and there is help and support for anyone willing to have a go. I had never been on stage before my first play and every one was so supportive and encouraging that I never felt on my own.

Why not give me a call or come along to find out more about any of the things you could do to help at one of our rehearsal nights (see website for more information)

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Contact Sue O'Connor on 0798 3419612

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Each year the Parish Council publishes a statement of activities which shows details of the council's budgets. This is available to view on the Parish Council website at www.rotpc.com.

The budgeted expenditure for 2015/16 is £381,715 with a budgeted income of £103,645 making a net cost of £278,070 which is funded by the parish precept and the final installment of the Rushcliffe Borough Council Transitional Grant.

I am pleased to announce that for the 4th consecutive year we have been able to freeze this precept at £84.62 for a Band D property whilst at the same time reducing our outstanding debts on Grange hall and The Grange by a further £92,500. When we started these major village improvements we borrowed £700,000 and this debt now is down to £245,366 - an achievement to be proud of. The success of Grange Hall and The Grange has helped us to achieve an income stream of over £100,000; a lot for a small Parish Council and one that enables us to reinvest this money back into the many community facilities we own and manage. During the year we have been able to allocate grants to many village groups which include ROTSA, Radcliffe Olympic, Community Mini Bus, Infant and Nursery School Memorial Bench, Radcliffe Family Playdays, Radcliffe Skatepark, Neighbourhood Watch, WW1 Exhibition, Carnival, Speedwatch, Community Signing Choir and the Defibrillator outside Grange Hall.

The accounts are audited both internally and externally and in my view as Chairman, the accounts of the Parish Council are well run, operate within budget and give value for money.

Gordon Moore

Chairman of Finance

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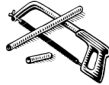
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TRAIN SERVICES AT RADCLIFFE ON TRENT STATION

Following comments made at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2014, the Parish Council has been trying to improve the railway services at Radcliffe on Trent Railway Station. At present there are only five trains from Radcliffe to Nottingham and six from Radcliffe to Grantham that stop each day, but many more pass through the station.

Parish Council representatives have met with transport officers from the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire County Councils who have an interest in the Nottingham to Grantham railway line, and we sent a letter to East Midlands Trains at Derby to request significant improvements to the current service.

Sarah Taylor, Route Manager East for East Midlands Trains replied, and came to speak to our Planning and Environment Committee meeting on 9th February to “discuss our timetable aspirations” and discussions are ongoing.

The cost of a Radcliffe to Nottingham off peak day return ticket is £4.70 compared to £5 on the bus, and the train journey time is around 11 minutes.

Roger Upton.

Chairman of Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council.

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15.45	15.56	16.25	7.58	8.28	8.40
16.45	16.56	17.28	11.45	12.09	12.22
17.44	17.55	18.25	19.45	20.12	20.25
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RADCLIFFE ON TRENT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: DRAFT STRATEGIC VISION:

The Radcliffe Neighbourhood Plan “Vision” is a **strategic** statement of how the Radcliffe Community would like its village to develop over the next 15 to 20 years.

The “Vision” sets out **6 strategies** that are considered to be realistic and have a reasonable chance of success.

The **strategies** in this vision document will be converted into **objectives** of what needs to be done to achieve the strategic vision, and from the objectives different **options** will be tested and then **planning policies** agreed which will set out the key details of what it is hoped will happen.

THE SIX STRATEGIES:

A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY:

Radcliffe on Trent is a largely self contained, dormitory village in South Nottinghamshire, with a population of around 10,000 people, which enjoys the benefits of being close to the City of Nottingham, but still retains its village character. The vision is to maintain this relationship by allowing a small amount of sustainable controlled development, but keeping the character of Radcliffe as a place with a strong sense of identity, community and history, with a wide range of facilities and services. The existing economic base of the village, which is essentially small businesses and shops will be supported, as well as small scale start up businesses, to provide local employment and residents will be encouraged to shop locally.

BETTER FACILITIES, TRANSPORT AND SERVICES:

The vision is that the quality and capacity of existing essential services such as health, education and shopping, should be kept within the centre of the village and increased in line with any new developments within Radcliffe. There must be more activities provided for teenagers, irrespective of any new developments, and the Community Plan identifies the need for somewhere undercover for young people to meet in the evening and at weekends, and to provide a youth base/internet cafe. It also recommends the provision of a community cafe for all the residents. Road and rail infrastructure and associated public services also need to be improved to reflect any new developments.

IMPROVED LEISURE, SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES:

Whilst there are many thriving clubs and organisations within the village, there has never been a purpose built leisure or sports centre and residents have to travel to Bingham, Cotgrave, West Bridgford and further, to access many sports and recreational facilities. The community swimming pool has recently closed and will not be

replaced and although many of the sports facilities such as football pitches are heavily used, some of their future provision is unsure. The vision is to provide a small leisure or sports facility for the use of residents, perhaps financed from any new housing developer contributions, and to futureproof existing sports facilities.

NEW HOUSING FOR ALL:

It is essential to try and maintain the existing age diversity of the village population. The vision is to provide a balanced supply of housing types within the village, so that there are opportunities for residents to “down size”, move up the housing ladder, or purchase/rent their first property. There must also be a supply of affordable housing to allow young people and lower income families to stay in the village. Ideally any new housing sites should be within walking distance of the village centre. All new housing must be energy efficient and built to an agreed building design and materials policy, and energy improvements should be encouraged for older housing.

CONSERVING THE GREEN BELT & VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT.

Radcliffe is designated as a “key settlement” that has been “inset” within the Green Belt for over 60 years and this has maintained the green undeveloped land around the village that gives it its rural character. The vision is to essentially retain this green belt to conserve and enhance this rural character and to try and develop a network of informal green spaces within the village, to provide corridors for wildlife and attractive pedestrian and cycle routes throughout the village and into the surrounding countryside.

IMPROVED VILLAGE CENTRE:

The centre of the village has no particular architectural style, is dominated by traffic and has significant car parking issues. The vision is to improve the quality of the village centre by reducing through traffic, making it more pedestrian friendly, economically viable, safer, resolving car parking issues and generally improving the architectural quality of new building design and materials. A shared streets scheme, a reduction in through traffic or a one way traffic flow, the use of planters and street furniture to create chicanes are possible solutions to be investigated, as well as more attractive surfacing to the road and pavements. Access to and the management of current car parks needs to be reviewed.

Roger Upton.

Chairman of Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council.



SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ACADEMY AND SIXTH FORM

NEW SCHOOL BUILD UPDATE

Following a meeting on the 10th December, I can confirm that the build process has been delayed until March 2015 – this will mean a completion date of summer 2016. As we are part of the Priority Schools Building Programme, this is not within our control but on reflection it actually suits the school more in terms of a move in date, organisation and logistics.

Of course, this is tinged with sadness as the school/ community swimming pool has now been closed. This has been a great facility for many years and enjoyed by young and old over many generations. I would like to go on record to thank all of the ROTSPA volunteers for their tireless efforts and the Governing Bodies of both Dayncourt and SNA for funding the ongoing costs – without either group, the pool would not have been such a success.

JORDAN CLARKE GAINS PLACE AT TOP US UNIVERSITY

Jordan from South Nottinghamshire Academy has won a place and a financial aid package to study at Northwestern University after participating in the Sutton Trust's US Programme run in partnership with the US-UK Fulbright Commission. Last summer, Jordan was one of 175 students selected for a summer school in the US at either Yale or Harvard University, or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), spending a week living on campus and visiting a number of other American campuses. Jordan benefited from residential activities and received an intensive programme of support, delivered by the US-UK Fulbright Commission over a number of months before and after their US visit, which covered admission tests, college choices and the application process.

Jordan competed with 2,200 applicants to win one of 175 places on the programme. The aim of the US Programme is to encourage academically talented, low and middle income British students to consider studying at American universities. The 2014-2015 programme cohort comes from across the UK and 70% of the students will be the first in their family to go to university.

PUPIL NUMBERS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Once again, the continuing success of the academy has led to an increase in prospective 2015 students from our feeder schools. However, we won't become too large but we do anticipate that we will reach our targeted capacity of 120 students per year group from years 7-11 and 150 students in our sixth form very soon (750 students in total).

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Radcliffe on Trent Sports Association

ROTSA has got off to a great start for 2015, there are several new committee members which has injected new life and enthusiasm into the association.

There are many challenges ahead the most important is the extension of our lease on Bingham Road playing fields. We will be meeting with South Nottinghamshire Academy in the near future. The importance of Bingham Road in the recreation of the village is ably demonstrated on a Saturday morning when the whole field is covered with youngsters enjoying football.

The Brumfitt room and kitchen is to be made available for rent for meetings and children's parties. The dry play is available for football parties. Bookings are now being taken for daytime use.

ROTSA is committed to the creation and promotion of sport in the village.

Fundraising for future projects continues and Golf Day is to be held at Radcliffe on Trent Golf Club on the 17th May 2015.

To put in a team please contact Ian Wroughton on 9332046



PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORIES OF THE LILYPONDS NATURE RESERVE

In 2013 the Parish Council purchased approximately 7 hectares of land between Cliff Walk and the River Trent known locally as “The Lilyponds” and it is currently working with several agencies to develop a management plan to protect and enhance this area for future generations.

Part of the vision is to have several information boards around the site and on the Cliff Walk to illustrate how this area of land was used in the past, as well to give information on the present plants and wildlife.

If residents have any old photographs of this area; perhaps of picnics, livestock grazing, fishing, etc, the Parish Council would be pleased to see them and perhaps copy them for use on the proposed information boards. Any memories from older residents would also be appreciated.

If you have any photographs or memories of the Lilyponds area that you are willing to share, please consider contacting the Parish Clerk.

Roger Upton.

Chairman of Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council.



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Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club Memory Cafe

The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club Memory Cafe meets at the All Saints Day Centre, Church Lane, Cotgrave, Notts (the old Church Hall at the back of the church) on the last Thursday of every month, starting 29th January 2015, from 14:00 to 16:00.

Although based at Cotgrave it is aimed at people in the **Radcliffe, Bingham Cotgrave, Cropwell's and surrounding villages** suffering from memory loss and primarily aimed at people diagnosed with dementia and their helpers.

We want people to attend for the full two hours who would benefit from a bit of fun and light relief once a month. The general age of the people attending such Cafe's set up by Rotary Clubs, is around the 60 / 60+ mark, which is the time in life when dementia appears to raise its head in the population, right up to the 80+ mark. It is appreciated that for some very unfortunate people dementia can affect them from a much earlier age, therefore we very much encourage all age groups to attend.

The Cafe is a structured two hours for people suffering memory problems and their helpers to enjoy some nostalgic activities to stimulate conversation and participation. For the Cafe to be affective it is aimed at those who are still capable of an understanding of what is going on so they can engage and participate (helped by their support) with the activities taking place.

Each monthly meeting will be themed for the time of year e.g. bonfire night may be used to stimulate an interactive discussion about gathering and making bonfires, fireworks they bought, penny for the guy etc. We also intend to have, music, pictures, video clips and in time some nostalgia boxes as well as many more activities themed for each particular meeting.

We are not there to help with any diagnosis of memory problems, that is for the medical profession; we can only provide some light relief and fun for people diagnosed with dementia and equally for their helpers, whether that support is offered by a family member or other support that bring them along to the Cafe. Also we do not have the skills or ability to look after dementia sufferers ourselves, we are not a drop off centre. The support for the person attending the Cafe will remain with them for the full two hours, but will have the opportunity to converse and gain knowledge and expertise from other support member's experiences, whilst enjoying the activities of the Cafe.

The Cafe is totally free for people with memory problems and their helpers attending, no donations are required and refreshments will be provided free for all; we just ask you to book in with Doug Downing, so that we know how many people we are catering for on the day and attend from 14:00 on the day.

I hope this information gives you encouragement to come along to the Cafe, if so please book in with me for the LAST Thursday of the month **Doug Downing**

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Notes from a Small Island (with apologies to Bill Bryson)

After a lifetime of trips to the Co-op, and Black Lion pub quizzes, and walks up the cliffs, I decided to up sticks and have an adventure. January 2015 finds me living and working on the island of Stronsay in the Northern Isles, a two hour boat journey from the Orkney mainland.

After two short weeks, what an adventure it has turned out to be. I am typing this by candlelight while 100mph gusts of wind howl around my cottage, the power having been cut off for several hours now. Our school is closed; I left work yesterday with strict instructions from the head teacher not to leave the house before midday as it would be too dangerous and not to even try and drive “that little car of yours”. So, under house arrest, with no lights, heating or cooker, no telephone, or mobile phone signal, the irony of using my laptop by candlelight does not escape me. The ferries have been cancelled, the four seater ‘plane that arrives every morning has been grounded, and our little island of some 340 people lies isolated in a darkness like no other. I feast on leftover Christmas cake and cheese and look out at the lighthouse flashing five miles away. It is all a far cry from Radcliffe on Trent.

Orkney is sometimes described as “the land between the wind and the water” and it’s as good a description as any. On a good day, it is very windy indeed. The old cottages don’t have letterboxes or cat flaps, just very useful porches at the front of the houses where the postman can leave letters and parcels. The porch also serves as a cloakroom area to store the heavy coats and cagoules and wellingtons that are necessary for life here. No umbrellas, for obvious reasons. Stories abound of people who have moved to the island and put up a “fancy shed” only to find it reduced to matchwood the next day. Last Monday, my cat ventured outside for the first time and looked at me in astonishment as a gust of wind blew him across the garden. He needs two pairs of gravity boots but I doubt they make them for cats. I can tell when he’s been outside because he looks as if he’s been to the hairdresser’s for a blow dry, his fur standing on end in a highly unusual fashion.

Last Saturday, I ventured over to Kirkwall, on the mainland, to buy some bits that weren’t available at the wonderful shop on the island (imagine Burley’s with food). It was the maiden voyage of my new shopping trolley. While part of me recognised that I had become my mother, I reasoned that it was an excellent purchase, one that would save me the expense of taking my car on the ferry. I set out in the dark – it’s

nearly always dark at this time of year – drove down to the village, and parked my car according to my colleagues’ instructions. Not near the shop as a wave might cover it, not on the jetty as it might blow off, but in a sheltered spot between the pub and the fish mart. So far, so good. I climbed out of the car and walked round to the passenger side for my new shopping trolley whereupon an unexpected gust of wind launched the poor trolley into the air, with me attached, looking for all the world like some ageing Mary Poppins. Luckily, the post van was driving past at that very minute so I flagged it down and jumped in. The postman drove onto the jetty to collect the mail while I gathered myself sufficiently for the two hour ferry journey for supplies. At this point I felt like some frontierswoman in the Wild West, ignoring the fact that this was day-to-day life for my fellow islanders!


Unfortunately for me, it was Saturday January 3rd. I hadn’t realised the significance of this until I strode into Kirkwall to find most of the shops closed. New Year’s Day and January 2nd are bank holidays so clearly there had been little point in opening for one day on the Saturday. No worries, the supermarket would be open, and indeed it was. I walked past sparse shelves to an entirely bare green grocery section. Strange. There was no meat in the chiller cabinets, no cooked meat or dairy, just empty aisles in an empty shop. Baffled, I asked an assistant what had happened. She looked at me kindly and explained that it was January 3rd. There had been no boats from the mainland and therefore no deliveries over the bank holiday. Feeling rather foolish – and not just because I was pushing a shopping trolley – I bought a pack of firelighters and a lonely bunch of carnations from a bucket near the till. I then spent three hours walking around in the unrelenting wind, punctuated by the occasional hail storm, until it was time for the ferry back to Stronsay.

The journey back took nearly three hours. I know not why. After five hours on a boat and four hours in Kirkwall, I pushed my new trolley containing some firelighters and a sad bunch of carnations back to my car before driving home in horizontal hail. Yes, horizontal hail, a whole new weather event for me.

The next morning, wrapped up like Nanook of the North, I went for a walk. After a while, I spotted a man with a dog in the distance. I caught up with him and introduced myself as the new teacher on the island. After asking how I was settling in, he wiped the rain from his glasses, before commenting “Well at least you’ve been lucky with the weather, so far. It’s not been too bad this winter.”


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Radcliffe Olympic Charity Match—Boxing Day 2014



Once again there was a great turnout from the players with around 40 eagerly taking part including some who have not missed a match since the trophy was introduced, whilst others took part for the very first time; the match which was refereed by Bob Norris resulted in an exciting 5-4 win for the Radcliffe Seniors team who reclaimed the trophy after their heavy defeat by the Radcliffe Select XI the previous year. It turned out to be another hugely successful day, with a record £1,744.50 raised in aid of the nominated charity –HELP for HEROES. Our thanks go to James Ryan Thornhill (Rick), FWP Refrigeration & Air Conditioning (Paul Watts), DAR Building Services (Raff) and Walter Harrison & Sons (Anthony Draycott) for their joint efforts in providing the sponsorship of the match and all those who provided raffle prizes.

Our thanks also go to Brendan and European Conveyor Systems for their help in producing and printing the program, Barbara for providing the hot drinks at the match and Stella for her help with the Raffle; Julia at the British Legion for the after match food and hospitality; Richard Stone for the photo's. All the players and supporters on the day and to those who were unable to be there but made generous donations, along with any others that we have failed to mention.

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Thank you to all those that have given up their time to make it a huge success.

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If you would like to join, please contact our **Membership Secretary: Anne Mason on 0115 9336050**.

Annual subscription (covering Grange Hall meetings) is £12 for an individual or £18 for couples. You may attend up to 2 meetings as a visitor for £3 per visit.

For more information, please contact me on the number below, or Anne Mason as above.

Lorna Mackinnon, General Secretary, 0115 9335002

On 23rd October 2014 the *Radcliffe Twinning Association* welcomed visitors from their twin town of Bussy St Georges, 15 miles east of Paris. 25 French visitors came to Radcliffe including a number of young people who spent a day at South Nottinghamshire Academy. The visit proved very successful and included a trip to Southwell Minster, a meal with music and dancing on the Saturday evening and a game of boules which the French won. A number of people from other Radcliffe organisations also joined in the boules match and we welcomed some potential members to the Twinning Association. We would like to thank South Nottinghamshire Academy for their help in encouraging French youngsters to visit Radcliffe, to the Radcliffe Parish Council for hosting a reception on the Sunday morning and to members of the U3A who talked to the visitors about Radcliffe in 1914 and provided a boules team.

The Association is open to everyone and we always welcome new members. More information and photographs of the visit can be found at: <http://www.radcliffe-twinning.org.uk/> If you are interested in finding out more or in joining the association please contact **Steve Sugden on 0115 8450958 or Alan Reed on 0115 9123275**.

Radpanto The Snow Queen

The Snow Queen was our 6th pantomime and was enjoyed by packed audiences. The group is going from strength to strength.

Two of our younger members Tom Catton and Katlyn Davis took on major parts for the first time and both nailed it. Our regular cast members were joined this year by Sam Black and once again they all seemed to enjoy it as much as the audience.

Pantomimes take a great deal of time and effort to put on and we have a great team. Special mention must go Marie Claire for organising front of house and ticket sales and to Lucy Spencer for making all the wonderful costumes. A big thank you to all the back stage crew, lighting and sound boys the coffee makers, shop keepers and box office crew.

Last year we gave £500-00 to the Junior School for a new shed. This year we are giving £500-00 to the Play Days who do a great job in the school holidays entertaining the children. £100-00 is to be given to the Infant School for scenery for their nativity plays. It is our aim to keep ticket prices reasonable, £18-00 for a family of 4 is less than one ticket in town, good value.

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Georgia Moore

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7th May 2015

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Radcliffe Family Playdays update

Radcliffe Family Playdays enjoyed a successful 2014. We staged 4 summer holiday play sessions at South Nottinghamshire Academy and supported our Parish Council's Family fun Day and Village Show at The Grange. We averaged around 150 people at each session and had over 230 different children visit us!

Our aim is to provide free play sessions for children aged 0 – 11. We are entirely volunteer run and rely on financial support from local groups – most recently Nottinghamshire County Council, The Vale of Belvoir Rotary Club and our Parish Council. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and supported us.

We are already looking ahead to summer 2015 and, thanks to a donation from RADPanto, are excited at being able to offer more stimulating and varied activities and workshops. Our sessions this year will take place on summer holiday Thursdays (but not the 1st one!) from 10am – noon at the Methodist Church.

We would welcome any new members to our group – even if you can only attend and help at one session. Please contact us at radcliffefamilyplaydays@gmail.com or through our facebook page 'RadcliffeFamilyPlaydays'

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - Readers may have noticed that this edition of the Parish Council Newsletter is for Spring/Summer.

As part of the Parish Council's budget setting process for 2015/16, items of expenditure are carefully reviewed and challenged.

The budget for this Newsletter has to be evaluated against the provision of frontline services and difficult decisions sometimes have to be taken if the parish precept is not to be increased. We are also aware that nationally there has been some criticism of the cost of producing council newsletters.

The costs of producing this Newsletter - its production, printing and distribution continue to rise, and it has been decided that the number of editions will be reduced from three to two each year, namely Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter.

We will try and keep the same high quality standards and hope that residents will understand why we have made this decision.

The Editor.



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In addition to being a registered Osteopath and Massage Therapist, I am also a practicing member of the British Medical Acupuncture Society.

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