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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

Easter has come and gone already and some of our groups have packed up until September. There are still plenty of groups who continue to give us exercise and fun for a few more months. I'm thinking particularly of dancing and walking and singing, but a number of others will carry on until June or July as well. Don't forget to get your group to put on a small exhibition at the big meeting in August to attract new members and show the rest of us what you do.

I have 5 people interested in getting together to paint. The next step is to put them in touch with each other and we may have the beginnings of a group which we will do. How about badminton or table tennis? We have someone keen to run a group so watch out for that one at the August meeting and get someone to sign up for you if you know you won't be there.

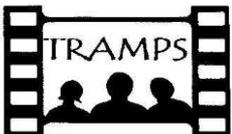
The committee will be having a lunch for the group leaders in the near future so a chance for them to let us know of people in their group who might be worth approaching to start a new group. Most people do not like to put themselves forward, but are willing to share their expertise if asked and if they know that others are interested in the same subjects. For most of us it is now a matter of fitting it into already busy diaries.

Alison

May Meeting: Thursday May 14th at 10.30 a.m. in the Victoria Hall

'The Trough of Bowland Deer' with Nigel Neil

Coffee served from 10.00 am



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 17 April 2015	8.00pm	Bentham Town Hall
The Imitation Game (12)		
Wednesday 29 April 2015	7.45pm	Settle Victoria Hall
The First Grader (12)		

NEW GROUPS:

So far, people have expressed interest in these new groups to be started: **Painting, Comparative Religions, Play Reading, Science, Psychology, Badminton/Table Tennis**

Contact Groups' Organiser Paul Cochrane email pfc76543@yahoo.co.uk or any other member of the committee if you would like to join any of these or would be interested in any other to be established.

**Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter
by Friday 8th May 2015 to:**

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

The next L.A.O.B trip on 23rd April is a visit to Blackwell The Arts & Crafts House in Bowness on Windermere. The coach from Settle Cricket Club will leave at 10.am which should arrive at Blackwell at 11.15am approx. The Guided Tour will start at 11.30 am with a 15 minute talk, and then we are free to look around the house at will, which will take about 45 min to 1 hour. There is a lovely café and tea room at Blackwell if people would like to have lunch etc. The coach will leave to return to Settle at around 2.00 pm. The coach will cost approx. £12 - £14 depending on how many people wish to use it and group admission to Blackwell is £7.25.

We will need to have the money in by April 9th which is the date of the monthly meeting which we will be attending. Please could you let us know if you are coming, by e mail or telephone even if you are travelling by car. Tel no. 01729 824344 or email: johnmlister@btinternet.com or llister66@yahoo.co.uk **John and Linda Lister**

Around 25 people from the Looking at Old Buildings group visited Heron Corn Mill at Beetham, in Cumbria this month. The workings of the mill were ably demonstrated by the Miller, Stuart Hobbs, who proved able to answer the most difficult questions about the machinery. Members of the group afterwards bought both wheat flour and spelt which had been produced in the mill, and the more technically inclined visited the Kaplan Turbine which generates electricity to sell to pay for the overheads of the mill. **John Woodward-Nutt**



REMINDER: THEATRE TRIP & PAYMENT

I have arranged a trip to Harrogate to see **Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore** on Thursday 20th August (matinee performance at 2.30 p.m.). The cost will be £35 per person, to include seat, coach and gratuities. Bookings can be made to me at monthly meetings or by

phoning me on **01729/823978** or e-mail: curlycully@uwclub.net

Payment (£35) is required by the end of May, **cheques** should be made payable to **Settle District U3A** and can be handed to me at the monthly meeting in April or May.

Michael Cullingworth

ART APPRECIATION/LAOB/ANY OTHERS!

I have booked a tour of the **Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester for Wednesday 29th April**. This will cost £12 per person, including U3A group fee and driver's tip. Payment at the April Speaker meeting or on the day. There are 2 places still available. We leave the Cricket Club car park at 9.30 am and return there about 5.30 pm.

Debi Burridge

GREAT LIVES

At our March meeting we learned, courtesy of Hilary Baker's excellent talk, of the tragically short life of George Mallory, one of the greatest early British climbers. A contemporary and friend of Robert Graves, Rupert Brooke and Lytton Strachey, Mallory was the most naturally gifted climber of his generation at a time when climbing gear consisted of a tweed jacket, plus furs and hobnail boots. Mallory and Andrew Irvine disappeared on the 1924 Everest expedition, when they were last seen at around 26000ft. It was not until 1999 that Mallory's almost perfectly preserved body was discovered - it seemed that he had fallen to his death on the descent. This created the still debated question of whether he had reached the summit, nearly 30 years before the 1953 expedition. Hilary is convinced he did!

We next meet on Wednesday 15th April when Jim Woodward-Nutt will give a presentation on the life and work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the great Victorian engineer and inventor.

John Jebson

WALKING GROUP - Please note:

The date for the walks planning meeting has been changed to **Friday 17 April at 11 30 a.m.** at the Quaker Meeting House, followed by the usual Jacob's Join lunch. If you are unable to attend but would like to lead a walk, please contact me at **01729 823978** or e-mail curlycully@uwclub.net. Hope to see you there.

Margaret Cullingworth