

### ADVANCE NOTICE FOR SUMMER OUTINGS

Shirley and I are in the process of arranging the summer coach trip in June. We are looking into visiting Richmond in North Yorkshire, where there seem to be plenty of places to see and things to do. We shall have the date and details, and will be taking bookings and money at the Thursday meeting in May.

Advance notice summer lunch.

Instead of an annual dinner/social event in the autumn, when many of us take our holidays, we thought we would try a summer lunch. So we have provisionally booked the conservatory restaurant at the Plough at Wigglesworth for Wednesday 11th July. This will be a two course lunch for 50-60 people. Look for details in the May newsletter, bookings will be taken at the June meeting.

**Janet Stafford 825440 & Shirley Wolfenden 840882**

### MAY SPEAKER MEETING

**"HIRING FAIRS"  
Dr. Stephen Counce**

**Victoria Hall**

Thursday 10th May 2012 at 10.30am  
**Coffee from 10.00am**

Tuesday 22nd May. A lecture 'The Rhythms of Life – How our biological clocks tick' in the Welcome Trust Lecture Theatre, London at 14.00. The speaker is Professor Russell Foster, Chair of Circadian Neuroscience at Brasenose College, Oxford University. Tickets at £14.50 per person can be obtained from the Third Age Trust. For more information please contact Kate Helm (823537) or [kate.helm1@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.helm1@btinternet.com)

### SETTLE U3A GROUP HOLIDAY THE HISTORY & HERITAGE OF SHROPSHIRE

17th-21st September

Full information is on Settle U3A website and can also be obtained by emailing [Ruthevansitd@hotmail.com](mailto:Ruthevansitd@hotmail.com)

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**"WAR HORSE" (12A)**  
Friday 20th April 7.30pm  
Austwick Village Hall

**"MIDNIGHT IN PARIS" (12A)**  
Fri 27th April 7.30pm  
Langcliffe Institute

**"THE ARTIST" (PG)**  
Thurs 31st May 7.30pm  
Victoria Hall Settle

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NEWSPAPER

Dear Friends,

I hope you all enjoyed Easter in spite of the weather!

We had a very pleasant coffee morning for new members last month. At least half the people who had joined since last August came along to meet the committee and we had some good conversations, with ideas and suggestions for new groups and activities. Don't forget this is one of the cornerstones of the U3A – it is a learning cooperative, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of our members to organise and provide interest groups according to the wishes of the members. **THE TEACHERS LEARN AND THE LEARNERS TEACH!** Note this is a two-way process.



The speaker programme for the next session and into 2013 is being finalised. It looks to be as varied and interesting as last year. Different members of the committee have taken on the responsibility for 2 or 3 meetings. This seemed a good way to spread the load. But anyone can suggest an idea for a speaker for our monthly meeting; give your idea to any member of the committee.

I have had several offers of photos and information about the history of Settle District U3A ready for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Now all I need is a co-ordinator! We would like some sort of display set up for the event on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Giggleswick Vicarage. Are there any members happy and willing to have a go at this? Please contact me on 825922. Ideally it would be lovely if someone felt able to write up a short history, not necessarily for July but as a record for the future. I'm sure we must have a budding author or historian amongst our number! Volunteers are also needed to make cakes, biscuits and scones to be eaten at the above event. I'm convinced there are lots of excellent bakers out there. A co-ordinator would be good for this aspect of the celebration too.

Many groups will be winding down for the summer now. However there will be various outings and events to look forward before the open meeting in August and the AGM in September. Further details of the Regional 'Grand Day Out' at Askham Bryan should be available next month. Apologies to those who have expressed interest in this, that the information has been so long in coming. Don't lose your enthusiasm please. And finally here's a reminder about the photographic competition (forms available last month). The deadline is 8<sup>th</sup> May and you will find further information about this and the 50+ Awards as you read on. All in all an exciting summer programme beckons. Make the most of your U3A.

Best wishes,

Debi Burridge

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**CIRCLE DANCING:** Next term's Circle Dance sessions will be April 20th & 27th, May 11th & 18th at Langcliffe as usual. Please note NOT May 4th. When we have more information regarding the trip to Askham Bryan in August we will let you know. Anyone who wishes to dance with Clitheroe U3A Circle Dance group at Pendleton on the first and third Wed of each month from 10.0 - 12.0 will be most welcome. Contact Gillian or Pat for more details.

*Gillian & Pat*

**GREAT LIVES:** Although it is rather close to Easter, we hope to have an April meeting, which will be held on Wed. April 18th. at 10.30am. The subject will be "Sir Stamford Raffles". Look forward to seeing you all

*Jean Imrie*

**HERALDRY:** This month's Heraldry visit will be on Thursday April 19th when we will be visiting Kirby Overblow and Harewood churches. I suggest we meet at the cricket club car park at 9.30am to organise cars etc.

Next month's meeting will be on May 17th when, I hope, Shirley and Jim are organising the venue.

*Hilary Baker*

### LANDSCAPE AND TOWNSCAPE GROUP WALKS:

As previously advised, there will be three walks to follow up the six Landscapes and Townscapes sessions in the Victoria Hall, starting at 10.30 am at the Settle Cricket ground on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Tom Lord is happy for us to visit him at Lower Winskill on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> June. This will include a talk by Tom, and a walk around his property, which should be at its most floriferous. We should meet at Lower Winskill at 10.30am and, if you do not know of its location, directions are on Tom's website: <http://www.lowerwinskill.co.uk/visit.htm> Tom suggests that those who wish to stay for lunch should take sandwiches, and that he is able to provide hot drinks. The visit should finish at 2pm. Lower Winskill is very relevant to many of the things we have been discussing, being a former Sawley Abbey holding and having, among other things, some interesting walls and field systems. If we get the right day, the views are some of the best in Craven.

*Tony Stephens*

### LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

#### Visit to Wycoller Village and Country Park on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Take A65 south, A629 towards Keighley then A6068 towards Laneshaw Bridge. Follow the brown signs to Wycoller Country Park and use the Trawden Road car park, which is about a 10 minute walk from the village. There is limited space for disabled parking near the aisled barn in the village. The village has a very pleasant cafe if you wish to enjoy lunch before the tour. However, please note that their website asks for prior appointment for large groups, so please book if you want to be sure of a meal. Telephone no.01282-868395

We shall meet our host at 2pm in Pepper Hill Barn where we can start with a 'cuppa' before watching a short DVD on the history of Wycoller. An Information Assistant will be there to answer any questions and show us photographs and sketches of old Wycoller. We will then head out to look at the old buildings and bridges in and around the village.

There is no charge, but we would encourage members to make a donation for the work of "Friends of Wycoller". Anything they collect goes towards enhancing the park in the form of bat or bird boxes, bird feed in winter, walk leaflets, new trees and flowers, work with young people and much more.

Another place of interest nearby is the Panopticon, a modern sculpture that you stand in to view the scenery around. This can be found on the Haworth Road and is well worth a visit on your way to or from the village (see clip on You Tube!) Look for the "walls" dividing the fields nearby. Questions will be asked!! For further information please Tel 01729 825057.

*Clive & Wendy Newby*

The May visit will be to Gargrave, where John Fox will take us on a guided tour of the village. Details to follow in the May Newsletter.

*Michael Cullingworth*

**WALKING GROUP:** On 13 March a group set off from Settle in rather dull conditions, which seemed to be the norm at that time, and drove over to Kettlewell. We set off on the path by the riverside to Starbotton and the sun appeared intermittently as the mist dispersed to reveal the lovely green valley ahead towards Buckden. We had a lunch break at Starbotton before a short climb and a level walk back through the trees planted by the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust to Kettlewell, with good views the other way down Wharfedale. A most enjoyable few hours.

*Margaret Cullingworth*



A second group chose the same area two days later and completed the Halton Circular climbing from Halton Gill in cool, misty conditions, and following the path to descend to Yockenthwaite in the beautiful upper Wharfe valley. The path then took us along the river and we noted the amazing stone circle which was photographed for Tony's landscape group. From Beckermonds we then climbed steeply again returning to Halton via Foxup.

*Sue Simpson*

## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

**THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT:** Thank you to the people who forwarded snippets of information to me. Dr McCallister has now gathered sufficient material and is putting together the exhibition for display later in the summer.

*Pat Smith*

**NATIONAL SUBJECT ADVISERS:** There are national subject advisers for most of the activity and interest groups in the U3A. If group leaders would like some advice or help and don't know who their subject adviser is, please contact *Kate Helm* at one of the monthly meetings or phone 823537.

**SETTLE SAUNTER:** Settle Rotary Club's 4th annual walking event (Settle Saunter) is on Saturday 19 May 2012. It starts and finishes at the Victoria Hall between 7.30 am – 8.00 pm. Volunteer helpers are required, mainly in the kitchen area but also elsewhere. If you can help by giving two hours of your time please telephone Rotarian Bob Hart on 01729 830299 or email him at [bandnhart@btinternet.com](mailto:bandnhart@btinternet.com).

**50+ AWARDS:** These are organised by the 50+ show and the U3A movement has been nominated in the 'best continuing education provider' section, alongside organisations like Open University, WEA etc. Voting is now open so please go to [www.50plus-awards.com](http://www.50plus-awards.com) and ask all your members, friends, contacts etc to vote before **30th June**. The winners will be announced at a reception at Olympia on 13th July.

**U3A 2012 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:** A reminder that entries for this competition must be in by 8th May. Entry forms are still available at the April monthly meeting.

*Kate Helm*