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Letter from the chair

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Hello,

It's August already and whilst we have had some much needed rain, I hope summer weather continues a little longer, in moderation it can bring cheer when other things come to test us. This month particularly I am asking each of you to think about how you might play a part in your U3A. Firstly, we need someone to manage our Website - as was so very ably done by Paul (and currently 'held' by Frank). Advice and support will be available and the role should be an interesting one.

Secondly, another reminder that nominations for Committee Members need to be with Anne, Secretary, by 30th August (with a Seconder). The Committee is very friendly as well as hard working. We divide the tasks so no one is left with too much to do. It is a great way to be involved and find out more about the U3A Movement as well as having a hand in developing things in Settle District.

Our AGM is 10am on 13th SEPTEMBER 2018. I hope you will be able to be there. It is always an opportunity to mix and meet and importantly hear how your U3A has been managed over the past year and make your own comments as well as vote. IN ADDITION we shall have a presentation by Sue Stokes, Regional Trustee and Committee Member. Sue is an interesting speaker - and part of an inspiring YAH Regional Committee with lots of innovative ideas.

Ahead of that, I look forward to seeing you all at the OPEN SESSION on 9th August at 10am. Okay, you can register on line for the coming year and enrol for Groups similarly - and that is encouraged - but it is also good to talk over coffee to Leaders and friends especially about the previous year and interests in store for the coming one. It may even be that you could bring along a friend who would also enjoy U3A!

Best wishes, Jackie

September Meeting: Thursday 13th September in the Victoria Hall AGM and further opportunity for JOINING, RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP and SIGNING UP FOR GROUPS plus a PRESENTATION by SUE STOKES, REGIONAL U3A TRUSTEE AND COMMITTEE MEMBER Coffee from 10am

NB: PLEASE REALISE EVERYONE MUST SIGN UP ANNUALLY FOR GROUPS TO UPDATE THEM.



Wed 5th Sept at 7.45pm Settle Victoria Hall MENASHE (U) Friday 8th Sept at 8pm Bentham Town Hall DARKEST HOUR (PG)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by FRIDAY 7TH Sept 2018 to: Chris Taylor christine@castlebergh.plus.com Tel: 01729 823975 Copy will be acknowledged by email. 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 AND FOR THE GROUPS A FURTHER THEATRE TRIP

Coming to the Leeds Grand Theatre Saturday 13th April 2019 Matinee - **KINKY BOOTS** - a huge hit both in London and Broadway, with rave reviews. I have a block booking. Price £71.00. Tickets must be ordered and paid for by 19th November as all unsold tickets will go on general sale by the theatre

Bookings can be made on 01729 823978 or email: michaelcullingworth@gmail.com

Cheques should be made payable to Settle Rotary Club, and sent to 7 Townhead Croft, Settle BD249LG Price includes stalls seat, coach and drivers tip. Coach departs Settle cricket club 10.30am for Leeds & Bradford and 9.30am for Keswick **Michael Cullingworth**

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

1. Visit to Lancashire Infantry Museum. Fulwood Barracks, Preston and Houghton Tower

Our tour started in the Waterloo Room where we were able to see many items from 1689 to the Battle of Waterloo. We passed through the Medal Corridor and the Somme Room where we saw items from the Boer War to the present day. The Council Chamber displayed some of the most valuable paintings and silver belonging to the Duke of Lancaster Regiment and The Garrison Church of St Alban which was completed in 1848. Houghton Tower, rebuilt in 1565 had many rooms full of stories about the family, the visit of King James 1 in 1617 which bankrupted the family, one where a young William Shakespeare was employed by the family as a tutor, one with a collection of Dolls' Houses of 19th and 20th century, the Grand Hall, the well and the cellars and finally the gardens. Thanks are due to Graham Cooper for organising the visit. **Vicky Cooper**

2. LAOB ADVANCE NOTICE

The first meeting of next year's programme will be the **PLANNING MEETING** which has been booked for Thursday 27th September at 2.00pm in the Castleberg Room of the Victoria Hall. Please renew your membership at the U3A Open Meeting this week and come with your suggestions for the year's programme! All are invited.

We would like to thank all those who organised this year's visits and provided items for the monthly newsletter and wrote reports for the

diary which appears each month on the LAOB Group Web Page. **Elizabeth and Ruth**

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP



Some members of the group have been involved in recent weeks on the Settle Graves Project at Holy Ascension Church. Concentrating on the ancient grave yard, couples took a portion of the gravestones, mapped them and transcribed as much as they could, gently rubbing the inscriptions to show up obscured lettering. Then Sally Waterson, Sarah Lister and Eileen Bamford put an enormous amount of time, effort and expertise into further research, planning, organising and updating the records and leading a further session of the group to set up the display. It shows the plan of the graves, who is buried and further information and stories about some of the people. There is also an "Ancient Graves Trail" to follow, with questions to answer and discoveries to be made.

We hope everyone will find time to visit the church and grave yard and view what has been done. It will be in the church for several weeks and is only the first part of the project.

Chris Taylor



Sarah Lister and Sally Waterson

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Paul Cochrane. He was on the committee for 6 years and coordinated the groups for several years; he was leader of the Geology Group for 11 years and was our webmaster for the last few years. He also participated in several of the other groups too. His wisdom and good humour will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with Kath.