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# SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the chair

### Dear Fellow Members,

As mentioned previously it is a privilege to be the Chairperson of Settle District U3A. Each week brings its queries and opportunities and the last week has been no exception. First of all I gave a positive response to Group Leader Pam Elstub about a potential new member for her **Recorder Group**. Then on Wednesday the **Painting Group** enjoyed a happy and industrious session having received my encouragement to showcase our Artwork at Askham Bryan on 3 August next. Our painters are enthusiastic.

Next, Alison Tyas is soon to leave Quaker Garth (opposite the Victoria Hall) so, with our Treasurer, John Parry, I was involved in making alternative arrangements to replace the postal service that Alison kindly provides.

Finally, on Thursday some 14 of our **Walking Group** enjoyed a lovely walk led by Committee member Sue Simpson which started (and finished in a welcome cafe) in the village of Orton near the Tebay M6 Services. We were favoured with mostly sunny or cloudy weather, a little rain and hail, but with spectacular views of the Howgills and the Pennines, having seen magnificent vistas of Lake District mountains on the way up the motorway. This was a longer walk, between 8 and 9 miles, but Group Leader Nita Hart also co-ordinates shorter Tuesday walks for those members who prefer a shorter distance. All walks are publicised on our Web-site.

Ian Tennant

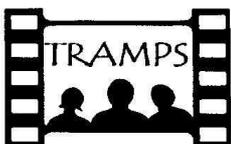
### A reminder : Group Leaders' Meeting Lunch

Invitations have been sent out to all group leaders to come and chat to members of the committee

**18<sup>th</sup> April at Armistead Place 12noon to 2pm**

(over the bridge at the end of Bucks Lane, off Raines Rd, Giggleswick)

**May Meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May in the Victoria Hall**  
**' Lady 'Randy' Churchill' with Pat Osborne**  
(Coffee from 10am)



The Ribblesdale Area  
Moving Picture Show

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 7pm Ingleton Community Centre

**Suite Francaise (15)**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Austwick Parish Hall

**Spectre (12)**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 7.45 pm Settle Victoria Hall

**A Separation (PG)**

**New Members Meeting: Responses from the discussions can be seen on the website.**

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016** to: **Chris Taylor**

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

**It would be good to see short submissions from more groups to vary the content. Wherever possible, the full account is used but occasionally it is necessary to edit the piece for the printed copy.**

**The full submissions will be used on the website version.**

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### GREAT LIVES

At our March meeting Alan Hemsworth gave a thought-provoking presentation on some Tudor ladies, all close to the throne and all near to changing the course of history. These included Bessie Blount (mistress of Henry V111) Lady Jane Grey (the nine day Queen) and Amy Robsart (an inconvenient wife who died in suspicious circumstances). Fast forward two centuries and we learned of Lady Mary Wortley Montague, pioneer of smallpox vaccination. All done in Alan's inimitable style!

Our next meeting will be on Wed. 20th April (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when "guest speaker" Paul Cochrane will talk on Dent-born "Adam Sedgwick- the local boy who eventually made good". All U3A members welcome. **John Jebson**

### LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

On a cold, wet 24th March the LAOB group visited the Bronte Parsonage Museum, which this year celebrates the 200th anniversary of Charlotte Bronte's birth.

The Parsonage was for many years the home of the Bronte family and houses a fine collection of original artefacts, literature, letters and paintings and a display telling the history of the talented but doomed children

After lunch, our guided tour around the village took us to the graveyard, where an estimated 40,000 bodies are buried, past the Old School Room and the Black Bull pub, where Branwell Bronte sank into alcoholism, and to the path which leads to the moors where the sisters loved to walk.

We began to appreciate how the character of the village and particularly the atmospheric landscape may have influenced the work of the remarkable Bronte sisters whose books are world famous.

**Sue Bennedik and Rosemary Matheson**

### PAINTING GROUP

At our last meeting, one of our members, Sue Bennedik and John Fox, a local painter, gave us some very helpful hints and tips from their own experiences on painting. **Ian Tennant**

### LAOB Proposed visit to Appleby Castle on Thursday 28th April

Travel largely by coach (24 seater) at 10.15 from Cricket Club (but this may have to change later because of T de Y!) but some may prefer train with 1 mile walk from station to castle (part quite steep uphill). Arrival time for coach will be 12noon to allow for this. Return approx. 4.30pm. Tour price is £9.00 per person but afternoon tea (available from 2.30pm) can be added afterwards if desired but booked with entry ticket beforehand. Details awaited. No general café menu I think. Coach £12.00 ( to include driver's tip + U3A 50p). I will collect money & preferences at this Thursday's meeting which will be the only chance other than your getting it to me yourself at any other time. I would prefer it prior to the day.

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### LAOB Advance Notices of tours:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May to The Lion Salt Works, Northwich, Cheshire** This is an open Air Museum (not a salt mine) where brine was pumped up to the surface and evaporated in large pans to make brick salt and it is situated beside the Trent and Mersey Canal. A coach is booked and we look forward to more people coming to learn about this ancient Cheshire industry. The cost will be about £24 for entrance, tour and coach. There is a cafe on site and we will need choices from the menu at the May meeting. Please see us at the Thursday meetings or find details from **01729/824471** **Derek and Mary Hewitson**

**LAOB 23 June Coach Trip to Richmond.** Conducted tour around the Georgian Theatre Royal

plus short guided walk around "Richmond's Best Buildings". Further information from **Anne Webster** [amw.1@btinternet.com](mailto:amw.1@btinternet.com) tel. 01729 824 844.

#### **BRIDGE GROUP**

This group normally goes on holiday from Easter till September but this year several members want to continue to the end of June every Wednesday between 1.30 and 3.30 in the

Castleberg Room. Tuition will be less formal and the group will concentrate on problems, playing and post-mortems. **Frank Rhodes**

**PROPOSED LUNCH GROUP:** For further information please contact **Anne Webster** [amw.1@btinternet.com](mailto:amw.1@btinternet.com) tel. 01729 824 844.

**PROPOSED SOCIOLOGY GROUP:** This is hoped to start when the new timetable comes out in September.