

MARCH WAS U3A AWARENESS MONTH:



Many thanks to those who created this splendid display at Booths on Tues 23rd March and to those who manned the stall from 10am to 6pm. Here's Margaret Cullingworth looking busy! We had lots of people stop for information, many of them visitors because it was a Tuesday.

Members may like to note: We regret the passing of Olive Anderson, wife of former Philosophy group leader Roy to whom we extend our condolences. *John*

MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING

Thursday 13th May 2010, 10.30am
(Coffee from 10.00am)

THIRTY YEARS

AN ADVENTURE CAMERAMAN

Mr. Sid Perou



Saturday 10th April 7.30
VICTORIA HALL LOW BENTHAM
ANGELS AND DEMONS (12)

Fri 30th April 7.30
LANGCLIFFE INSTITUTE
AN EDUCATION 12A
www.tramps.org.uk

U3A SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Wednesday May 19th

Tour of the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester.

Coffee/tea and biscuits on arrival.

We will leave Settle Cricket Club Car Park at 9am and return at approximately 5.60pm. Cost including driver's tip £18.

Names and money are being taken now.

Wednesday July 14th

Full day excursion to Nostell Priory near Wakefield and then on to the Yorkshire Sculpture park to conclude the afternoon. Details later.

We are intending to organise another summer get together at the Falcon Manor in early September. Details later.

Shirley Wolfenden ☎ 840884 and Janet Stafford. ☎ 825449

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Newsletter

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:



Dear Friends

I have always thought French a most melodious language and after my brief membership of the challenging 'Continuing French' group, led by Olwyn Bolger and Anne Richer, it was most interesting to attend Anne's other language group, for people who perhaps wish to refresh their skills. In the session I attended Anne had prepared a lively mix of topics, from numbers via song to a crime novel. Did you know that the year 1999 in French becomes a mouthful, "mille neuf cent quatre-vingts dix-neuf"? Then followed a super recipe for marmalade (Confiture d'Orange) and one of France's well-known

songs, "Au Clair de la Lune". Finally France's best-known detective made his appearance in a simplified version of the original book "Maigret et le Clochard". Reading the parts of the book's various characters aloud, with Anne's guidance in pronunciation, brought the story to life. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable session which made me think we could round off our provision by creating a group for beginners. Any potential leader(s) out there?

My grateful thanks to Booths supermarket for the loan of their lobby on Tuesday 23rd March in support of U3A National Awareness Month. Your Committee excelled themselves creating a display of eye-catching posters, flyers and bookmarks. Thanks are due to Chris Stephens for content and arrangement, to Derek Hewitson for the loan of the first class equipment and to Frank Woodhams for superb photo montages of groups in action. Pairs of Members (not only Committee) attended the display in 2 hour "shifts", from 10am to 6pm, to promote the idea and scope of our U3A to Booths' customers. Thanks to all for your great work. Our aim was to raise awareness of our organisation, not to register new members, and I feel sure that we created a thoroughly positive impression of what we do perhaps dispelling such thoughts (expressed

during my stint) of "Oh I'm not clever enough for anything like that"! Promotional work such as this is something that may pay dividends for our organisation in future, given the commitment of our Members. Best wishes, **John Jebson**.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

CIRCLE DANCING: will re-commence on Friday, April 16th at Langcliffe Village Institute from 10 am until 11 am as usual. We shall have 5 sessions all of which will be at Langcliffe. **Gillian & Pat**

EXERCISE GROUP: sessions begin again on Tuesday, April 20th at 10am at the Cricket Club. **Gillian**

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: The next meeting will be either an excursion to look at a section through our geology from the Silurian at Stainforth to the Middle Carboniferous along the road to Halton Gill or, if the weather is inclement, a talk about Geological Maps- their development, content and interpretation. We will meet at 14:00 on 20th April in either the Cricket Club car park for the walk or the Castleberg Room, Victoria Theatre for the talk. Hope to see you all there.

Paul Cochraine

GREAT LIVES: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st April at 10.30am. The Subject will be "Handel et al". **Jean Imrie**

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: Thursday 22nd April 2010 Visit to Malham Tarn House (Home of Walter Morrison). Conducted tour to commence 2.00pm. Cost £2.50 per head includes light refreshments. Please meet at Settle Cricket Club for car sharing and 1.30pm departure. Car parking at the House. It will be helpful to the Malham staff to have some idea of the numbers likely to attend. Names please to **Alan Hemsworth** ☎ 823902.

I seem to have a gremlin in my computer, which is not allowing me to send e-mails to acknowledge receipt of contributions. However thank you all very much. (editor)

VISIT TO MORECAMBE:

On 25th March a party of 27 made a trip to Morecambe for guided tours around 2 very different old buildings. The first was the Winter Gardens Theatre, opened in 1897 but now in a state of disrepair. We were shown round by a member of the Friends of the Winter Gardens, who now own the building and are raising funds for the restoration work. The building contains some beautiful and ornate ceilings, stairways, mosaic floors and wall tiles. We were able to go right round the theatre, from the 'gods' to the stage and could envisage the splendid building it had once been.



The second building we visited was the recently restored Midland Hotel. We were able to see the particularly splendid Art Deco staircase and some of the original artwork commissioned from Eric Gill for the hotel. Two of the large circular carpets in the reception area are copies of the originals, designed by Marion

Dorn, and are based on the movement of the tides as they come into Morecambe Bay. They could actually make you feel a little seasick as you looked at them. The tour was completed with tea and cream scones beautifully arranged in a small, secluded dining area overlooking the sea.

We just had time for a gentle stroll along the stone pier before making our way back to the station for the return journey. It was a most interesting and informative day, enjoyed by all those who went.

Kate Helm

SCRABBLE GROUP: The next meeting will be held at the Victoria Hall on Monday, 12th. April at 2pm and the following meeting will take place at the same time and venue on Monday 10th May.

Pat Lodge