

AUTUMN THEATRE TRIP
KESWICK THEATRE BY THE LAKE

Our Autumn outing to Keswick is to see "Great Expectations" and will be on Wednesday, October 24th leaving Settle Cricket Club at 9 am. The total cost is £26.00 and our seats are all in the stalls. We will be collecting money at the August meeting. All monies must be paid by September 10th and cheques can be sent, if necessary, to Janet Stafford at 1 Birchwood Close, Settle, BD24 9RJ (Tel 825449) Please book early to ensure a place.

Janet Stafford



Taken on a recent walk near the Cavendish Pavilion this U3A walker was spotted in an Olympic event. Can you guess who? (No prizes)



Lunch at The Plough at Wigglesworth

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SHOWING AT SETTLE
 VICTORIA HALL

'DIRTY DANCING' (12)
 Wed 8th Aug 7.00pm

'PINK FLOYD - THE WALL' (15)
 Wed 15th Aug 7.00pm

'THE WIZARD OF OZ' (U)
 Wed 22nd Aug 7.00pm

'GREASE' (A)
 Wed 29th Aug 7.00pm

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Thank you to all members of the committee (& others) for arranging the splendid afternoon tea and exhibition on Thursday 26 July to celebrate 10 years of Settle District U3A. Well done!

Margaret & Michael Cullingworth

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,
 August is here once again and time to enrol for another U3A year. Or think about joining if you haven't before. Also time to have a look at the various groups available and sign up for a few. How many of us join the same groups and how many try something new? There is a definite possibility of a Bridge Club so look out for that. I know I tend to do the same things every year, partly because that is what fits with my schedule. But I thoroughly enjoyed the two different subjects I managed to try last year – Art Appreciation, and Townscapes & Landscapes. I shall continue with the former as well as my usual ones. It



is good to have a go at something new. For one thing you meet a different set of people which is always interesting. I met quite a few people I didn't know so well at last month's lunch and also at our 10th birthday party, held in St Alkelda's church because of the changeable weather. Both were very enjoyable occasions. The latter went well; many cups of tea were drunk, and many pieces of cake eaten. Thank you all who provided such splendid cakes and apologies to those whose cakes were not used– we tried our best! There were so many to choose from. Guests included the Vice-Chair of Craven District Council, Cllr Donny Whaites and Mrs Alice Whaites; the Chair of Yorkshire and the Humber Region, Anne Firth, and also the secretary Derrick Franks; the Chair of Craven U3A Capt Gareth Davies; and the chair of Clitheroe U3A, Wendy Richardson. Visitors admired photographs, chatted and looked at the records and mementoes from the preceding years. There are photographs of the event elsewhere in this newsletter. The church made a very accessible and jolly meeting place too. Our next major events are the Regional day at Askham Bryan next week, followed by our AGM on Thursday 13th September. **We have some nominations in for the committee but would welcome others. Nomination forms are available from the secretary Kate Helm.** Do please come along and take a part in helping us run Settle District U3A. Here's to the next 10 years! Best wishes, Debi Burridge

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13th Sept 10.30 am

Items for the agenda must be notified to the secretary, Kate Helm

by Friday 17th August.

Coffee served from 10.00 am

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES: There will be no meeting in August, but we hope to resume in September, with a talk on "Lady Anne Clifford". Details in the Sept edition of U3A magazine. Enjoy the break!
Jean Imrie

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: The August meeting will be on Wednesday 29th when I have organised an outing to Browsholme Hall in the Trough of Bowland. I would like to know names of those interested in going as I need to give the Hall an idea of numbers, and if you need a lift. Cost is £5.50 (group rate). Browsholme Hall, the oldest surviving family home in Lancashire, is the ancestral home of the Parker Family, who have lived there since it was built in 1507. It is open from 2pm-4.30pm, visit by guided tour; plus the Tith Barn café, open 12 noon - 4.30pm. The Hall lies 5 miles north-west of Clitheroe, one mile from the village of Bashall Eaves. Directions from Clitheroe: Leave by Edisford Bridge towards the Trough of Bowland - do not go through Waddington. It's about 45 -60 mins drive from here.

Debi Burridge

LaOB: (cont)

The September meeting is on Thursday 27th to Shibden Hall, Lister's Rd, Halifax HX3 6XG about an hour away. Shibden Hall is a wonderful, 600 year old timber framed house, surrounded by stunning gardens, cascades and historic parkland including Shibden Mereside Cafe, visitor facilities, play area, boating lake, miniature railway and pitch and putt course. It is open from 10am. Meet at the Cricket Club at 9am to share cars or at the Hall at approx. 10am. There is no guided tour booked but there are self-guided trails available. Cost of entry is £3.50 plus parking £1. Halifax itself also has the Piece Hall and the Minster that would warrant a visit at some future date.

Further details from Debi (Tel 825922)

Debi Burridge

WALKING GROUP: Please note that the walk on Tuesday 28 August will not be as planned as conditions underfoot have made it impossible. Instead we plan to do an alternative walk, which will be up to five miles, as yet undecided.

The Planning Meeting for the Autumn walks will take place on Thursday 30 August at 11.30 a.m. at the Quaker Meeting House. This will be followed by a Jacob's Join lunch, so please come along and join us, either with the offer of a walk or just for the food. If there are any new members who have just signed up, please come along. You will be made very welcome.

Margaret & Michael Cullingworth

NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR WALKERS

The Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers) is holding a competition to inspire people to learn about the landscape they walk in (part of the Discovering Britain walks). Can you design a walk in your local area that tells a story? The competition is open to all U3A members, individually or as a group, and entries must be in by 30th September. Full details are on the sheets available at the this month's meeting or from Kate Helm (823537 or e-mail kate.helm1@btinternet.com).

SETTLE DISTRICT U3A 10TH BIRTHDAY

On the afternoon of 26th July many members of Settle District U3A gathered to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its formation. The plan had been to hold the celebration of tea and cakes in a large sunny garden in Giggleswick but the weather defeated us so we had to fall back on our wet weather plan and hold it in the local church.



A small display of photographs, items of interest and past posters of speaker meetings had been prepared and there was also a DVD of the circle dance group performing and a slide show of the many photos of the walking group. These exhibits proved popular with everyone who attended.

Two of our members had made a birthday cake consisting of four parts, which was cut by 4 of the original committee

members, Alison Tyas, Roy Anderson, Shirley Wolfenden and Hilary Baker. We were reminded by our current Chair, Debi Burridge, that there were 100 members when the group was formed and we have grown to almost 300 now.

The opportunity to meet and chat in a relaxed way was much appreciated by the members, as was the consumption of the many lovely cakes. Here's to the next ten years.

Kate Helm, Settle U3A

(This item was published in the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional News)



Roy, Hilary, Shirley & Alison

THE U3A LUNCH 2012

What may become the annual U3A lunch took place at the Plough Inn, Wigglesworth in early July. This inn has a conservatory at the back, on two levels, with a conversation feature on the lower level in the form of a large, circular, glass insert to the floor, with the instruction "KEEP OFF". Viewed, darkly, through the glass, was a hole, dank, dark but with some vegetation; was it a pothole, an imitation butter-tub or just a black hole? Who could say? Happily, U3A gourmets, entering the conservatory and not avoiding this device, came to no harm but enjoyed their pre-prandial drinks while chatting to each other as they drifted in. Place cards were handed out which included the choice of menu made some weeks earlier.

The upper part of the conservatory was set with four tables, so groups of friends were able to continue their gossiping while lunch was served. The room got noticeably quieter as people tucked in. The lamb that I had was tender, tasty and adequate, the vegetables also. I did not hear any complaints. Then a pause while plates were cleared and sweets served. Sticky toffee pudding also has a quietening effect. And coffee or tea later.

The culinary delights were heightened by the sunshine illuminating the fields outside the windows, where bunnies played and where a distant glimpse of the dale could just be had. (Rabbit was not on the menu).

In all a splendid lunch enjoyed over 3 hours by about 30 U3A members who expressed their appreciation to Janet and Shirley for choosing the venue and organising the lunch.

Chris Petrie