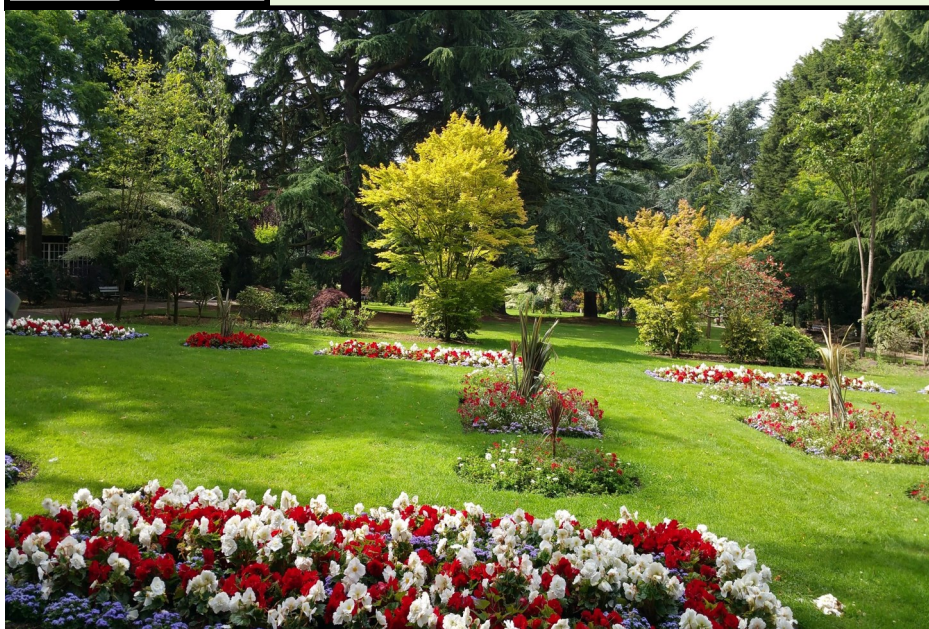


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Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council

2016 Annual Report

Message from the Chairman - Georgia Moore

Chairman's Report. Autumn /Winter 2016

As another summer goes by the village reflects on all the amazing events which happen in Radcliffe, and our thanks go to each and every volunteer who give their time and effort to make Radcliffe such a vibrant place in which to live.

The success of Radcliffe Carnival and the Village Show go from strength to strength as every year the committees bring new and exciting additions to these events for us all to enjoy.

The Parish Council's own events such as the Silver Cinema, the Children's Cinema, the Children's Fun Day, and this year the addition of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations also go towards making our village such a fun community for all age groups.

To top all these events the Parish Council grounds staff produced such wonderful floral displays in our public areas that we were thrilled to win first prize in the Best Kept Village Competition.

As always I would like to thank all the Parish Council staff for their hard work and dedication to our village.

Georgia Moore



Eddie Fearon

The death of Eddie Fearon at the beginning of September was a sad shock to many residents. Eddie was a well known resident of Radcliffe, a past Borough Councillor and Mayor of Rushcliffe.

He was an active member of our community right up to the start of his illness and will be sadly missed in the village.

Condolences go to his widow Avril and members of his family.

Rushcliffe Befriends goes from strength to strength

Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Service (RCVS) is delighted to have secured 3 years of additional funding to continue and extend its Rushcliffe Befriends scheme, which supports Rushcliffe residents who are over 50 and experiencing social isolation.

Their volunteer befrienders can help someone to become involved with a local group, or can provide company by visiting at home or by going out, perhaps for a walk or a coffee.

Louise, one of the RCVS befrienders, says “Everyone enjoys a natter with a friendly person who isn’t judgemental or critical and who can offer a listening ear and conversation. In some cases it is a lifeline to those who are the most isolated”.

We need more volunteers so we can help more people. To volunteer, all you need is to be aged 50+, live in Rushcliffe, have a few hours a week to spare and want to help local older people. Volunteers receive training, support and expenses. It’s a great way to meet interesting people, make a difference and have fun!

To find out more about volunteering or about benefitting from this service, please contact RCVS on 0115 9699 060 or email befriends@rushcliffecvs.org.uk.

Rushcliffe Befriends is supported by The National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund.

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Radcliffe-on-Trent Pre-School Playgroup



Radcliffe on Trent Pre-School Playgroup has moved!

The local pre-school playgroup has finally re-located to its new home next to the Infant and Nursery School, just a short distance away from its previous home within the South Nottinghamshire Academy.

They are thrilled to finally be in their wonderful refurbished modular building, custom designed for pre-schoolers to provide a stimulating and fun environment for free play. The new building is set within its own securely fenced grounds, and there are plans in place to install a fabulous outdoor play area within the next six months.

The playgroup, as always, continues to provide childcare for 2- 4 year olds and offers the perfect introduction to 'school life' with an emphasis on free play, supervised by experienced, dedicated and caring staff. They have now been running for over 50 years, and are an established part of the local community. Their new move has secured their existence for the foreseeable future, and their proximity to the local schools still ensures they are easily accessible for local parents at drop off and pick up times.

With their own building the playgroup now has the independence to offer wrap around care, before and after school hours for our youngsters. Plans are currently in place for this and further information will be available in due course.

The pre-school playgroup offer a warm welcome to any parents who would like to come and have a look round the new setting. Further details can be found on their website: **rotpreschoolplaygroup.weebly.com**, or they can be contacted on **07505 606447**.

THE BRIDGE SINGERS

Leader: Lynne Holland

present

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A STORY IN WORDS AND MUSIC

edited and compiled by David & Trevor Griffiths

from 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens

with

Phil Hawyes as 'Scrooge'

Roger Wilson as 'Dickens'

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on Sunday 4th December 2016
at 3.00pm

Tickets £8

including light refreshments

available from Pen2Paper or Clive & Lynne Holland 933 2896

*This performance is dedicated to Di Beale a former soprano
with the Bridge Singers*

TRENT VALLEY DECORATIVE and FINE ARTS SOCIETY

A new local branch of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) opened its doors in October 2016. This friendly Society, dedicated to bringing all aspects of the decorative arts to the public through lectures given by experts in their field, is attracting keen interest but currently we can still welcome new members.



From October to July, meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of every month at Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent. Lectures start at 11am, with coffee available from 10.30am. The annual membership fee of £45 entitles members to attend 10 monthly lectures and includes the glossy quarterly magazine NADFAS Review. To whet your appetites forthcoming talks include:

Wednesday 2 November 2016:

“Why did Laura Knight become so Famous?” by Tim Wilcox

Wednesday 7 December 2016:

“Deck the Hall: Yuletide Customs and Traditions” by David Bostwick

Wednesday 4 January 2017:

“The Fine Art of Crime” by Malcolm Kenwood

If you are interested in joining the Society, and in meeting like-minded people, you can request an application form and the full programme by emailing the membership secretary: ptytler@ntlworld, or call our chairman on 01949 844591. The NADFAS website (www.nadfas.org.uk) gives more information and is well worth a visit.

Top Dogs – In Numbers

Terry Rodgers was accompanied by his guide dog, Emmett, when he told his tale about guide dogs, their training and their owners’ training to members of the Radcliffe and District Probus Group.

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association was formed in 1931 by 2 women on Merseyside; now, there are some 5000 guide dogs in the UK, approximately 90 in the Notts, S. Yorks and Derbyshire area and 6 in Radcliffe on Trent. It costs around £50k to train each dog over a two year period at one of the four training centres in the UK.

Each dog goes through a 12 month puppy training phase, with regular 5 week assessments to ensure its aptitude for this vital role, prior to going to a training centre. Through repetition and reward they are trained to respond to over 50 different spoken and signal commands, develop their ability to react to obstacles, understand whistle instructions and use their toilet on command. One local dog is even trained to respond to signs of epileptic seizures.

The owners also experience a rigorous assessment. Initially they train with their dogs over a 4-5 week period, including 2 weeks away from home, undergo a 'driving test' with their dogs and are then issued with a license, identity card and permit that in law provides access to public places where dogs are not usually allowed. The partnership is then assessed at regular intervals throughout their working life together, which is usually between 6 and 8 years, until the dog is retired.

Upon retirement, the dogs can sometimes stay with their owner as a pet, go to a nominated friends or family home or be returned to the Guide Dogs Association for adoption.

Terry provided a detailed and fascinating insight into the role of the guide dog and received a cheque for the Guide Dogs Association from the Probus group. **If you would like to find out more about Radcliffe and District Probus just contact Roger Allton on 0115 9334795 or David Brooker on 0115 9372418.**



Are you interested in Promoting understanding about different cultures and lifestyles and encouraging the exchange of views and ideas for individuals, families, local groups and organisations?

The chance to visit our twinned town or host visits to learn more about each other's communities and share experiences?

Build friendships creating special relationships between two communities of different countries?

Then Join Radcliffe Twinning Association

The twinning experience is open to people of all ages and interests. Hospitality is provided by the host country during visits with visitors usually staying in family homes.

Radcliffe is twinned with Bussy St Georges in France and will welcome visitors in 2017.

Contact Alan on a.reed7@ntlworld.com or John on jrycroft999@gmail.com



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Radcliffe on Trent Carnival 2016

Do you remember July 8th ?

Yes, that was the day that the heavens opened from very early in the morning and it rained and rained until about 11:30....but it didn't stop the wonderful people of Radcliffe from setting up for the Carnival and then, when the sun came out, supporting generously and having a great time!

Our theme was Mardi Gras and every part of the community from the Playgroup to the U3A got into the Carnival spirit and joined in with colour, dancing, music and enjoyment.

During the week before, the retailers and businesses of Radcliffe decorated their windows with lively Mardi Gras colours & and really got us into the mood.

A wonderful colourful, vibrant, noisy Mardi Gras Procession came down from Bingham Road representing many different village groups including the Netball Club who entertained us with Samba music, dancing and very colourful costumes. The crowd loved seeing the Guides, Brownies & Rainbows in their beautifully decorated ponchos, representing New Orleans. The Methodist Church had a jazz band and wonderfully dressed crew on their decorated float. Steve Phair had made a Truly Scrumptious Walking Float for the Boy's Brigade featuring Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the Ratcatcher.

In the Grange Hall and the Arena there were full programmes of entertainment, with the highlights being a magnificent demonstration by the Dako Flying Angels and a flypast by a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

The money that is raised at the Carnival is carefully managed and once costs have been covered is distributed across the village organisations, charities & groups that have supported on the day. This took place at the AGM which was on October 20th and at that meeting suggestions for next year's Carnival were discussed, and the new Working Group elected.

The Carnival Working Group is a small number of local people who organise the Radcliffe on Trent Carnival supported by lots of other fantastic volunteers who show up on the day and just do great things. Could you help with marketing, organising the entertainment, or as treasurer? If you could offer some assistance please email us at rotcarnival@gmail.com.

**Please save the date for next year's Radcliffe on Trent Carnival
July 8th 2017**

Bingham and District Choral Society

This is a busy and exciting time for our choir. We are thrilled that the internationally celebrated choral composer and conductor, John Rutter, has agreed to lead a Singing Day for us on Saturday 4th March 2017 at The Minster School, Southwell. Local singers are warmly invited to join us. Please go to our website www.binghamchoral.org.uk where you will find full details about how to reserve a place, or contact Derek Tabron on 0115 9894836.

In the meantime our, Winter Concert is rapidly approaching, to be held on Saturday 19th November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Radcliffe-on- Trent. The programme includes the Mozart Vespers, Pergolesi's Magnificat, and Vivaldi's Beatus Vir. Ticket prices are £13 reserved, £10 unreserved, Children FREE with accompanying adult. Immediately afterwards, we will begin preparing for our ever-popular Christmas Concert on Saturday 17th December at Church of St Mary and All Saints, Bingham, in association with the Carnarvon School Children's Choir. Ticket prices are £8 for an adult and £1 for a child. **Tickets for both events can be obtained from Bingham Library (01949 837905) or ring Tim 0115 8780642.**

Funding Secured for an Economic Development "Masterplan" for Radcliffe

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council and the Radcliffe on Trent Business Forum have been working together to consider how best to support local businesses and improve the retail experience in the village for the benefit of traders and customers, now and in the future. We are delighted to announce that following an application to the Rushcliffe Growth Fund we have secured £20,000 of funding to take this project forward. The Funding will enable us to commission specialist advice and research and, working with partners and residents, come up with clear recommendations for future economic development in the village.

The vision builds on the work done on the recent Neighbourhood plan and is

"To create a vibrant, growing, sustainable local economy with a thriving village centre that attracts and supports new and existing business, increases local employment opportunities and encourages visitors and residents alike to shop, work and enjoy their leisure time in the village"

It will look specifically at:-

- Improvements to the public realm in the village centre including street furniture and signage

- Traffic flows through the village, pedestrian friendly spaces, shop frontages and provision for village centre events such as farmer's/Christmas markets

- The scope for development of modern community facilities for village groups

The potential for additional retail and business space – including for start-up businesses and independent traders

The project is expected to take 3-4 months to complete and we will provide regular updates via the Parish Newsletter and Website and there will be opportunities for residents to feed their views in as the work develops.

Abbi Brennan



Rev Graeme Anderson,
the well-liked and respected
Vicar of St. Mary's for over
seven years, will be leaving the
parish in December. He is
moving on to take up an
appointment at Holy Trinity
Church, Coventry.

We all thank him for his
contribution to the village
during his time here and send
him our very best wishes for
the future.

**David Barton. Vice Chairman
of the Parish Council.**

RADCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT:

The Radcliffe Neighbourhood Plan passed a key milestone in June, when the Parish Council “signed it off” and sent it to the Borough Council to complete its journey.

It was originally hoped to get it to a referendum in the summer of 2016, but due to a late requirement for a strategic environmental assessment and further significant work to be done on the residential development strategy, this has now been put back a year to the autumn of 2017.

It is anticipated that the external examiner will issue a report in April/May 2017, and assuming that it can proceed, then the Borough Council will organise and pay for a referendum, the anticipated date for which is September 2017.

Anybody who is registered to vote in Radcliffe on Trent Parish will be entitled to vote and a simple majority in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan is sufficient for it to be adopted by the Borough Council and incorporated into their Local Development Plan.

Planning applications will still be determined in the normal way, but they will have to take into account the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan process typically takes 3 to 4 years to reach completion and this seems to be about right for us, having started our plan in April 2014.

Roger Upton.

Chairman of the Radcliffe on Trent Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

October 2016.

BUYING TO INVEST IN THE VILLAGE

Shopping seems to divide the general population into two camps – those who love it and those who hate it! There are times when we ‘do the shopping’ because we need food on the table, and other times when we gaze into shop windows and pop in to see if there’s anything of interest. Whatever our purpose, we all tend towards a regular pattern of where we go for what and who is able to supply just what we need in the way that we like it. I suspect those of us who live in Radcliffe, do some shopping within the village itself, but we also might spend

time in Bingham, West Bridgford, Newark and the like.

Studies have shown that habits are changing with a move towards more convenient shopping as people are valuing quality of life over budget prices. Also, some are responding to ethical arguments; money spent in local independent stores is generally not only much better for the local economy but often for the local environment as well.

As business owners in Radcliffe, we aim to provide quality goods and services which are not only on your door step but are also competitively priced. Compared with many villages and small towns, Radcliffe has much to offer. A good range of products are brought to you with personal care and a friendly smile.

As a relative newcomer to Radcliffe, I've found that it has a very distinct 'personality'. With a wide variety of groups and events which are appreciated by residents of all ages across the whole community, we enjoy a village life which is worth celebrating. Our local businesses regularly contribute to this by giving of their time, energy and money in order to continue to make Radcliffe a vibrant place to live.

Increasingly, Radcliffe business owners are working alongside the Parish and Borough councils in looking to the future shape and style of the village centre. A thriving economic environment will add much to the ongoing development of the village. No one wants Radcliffe to look the same as every other high street, and we certainly don't want Radcliffe to become a ghost town which has lost its commercial centre.

So the next time you're off shopping out of the village, why not pause for thought and ask yourself whether one of our local Radcliffe businesses could provide you with a better product or service. *Save on travel costs, reduce the hassle factor and invest in our future by shopping locally.*

Harry Hughes (Bowler and Charsley Opticians)
On behalf of the Radcliffe Business Forum
Contact: radcliffebusinessforum@gmail.com

Improved Train service at Radcliffe on Trent

From Monday December 12th FIVE additional trains will be stopping Monday to Saturday at Radcliffe on Trent – that's an increase of 45%!

Your Parish Council Trains Working Group continues to negotiate to get even more trains to stop at Radcliffe on Trent in the future!

The current train service takes you to Nottingham, Grantham and stops to Skegness, with one service per day direct to Sheffield, Manchester, and Liverpool.

With one change of trains you can travel to a wide range of destinations including London, Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester, Derby and Cardiff.

You can also connect at Nottingham into the NET tram Network.

Avoid costly parking costs at Nottingham or Grantham by taking the train from Radcliffe:-

Typical Journey times:

Nottingham 11 minutes

Grantham 30 mins

London in less than 2 hours

Birmingham 1 hour 50 mins

Leeds 1 hour 45 mins

Sample fares:

To Nottingham - £4.80 off peak day return (after 08:30)

To Grantham - £ 7.10 day return

**To check your train times and fares call
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New Timetable for Radcliffe on Trent - Monday to Saturday From 12th December 2016

Trains to	Destination	Trains To	Destination
Nottingham		Grantham/ Skegness	
Dept		Dept	
0639	Nottingham	0651	Skegness (New Service)
0737	Nottingham	0856	Skegness
0828	Liverpool	1255	Skegness
1009	Nottingham (New service)	1455	Skegness (New Service)
1209	Nottingham	1556	Skegness
1510	Nottingham (New Service)	1656	Skegness
2012	Nottingham	1755	Skegness
2107	Nottingham (New Service)	2101	Boston

For further information call East Midlands Trains 03457 125 678 or visit,
www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk

Travel Tips

Rail Cards:- For people who are eligible there is a wide range of Railcards for example

Family & Friends, Senior, Disabled persons, and 16- 25 year olds. Regular users could make substantial savings. If you only make one or two longer distance journeys per year you may still make savings.

Buying Tickets

Radcliffe on Trent Station does not have a ticket office. You can purchase tickets on the train, or buy in advance and either collect them from stations like Nottingham, or have the tickets posted to you.

Advanced Purchase

It is recommended where possible to plan your journey well in advance, as this

could lead to substantial savings compared to tickets purchased on the day. If you can be flexible as to when you travel you can find some great deals on the internet. It is not unusual to find some excellent deals for First Class tickets, some off peak fares can be around the same price as a standard class ticket.

NET Tram Discounts

Take your valid rail ticket to Nottingham Station Booking Office, and you can purchase a single tram ticket for £1.50, or return ticket for £2.50. The train takes around 11 minutes from Radcliffe to Nottingham and around a further 10 minutes on the tram to Nottingham QMC Hospital.

Station Facilities

The station at Radcliffe on Trent in the centre of the village, close to the shops and restaurants, and is well lit. The station also has a public address system for train announcements and a Help Point to enable passengers to contact East Midlands train's liaison staff.



Clerk's Report

It has been a very busy time with lots of projects and activities happening:

Rockely Park

The Pavilion has undergone an extensive refurbishment.

The oval lawn has benefitted from additional turf around the perimeter

Shrubbery has been pruned, clearance work is underway and there are plans to create a community orchard and rose garden.

The Parish Council would like to welcome Jenny Ellis to the team who is bringing a



lot of new ideas to enhance and efficiently maintain our wonderful amenities with the support of Primo Rose who is making amazing progress implementing these ideas.

There is always plenty to do in the Memorial Park and we are really excited to see the changes come to life next year. If you have spare time on your hands, like the outdoors and would welcome the opportunity to help enhance Rockely Park then please forward your expression of interest to the Parish Clerk. We hope to create a database of volunteers who would be willing to help on an occasional basis.

A new Boat Springer has been installed in the Grange Grounds which has replaced the old Elephant Slide. New Welcome Planters have arrived at Shelford and Cropwell Road, Wharf Lane and Bingham Road Play Areas have new rubber crumb surfacing and the composting toilets at Wharf Lane are hoped to be open in the

near future.

A reminder that the Parish Councillors now hold regular 'Drop In' Sessions at the Grange on the first Saturday of every month, held in the Dowson Room from 10am to 12noon. The Parish Council would also like to invite the public to join them at the Grange for a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th December also 10am to 12noon.



RADCLIFFE ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL CELEBRATES LIVING WAGE COMMITMENT

The Living Wage Foundation is pleased to announce that Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council has today accredited as a Living Wage employer.

The Living Wage commitment will see everyone working at the Parish Council regardless of whether they are permanent employees or third-party contractors; receive a minimum hourly wage of £8.25 - significantly higher than the national minimum wage of £6.70 and the new minimum wage premium for over 25s of £7.20 per hour introduced this April.

The Living Wage is an hourly rate set independently and updated annually. The Living Wage is calculated according to the basic cost of living using the 'Minimum Income Standard' for the UK. Decisions about what to include in this standard are set by the public; it is a social consensus about what people need to make ends meet.

We are very proud of our hardworking and conscientious team of staff. Our commitment to paying the Living Wage is a recognition of that appreciation.

Employers choose to pay the Living Wage on a voluntary basis. The Living Wage enjoys cross party support, with public backing from the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.




Living Wage Foundation Director, Katherine Chapman said: "We are delighted to welcome Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council to the Living Wage movement as an accredited employer.

"The best employers are voluntarily signing up to pay the Living Wage now. The Living Wage is a robust calculation that reflects the real cost of living, rewarding a hard day's work with a fair day's pay.

"We have accredited over 2,600 leading employers, including Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council, ranging from independent printers, bookshops and breweries, to well-known companies such as Nationwide, Aviva and SSE. These businesses recognise that clinging to the national minimum wage is not good for business.

Who does what?

There are three councils that serve Radcliffe on Trent, below is a guide to who is responsible for what area and their contact details.

Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council		Rushcliffe Borough Council		Nottinghamshire County Council	
Tel: 0115 9335808		Tel: 0115 9819911		Tel: 0300 500 80 80	
Grange Hall & The Grange		Collection of Council Tax		Trees /Hedgerow alongside Roads	
Grange Grounds		Collection of Business Rates		Education	
Cemetery		Environmental Health		Transport	
St Mary's Churchyard		Licensing		Street Lighting	
Wharf Lane Rec inc Play Areas and Skatepark		Housing Advice		Countryside Footpaths	
* Bingham Road Play Area		Street Cleaning		Strategic Planning Application Decisions	
Triangle of wooded land opp/ ROTSA car park, Bingham Road		Rushcliffe Parks, Leisure Centres and Community Halls		Fire and Public Safety	
Upper Saxondale Play Area		Grass Cutting Open Spaces		Social Care	
Valley Road Play Area		Building Control		Libraries	
Rockley Memorial Park		Land Searches		Waste Management	
Cliff Top		Street Naming		Trading Standards	
Lily Ponds		Waste Collection and Recycling		Grass Cutting Verges	
Dewberry Hill		Planning, Policy, Conservation and Local Plan Decisions		Car Parking Wardens	
Public Toilets		Abandoned Vehicles		Registry Office Services	
Maintenance of Village CCTV (Police access data)		Electoral Services		Blue Badge Scheme	
Planning Consultee Only		Fly Tipping		Adoption Service	
Neighbourhood Plan		Pest Control		Road Maintenance / Pot Holes	
PC Grant Awards		Trees Conservation Areas			
Civic Awards					
Village Events inc: Silver Cinema, Children's Cinema, Fun Day, Village Show, Last Night of Proms, Christmas Party and Christmas Concert					
NB: *Bingham Road Playing Fields are managed by ROTSA					



Before taking it to the Malvern show to be verified & weighed. It was verified as a Kobra gourd & weighed 16.92kg, a UK & European record. Details were sent to Guinness book of records to see if it is a world record.

Pete Marston

Reporting crimes and incidents: Have you been a victim of a crime or anti-social behaviour but not bothered to report it, thinking that nothing could be done? Then please read on.

It is vitally important that all incidents are reported to the police using the 101 non-emergency number (or via 999 if a crime is in progress or someone is in danger). Always ask for your incident reference number. Please also have a look at the Nottinghamshire Police website

www.nottinghamshirepolice.co.uk/contact The police can only respond to incidents they know about. Even if they are unable to deal immediately with every report, these reports are logged on police systems. The patterns they reveal then feed into operational decisions about where to deploy resources and personnel as well as into budgetary calculations. Your reports can directly affect how Radcliffe-on-Trent is policed and how it fares in competition with other areas for resources.

So remember, if you're aware of an incident, report it straight away. Don't rely upon someone else to do it.

To report a crime anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

David Griffin



Congratulations

35 students of the Jacqueline Frater school of Dance, based at the Royal British Legion, is in the Halloween edition of *"The Stars" in Our Eyes* show at Her Majesty's Theatre, The Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QL. The Theatre is currently home to "Phantom of the Opera" but on **Sunday 23rd October 2016, Mardi Gras Promotions have invited young dancers to perform at the venue.**

What can the WI do for you? We are not just Jam and Jerusalem. Neither do we sit and knit, or continually bake cakes. Mind you we are very good at it.

Our WI has 'Raced for Life', held craft workshops, and participated at The Carnival, I am sure you have been in Grange Hall and had a cup of tea and some cake.

We help organise The Village Show and thanks to you our bake off is becoming a great success. Thanks to those who joined in and those who visited. We hope to see you next year.

Along with all our events our Federation has organized Clay Pigeon Shooting and Go- Kart Racing. Please don't think you have to be young for these sports. One of our ladies is 79 years young and had a great time. Royal Tea parties, lunches and a wide variety of new crafting skills could open up for you.

So, come and join us, have a cup of tea and a chat. Our monthly meetings are held in the Royal British Legion Hall on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm. We have a wide variety of speakers and plenty of social evenings. You can attend 3 meetings free. You never know it might be just the thing for you.

Please contact me: Anne Smith. Tel: 0115 9333383 or email: chris.smith 01@ntlworld.com

Grange and Grange Hall

Best Wishes and Seasons Greetings to All Radcliffe Parish Residents from the Grange and Grange Hall Committee.

Over the last six months Grange Hall has undergone some quite major refurbishments, from the new electronic sliding main doors, how easy it is not to notice them, to the new lighting in the Main Hall, and the professionally cleaned Curtains and Chairs.

In its eleventh year the Hall use continues to increase, it is used for many events including Weddings, Parties, Pilates, Tea Dances, U3A and Gardening Club to name but a few.

Including The Silver Cinema, held is held usually on the last Wednesday in the month. In its first year this has proved most successful. On average some 100 Residents and friends have enjoyed films such as The Second Marigold Hotel, Lady in a Van, Dad's Army, we hope that Residents will continue to enjoy and support the Silver Screenings as we continue into 2017.

We presented a morning film once a week for the younger Residents during school holidays as well as the Childrens' Funday in August. These again have all proved very popular.

We hope you attended the Village Show, entered a competition and even won a prize. 2017's Village Show will be on Sunday 3rd September ... start planning, sowing, knitting, brewing, and growing now for your best results. This year's show had record entries in many of the categories.

Sadly 'Proms in The Grange' was cancelled but by the end of a very wet week I am sure you all agree it was 'a good call'. A glass of wine is one thing - forcibly watered down isn't recommended.

Another asset to the Parish Council are the Grange and Grange Hall staff, who present and care for our facilities so well and look after the requests of 'users'.

We hope you continue to enjoy the programme of events provided by the Parish Council at the Grange and Grange Hall.

Chairman of Grange Hall

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Cliffe House, Shelford Road before it was demolished in the 1960s

The Radcliffe on Trent WWI project group is celebrating the first anniversary of their highly successful website www.radcliffeontrentww1.org.uk this November. Thousands across the world have visited the site during the past year; its popularity extends across Europe, the United States, Australia and New Zealand. The most popular pages are the 450 individual biographies of local men and women but people also visit the site to find out about the war; the Somme Centenary News page has attracted a stream of visitors.

The site's success stems from foundations laid by the Radcliffe U3A WWI project team who worked so hard to produce information for the 2014 centenary exhibition. Since then researchers Diana Barrett, Marion Caunt, Rosie Collins and Pauline Woodhouse have built on what was discovered two years ago. This year they have visited the National Archives at Kew, interviewed descendants, given talks, researched and written material and worked constantly on the technical side of the website.

As the research progresses, fascinating stories emerge. A recent discovery is Grace Durant, daughter of the local district nurse, Mary Ward. Grace became a nurse, served in Malta in WWI and continued her nursing career for a long time after the war was over. Many years ago her war diary was donated to the Imperial War Museum. The Radcliffe researchers have

arranged a trip to London with Grace's granddaughter so they can all read the diary at the museum. The team have also discovered Kate Barnard who lived on The Green in the early 1900s. She emigrated to Canada and returned to join the Women's Auxiliary Army; her service record shows this was not a happy experience. After searching for three years, the identity of Ethel Rosetta Smith, member of the Women's Forage Corps who died in 1918 and is buried in Radcliffe on Trent cemetery, has finally been established. Go to the website to read these and other women's WWI stories.

Another intriguing story concerns Cliffe House, a large Victorian villa which was situated where Oak Tree Avenue now stands. During the war and the 1920s it was owned by business man and textile exporter Henry Roberts who divided his time between Argentina and the U.K. The house was used in wartime by two younger relatives, Edward Warren and Walter Whitworth, who were farmers in Argentina before enlisting as officers in the British Army. Edward was wounded, awarded the Military Cross and returned to South America where he died in 1950 after his property was appropriated by the Peron regime. Walter Whitworth was killed in 1918. Edward's son, internationally famous choreographer Robert de Warren based in California, was delighted when the research team sent him a photo of Cliffe House which he wrote about in his autobiography but never visited.

We hope you will enjoy the website over the winter months, reading the stories and discovering the social history of Radcliffe on Trent in the early twentieth century. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have anything to add to the site, no matter how small – we'd love to hear from you.

Rosie Collins, on behalf of the Radcliffe WWI Research and Website Team

Email us at info@radcliffeontrentwwi.org.uk or contact Marion Caunt, Radcliffe on Trent Local History Society.

Future Leisure Investment for Radcliffe

For some time now the Parish Council has been lobbying Rushcliffe Borough Council to take seriously the problem we have of chronic lack of leisure investment in Radcliffe.

A very welcome and positive visit from Councillor John Cottee (the Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Leisure) and Kay Cutts (County Councillor for Radcliffe) was made at the beginning of October.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to discuss our problems and show our visitors around Radcliffe.

With the loss of the swimming pool, the temporary closure of the skatepark, the uncertainty over the future of Bingham Road playing fields and the general lack of leisure facilities, there was much to talk about.

We were delighted that Councillor Cottee gave us assurances that he would be taking our problems very seriously and would be working hard to bring to Radcliffe the Borough Council leisure investment it deserves. We know that he will have the support of our three Borough Councillors.

Georgia Moore – Chairman of the Parish Council

Dave Barton – Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

Two to Loo Wharf Lane Recreation Ground.

Many residents will have seen the erection of two small buildings, which are "green" toilets at the Wharf Lane Recreation Ground near to the children's play area and the Skate park. The Parish Council has been hoping to establish toilet facilities there for some years, and this was a recommendation of the recent Community led plan, but the expense of installing water and sewerage made it prohibitive. However, the development of new technology for "green" waterless facilities has now made this possible. Learning from both the positives and a few problems with the green toilets at Rushcliffe Country Park we have purchased the very latest design from a company in Loughborough. We are enormously grateful for a grant that Tesco Ltd made available to us for this purpose.

There are two toilets, one containing urinals for men and boys and one that will be unisex for both women, men and children to use sitting down. The sitting down one will be accessible for the disabled and will also incorporate baby changing facilities. The technology used separates the urine into a soak-away where it is dispersed harmlessly and the solid waste is collected and removed periodically and stored to allow it to break down into compost. The separation of urine from solid matter is an essential part of the "green" process that enables toilets to be hygienic. It will be important to supervise children until they are able to understand this.

We hope that this new facility will enhance the Council's amenity at the Recreation ground for the benefit of young and old. However, vandals have already tried to

break into the locked buildings before they have been finished inside and we are delaying the opening until we have made them vandal proof inside and out. Please try to ensure they are looked after.

John Thorn, Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

Skate Park

Just over a year ago the Parish Council inherited the 20 year old Skatepark. Radcliffe-On-Trent Skate Park was established in September 1997 for the community of the village and for surrounding areas. Over time the Skatepark has become an important feature of the village. It is used by Skateboarders, Scooter Riders, BMXers and Bladers. Many people from across the Borough travel to use this facility on a regular basis. It is a safe well-loved area and a great focal point for the village.

However, due to ever increasing use, the age of the Skatepark and the fact it is a wooden structure, it has sadly become unsafe. Although Streetwise had made repairs the damage had become very bad. Following advice from our insurers, solicitors and from Health and Safety The Parish Council had to make the unfortunate decision to temporarily close the Skatepark on Thursday 21st July. So what next...?

As soon as the Skatepark was closed, emergency meetings took place. We could not lose this Skatepark and urgent action had to take place. A working group was formed and users were invited to meet with The Parish Council. It was important to us as a Parish Council that users ideas would be imperative in making any decision as to what the next and best step would be. We also sought professional advice.

Long term we ideally would like to see a concrete Skatepark and the fundraising has already begun. I am also pleased to announce that a fantastic Skatepark Fundraising Committee has been recently formed. The committee consists of parents of users and users of the Skatepark. They are a great bunch of committed people all thoroughly determined to make sure this great facility is here for many more generations to use. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like to help in some other way please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Skateboarding now becoming an official Olympic event in the Japan 2020 Olympics this is a great time to be putting all we can into the Skatepark...who knows? we may have some future Olympians training down there once we have reopened !!

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The story of a tree in Normandy

I have just returned from Normandy, from refreshing my familiarity with the D-Day landings. It seemed most apt in this, the week of my return, that I bumped into a former Dayncourt student, in the village. She reminded me how, on a similar recce trip nearly 30 years ago, I had coincided with her family at the campsite at Ranville, close to the poignant Airborne Divisional cemetery there. (Then and now I had stood in awe of such as the paratrooper, just 16 years old, and of Emile Corteil, killed by 'friendly fire' and buried with his paratrooper dog, Glen.) My informant lives now in Bingham, home town of Peter Boyle, one of the six pilots who had brought down their gliders with legendary precision within metres of Pegasus Bridge. Then she'd been in nappies, and reminded me of her 16 year old embarrassment at the dedication of a nappy at her Dayncourt Prom Leaving Assembly!

Much had changed in Normandy since I last visited. The new Canadian museum on Juno Beach has matured, and provided splendid historical and geographical context not just for the landings, but also for the opening by the Canadian High Commissioner of the secondary school here in Radcliffe in 1957. There is a terrific new museum above "Bloody" Omaha, and at the cemetery itself a new Visitors' Centre with stunning infinity pool stretching into the historic waters offshore. The original Pegasus Bridge has been replaced, and preserved in an extensive Airborne Museum.

What I particularly wanted to see though was the Peace Park at the German cemetery of La Cambe. "War graves are the best communicators of peace" said Albert Schweitzer. Thus inspired, a coachload of teenage Dayncourt students in 2000 had committed a few £s surplus on their trip costs to the dedication of a tree in the nascent Peace Park. As I drove along the approach road paralleling the new Caen-Cherbourg motorway, I realised that the park had considerably extended back along this road, and I thought my chances of locating 'our' tree much diminished, especially with the Information Centre unattended. Undaunted I started looking and some fluke of fate brought me within minutes to that tree dedicated by "Dayncourt School, 15 August 2000, Number 1197". It – and its neighbours – seemed in robust good health. I could barely join the fingers of

both hands round its trunk, after these 16 years of growth. There are now 1200 trees.

I hope that those who read this may include the 30 somethings who will recognise themselves as the donors. Similarly, our village secondary school, which perhaps for valid educational reasons has sought to distance itself from its predecessor, nevertheless might reflect on its unique heritage – both the Canadian element, and a more recent past which set great store by remembrance. There cannot be many schools in Britain which have dedicated a tree in Normandy, a church bell in Belgium and, nearer to home, a tree in the Shot At Dawn stand in the National Memorial Arboretum. These reflect successive cohorts of students' commitment both to remembrance of the sacrifice of previous generations, including from this village, but also to the elusive goal of peace. Those are educational goals which may transcend Ofsted tickboxes and with which I am very proud to have been associated.

Jason King was a former Head of History at the Dayncourt School.

AUTUMN PRODUCTION – 24TH-26TH NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT FROM THE PAST

By Richard Everett

This is a family comedy-drama play which will have you “chuckling one moment and brushing away a tear the next.”

This play promises to be very popular – an evening not to be missed, so please come and join us for a highly entertaining and fun evening!

The productions are on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November at 7.30 pm and there is a performance on Saturday 26th November at 2.30 pm (matinee only) in the Grange Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

Tickets priced £8, including free refreshments (no concessions) are on sale from Storeys and the library in Keyworth, and from Pen2Paper and in Grange Hall in Radcliffe-on-Trent and also from our BOX OFFICE on 0115 9373102. **Tickets will be available from mid-September onwards.**

There will also be a bus provided on THURSDAY leaving from Bunny lane (opposite Key Fitness) at 6.40 pm. Tickets priced £2.50 must be purchased beforehand from Storeys or from the Box Office on 0115 9373102.

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On behalf of Radcliffe on Trent Parish Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council has published the submission version of the Radcliffe on Trent Neighbourhood Plan for public consultation.

The plan reflects the community's vision for the future of the parish; where investment should go for the future of the parish; and provides village residents with a voice in the planning process. The Submission Neighbourhood Plan has had regard to comments received during the previous round of consultation undertaken by the Parish Council between 8 October and 19 November 2015. The plan and accompanying information can be viewed on the Borough Council's website at:

<http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/planningpolicy/neighbourhoodplanning/>

Hard copies can be viewed at:

The Parish Council offices, The Grange, Vicarage Lane, Radcliffe-on Trent,
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Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre Rectory Road West Bridgford
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Saturday of every month 9am to 1pm.

You can also view the plan at Radcliffe on Trent library (current opening times can be viewed at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/libraries/find-a-library>).

If you would like to comment on any part of the plan, please email localdevelopment@rushcliffe.gov.uk or contact the Borough Council in writing at Planning Policy Rushcliffe Borough Council, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5FE.

All comments received will be passed to an independent examiner, before he or she hosts an examination in public. Should the Examiner and Borough Council agree with the plan, it will then proceed to a referendum. Rushcliffe Borough Council will then decide whether to adopt ('make') the plan if there is a positive outcome from the referendum. The plan will then be used by the Borough Council when considering planning applications for development
The consultation runs from Friday 4 November 2016 until 5pm on Friday 16 December 2016.

Under section 19 of the Neighbourhood Plan Regulations, any person can request to be notified of the Borough Council's decision on the Neighbourhood Plan. If you wish to be notified, then please let us know as part of your representations.



RADCLIFFE LADIES' CHOIR has had quite a busy year celebrating its 25th anniversary. In the Spring we went on tour to Northern Ireland where we sang in Belfast Cathedral with the Ballyclare Male Voice Choir, and in the Titanic Museum which was a wonderful experience.

Closer to home we sang at a concert with the Bestwood Male Voice Choir in St Barnabas Cathedral. In the summer we held our annual Summer Concert celebrating 25 years of friendship through singing including two special new pieces. One was a piece we commissioned from Canadian composer Sarah Quartel and the other was written by our Musical Director, Alex Patterson. During the summer break we all met with Sarah Quartel who was in England for a conference which was delightful. Following our summer break, we held a Vocal Workshop on Saturday 10th September from which we hope we inspired some new members to come and join our friendly choir.

We are working towards our Christmas Concert at the moment with some new pieces, some of which will be performed with our guests, "Highly Strung" string quartet. The concert is on Saturday 10th December and the venue is St Mary's Church. Do come along and join us for what we hope will be a really enjoyable evening. There will, of course, be the usual seasonal refreshments following the concert. Tickets are £10.00 and will be available from Pen2Paper in Radcliffe or from choir members from the second week in November.

We are now looking to book concerts for not only next year but 2018 and onwards. If anyone would like the ladies to sing for them, we would love to hear from you.

We are looking forward to yet another successful year in 2017 under the baton of our Musical Director, Alex Patterson.

Sheila Brumfitt
Choir Secretary & Concert Secretary



Radcliffe On Trent Gardening Club hold regular monthly meetings during the Winter season, from September through to April.

All meetings are held in Grange Hall and are free to members, paying the annual subscription of £12.00. There is a full programme arranged of knowledgeable speakers, following previous visits from BBC Radio 4 "Gardener's Question Time", and talks by expert gardeners such as Chris Beardshaw, Pippa Greenwood & Fergus Garrett.

Coach outings are arranged during the Summer months to outstanding gardens and RHS shows. Other events include a "Village Garden Trail" and social evenings.

This is a very active group and welcomes new members & guests both from the village and surrounding area.

For membership details, please contact our committee members.

Chair	Janet Maughan	0115 911 9368
Membership Secretary	Maureen Wigley	0115 933 3784
Volunteers' Secretary	Michael Bedford	0115 845 0151

Village show 2016

Well , you all came, you all saw, and most of you showed !

We had a record entries this year, thank you ! I never imagined that when we started this additional day in the Radcliffe calendar 4 years ago that it would become as successful as this .

We had a superb day weather wise, just the right amount of early September sun to ensure lots of people wanted to come out and share the day.

Our thanks to Colin Hazelden from East Midlands Today for taking the time to open our show. He made a super speech and told us what we already know, which is that we live in a great place!

The entries were amazing ...we have some very promising child artists, and poets in our village ..look out for the adult Poetry competition next year .

The Victoria sponge competition once again proved the most popular category to enter which showed us, flat ones, fat ones, pale ones, golden ones, amazing if you remember they all start from the same WI recipe.

The new "Show Stopper " cake category was a "show stopper" that showed us how clever and imaginative people are with even the Red Arrows making an appearance .

Knitting and sewing categories are increasing in popularity, we really have some clever talented people in our village ..look out next year for the return of the recycling competition .

Just to forewarn you, You will need to get brewing now for our homemade wine or beer category next year , this was a new event with a new cup, so get your Demijohns out folks and get treading on those grapes.

Flowers were beautiful, both the freshly cut ones in the horticulture tent and the delicately arranged ones that added lots of colour to the event.

The fruit,vegetables and flowers grown lovingly and tendered by Radcliffe gardeners topped our day, you really do make the show a home grown event.

Photography also increased in entries, yes an old fashioned camera with old fashioned developing, the theme was water and you

snapped some super shots.

We saw some entertaining hounds, gorgeous puppies and lots of owners who did actually look like their dogs.

We were entertained by a brass band, folk singing, vintage singing, Morris dancers, and knees that nobbled.

Thank you to our sponsors, judges, parish council and their staff ...we couldn't do it without you .

We welcome new faces and new ideas, your village show needs you! Please contact us through our Radcliffe village show

Facebook page if you would like to join us, you can also see lots of photographs from the day on our page, so have a look and like us!

We are already planning for 2017, New categories include a "BBQ burger off " and poetry ,

Organising a massive event like this isn't easy, I need to thank everyone that meets throughout the year to ensure our village show is successful, then publicise it, get up early on show day to set out tents, tables, stalls and then pray that it won't rain, all fantastic individuals ..you know who you are, thank you .

Mel McKechnie



Colin Hazelden BBC

Georgia Moore

Ricky Coxon - Compere

Chairman of Radcliffe Parish Council

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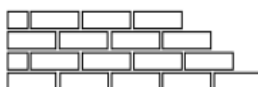
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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE

Radcliffe on Trent Junior School is rapidly earning a reputation for sporting success in Rushcliffe. Under the coaching skills of Mr Burdes, Sports Leader, the children have participated in a huge variety of sports and the inclusive sporting ethos of the school is apparent in the obvious enjoyment that the children display.

Mr Burdes said 'It is fantastic to see so many children participating in and enjoying sport in our school. This year, 186 of our pupils have represented Radcliffe Junior School in a variety of sports and I am so proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and willingness to have a go.'



This enthusiasm for sport at the school has inevitably led to many sporting achievements too. The Year 6 Boys (pictured here) won the Rushcliffe County Football cup last month. The team beat Jesse Grey 3-0 and in a remarkable twist of fate, this mirrored a game from 1959.

Chris Smith, who is the Grandfather of the current school goalie George Beech, was watching the match. He told the headteacher, Mrs Clare Allsopp, of the last time Radcliffe had beaten Jesse Grey in the County Cup final which was when he played for the School in 1959.

Chris said - 'Watching the game took me back to 1959 when I was 11. I played for the Junior team in the County Cup Final also against Jesse Gray. We won 3-1. I remember being embarrassed the next morning when I was called to the front of the assembly as I was man of the match and because of my height, was made to stand

on a chair.



This picture is of our winning team. However the cup in the photograph is one from our athletics trophy cabinet as Mr Hopewell, our Head Teacher, thought the one we won wasn't big enough.'

Not only have Radcliffe Junior School achieved football success this year, they have also had many other sporting highlights. For the fourth year

running, Radcliffe Juniors are Athletics Sports Hall County Champions. The year 4 and 5 children have also won the County Quad Kid's Athletics competition for the third year. In a sporting first at the school they also became County Champions in Tag Rugby.

In Cross Country, Radcliffe Juniors took gold and bronze at the Rushcliffe Cross Country relays held at Rushcliffe Country Park and won both the boys' and girls' races. This success allowed a record number of the school's children to compete for Rushcliffe in the County Final and be selected to compete at the National Cross Country Championships.

Finally, the swimming team won the bronze medal in the Schools' County Swimming finals.

In recognition of this, Radcliffe Junior School were the first Primary School to win the Sainsburys Gold School Games Mark for participation and inclusion in sport. This success was recognised at the Rushcliffe Sports Awards where the school won both The Dave Bullas Award and The Primary Team of the Year 2015/16.

Clare Allsopp, the headteacher said 'We are incredibly proud of our achievements and successes this year. We have an extremely dedicated team of staff that work hard to motivate and inspire all of our children. I am so proud of the School Games Gold Mark which reflects our inclusive approach to sport in our school'.

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Members of the club will again be supporting Santa in his pre-Christmas visits to the Radcliffe-on-Trent area to ensure he is fully prepared before his annual visit on Christmas Eve.

You will initially see Santa on Sunday November 27th at Grange Hall for the switching on of the village lights.

Later, in December we will be helping Santa when he makes further visits to Radcliffe and St James Park homes. The club will be driving him around while his reindeers rest up for their busy night on Christmas Eve. You can expect to see him on the following nights in the following areas:

Radcliffe-on-Trent (Canadian Estate) – Wednesday 7th December 6-8.30

Starting at the Royal British Legion on Main Road, then - Water Lane- Hogg Lane— Shadwell Grove – Vancouver – Bailey Lane – Paddock Close – Lamcote Gardens – Yew Tree Close – St Laurence Boulevard – Prince Edward Crescent – Jasper Close – Portage Close – Regina Close – Saskatoon Close – Granville Close – Yonge Close – Kingsway – Orford Avenue – Vicarage Lane – Lime Close – Maple Close – Beech Close – Sycamore Close – Willow Close – Whitworth Drive

Radcliffe-on-Trent (Shelford Road Estates) – Thursday 8th December 6 – 8.30pm

Starting on Oak Tree Avenue, then – Fernwood Drive – Hamilton Drive – Grandfield Avenue – Cliff Way – Rockley Avenue – Cliff Crescent – Park Road – Cliff Drive – Trent View Gardens – Clumber Drive – Haddon Way – Chatsworth Avenue – Welbeck Road – Penrith Avenue – Thoresby Close – Wakefield Avenue – Westcliffe Avenue.

Radcliffe-on-Trent (Cropwell Road, Main Road & Bingham Road) – Mon 12th Dec 6 – 8.30pm

Starting on Cropwell Road, then – Cropwell Gardens – Cherry Tree Close – Victoria Street – Lincoln Grove – Albert Street – Manvers Grove – Main Street – Bolton Terrace – Richmond Terrace – Shelford Road – Walnut Grove – Rushcliffe Avenue – New Road – Bingham Road – Lorne Grove – Eastwood Road – Brookfield Close – Gatcombe Close – Brielen Road – Palin Gardens – The Crescent – Golf Road – Harewood Close.

St James Park - Friday 16th December 6-8.30pm

Starting on Saxondale Drive, then – Westminster Drive – Grosvenor Close – Berkeley Crescent – Mayfair – Hammersmith Close – Queen Marys Close – Serpentine Close – Shafsbury Avenue – Chelsea Mews – Whitehall Court – Buckingham Drive – Bloomsbury Mews – Covent Gardens – Henson Lane – Henson Close – Carnaby Close




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A NEW COMMUNITY HUB?

Proposals for the building of a sports and community hub, a much needed facility in Radcliffe, are currently being considered by the Parish Council.

We are in the very early stages and will be talking to residents and leisure groups as to what they would like to see in this building.

Among the facilities already being suggested are changing rooms, officials' rooms and a community area with a kitchen and bar. Perhaps a two storey with a multi purpose dance studio / community room upstairs and a badminton court. Other ideas and potential uses will doubtless be forthcoming.

We are also investigating with partners ways of funding the project.

These are exciting times, working towards the facilities Radcliffe deserves.

Together we can do this.

Councillor Jo Spencer.



RADCLIFFE CONSERVATION GROUP

We are a small informal group, working on a voluntary basis to help maintain Radcliffe's local green spaces. Our activity to date has centred around the Lily Ponds area by the river and may extend to Dewberry Hill if the group

expands. This year work has mainly involved clearance of bramble and Himalayan Balsam in order to keep open sections of path along the riverbank. Back in the spring we conducted an amphibian survey around the ponds with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and recently we were able to enlist the help of South Notts. Ringing Group, who installed several Tawny Owl Nesting Boxes along the Cliff Top. Weekend work sessions are held most months, usually Saturday afternoon in the summer and Sunday morning during the winter period. We do now have a storage facility and can provide tools. We are very keen to attract anyone interested to come along and help. In particular we would welcome people with any experience of wildlife surveying, photography and other aspects of conservation work. It's very friendly and informal, there's no membership fee and it's an inexpensive way of keeping fit. We maintain an e-mail circulation list for notification of events.

If you wish to be included, please contact either Phillip Taylor (philtaylor_422@hotmail.com) or David Barton (davidhbarton@btopenworld.com).

Jazz, swing, croon and shimmy heads for Radcliffe

The 'After Hours Quintet' will line up to give Radcliffe a musical treat with jazz, swing, crooning and Roaring Twenties musical fun on Thursday 19th January at Grange Hall.

RadVentures Arts Group sets the tone for a lively 2017 by hosting this young and talented combo.

Hot jazz standards and swing numbers using everything from washboard, sax and trumpet to guitar, banjo and drums will guarantee lots of toe tapping and perhaps some shimmy turns on the dance floor! Add a great crooner vocalist and the mix is complete for a great night out.

The audience will enjoy standards from 'Sheik of Araby' to 'Sweet Georgia Brown' and many more familiar melodies.

With a mix of splendid musicianship, bucket loads of charisma, fun and timeless music, the evening will be a crowd pleaser for audiences young and not so young.

Event: The After Hours Quintet ... Jazz, Swing, Roaring 20s and more

Date & time: Thursday 19th Jan 2017 from 7.30pm sharp

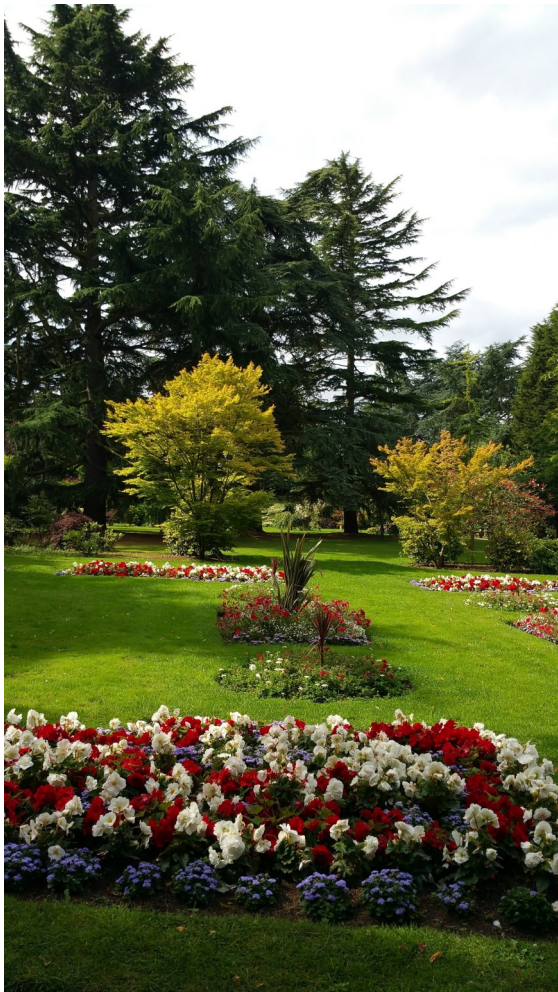
Venue: Grange Hall, Radcliffe on Trent, NG12 2FB

Cabaret style: bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tickets from December 2016: £8.50 from Pen2Paper, Main Rd, R-on-T (*next to veg shop*) or

RadVentures direct: Tel: 0115 933 4115 or 07954 701058 + tickets by post service available.





Letter from a Parishioner

Just a note of thanks to the Parish Council for the work being done on the Memorial Gardens.

I am a resident in Cropwell Bishop and have been for over 30 years! I often used to take my children to the gardens and the along the cliffs but haven't done this for some time. Ow as they have all grown up and left home. However I have a 28 year old daughter who is a wheelchair user and she has a 4 year old daughter, last night we had an appointment in Radcliffe for 17.15 and as we had gone straight from a ballet session in Cotgrave we arrived in Radcliffe with 30 mins to spare! So I took them to the Memorial park for a little walk round to kill some time! My 4 year old granddaughter just loves plants and trees!

What a wonderful surprise we got when we arrived!

My Grandaughter was in awe of the new "Woodland walk" which she named the "Fairy path" and

adored the little calved tree stumps, she took pictures of them all on her Mummy's phone, as with Mummy being in her wheelchair she couldn't go on the fairy path easily as it was damp and she wanted Mummy to see how beautiful they were. We had a lovely saunter through and it was a lovely way to fill the time we had. My daughter was thrilled with the visit just as much as my Grandaughter and suggested we write to you to show that the work you doing is very much appreciated.

We will definitely return when Grandpa is with us so he can push the wheelchair along the cliff walk.

Many thanks for the work you are doing in making it accessible to all, much appreciated.

Carol Halpin

We are The Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra



The Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra grew from a New College evening class, formed in 2002 for musicians interested in making a big band sound. The idea was to give full time jazz students experience of playing in a big band. In 2004 it became clear that the enthusiasm of the amateur musicians didn't match the talent of the students and the class divided, with the enthusiastic amateurs forming a separate group..

The amateurs declared independence from New College in 2005 when The Lion at Basford offered their function room for rehearsals in return for performances at The Lion. As Shipstone Street runs behind the pub the band decided to become the Shipstone Street Jazz Orchestra. Their programmes feature big band music from the thirties to the nineties, with vocal numbers provided by the outstanding singer, Sarah Simmonds.

The band celebrated it's tenth anniversary in 2015 with a special gig at The Lion where it regularly perform in the Sunday lunchtime Jazz Café. The band has also featured in the Jazz in Libraries series, organised by Jazz Steps and Notts County Council, and regularly entertains residents at Larkhill Retirement Village. Recently the band participated in the Clifton St Mary's Festival. The band is directed by joint music directors, Paul Deats and Jon Wakefield.

Come and enjoy the band at Grange Hall on Sunday, January 15th, at 2.30 pm.






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