

JANUARY 2010 MEETING

Thursday 14th January

VICTORIA HALL

Rt. Revd DAVID HOPE

(Archbishop of York 1995-2005)

Talk entitled **"LIFE IN THE SEE"**

Coffee and biscuits available from
10.00am



THEATRE TRIP

ILKLEY PLAYHOUSE

Wednesday January 20th

'GOING STRAIGHT'

A Drama by Richard Harris

Coach from Settle Cricket Club at 6pm.

If you have already put your name down please send a cheque for £16 per person, payable to: 'Settle District U3A Social Account', to Shirley Wolfenden at Smithy Croft Rathmell Settle BD24 OLA.

If you have not yet put your name down and would like to go, contact Shirley (840882). We have 24 seats booked, so it's first come, first served. We shall not be collecting money or taking bookings at the Christmas Party.

Janet and Shirley.



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The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Sat 12th Dec 7.30pm
VICTORIA HALL LOW BENTHAM
RATATOUILLE (U)

Sat 19th Dec 7.30pm
ST JOHN'S HALL SETTLE
IN TRANSITION (U)

Sat 9th Jan 2010
VICTORIA HALL LOW BENTHAM
THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (12A)
www.tramps.org.uk

North Craven Building Preservation Trust

'CHRISTMAS PAST' 'AT THE FOLLY'

Saturday, 12 December 10 am.-12 noon.

This year's event will feature readings,
unaccompanied folk songs and
Christmas carols with accordion.
Mulled wine and Mince Pies



Contributed by a member.

If you change your e-mail address, please
would you inform the membership
secretary, Pat Smith. Thank you.

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dramatically. Discussion then centred on the threat to coral reefs through growing acidification and from there to the increasing problems of sea pollution, an example being the huge plastic debris area in the Pacific. Anyone interested in any aspect of the subject would, I am sure, find this a most rewarding group. Singing for Pleasure is a group most aptly named, with leader Sally Wright offering a wide range of songs, covering all musical tastes. With great enthusiasm she encourages group members to put forward their own favourites and the result is a fun session without previous experience or music reading ability being necessary. From traditional English and Scottish folk songs ("Early one morning", "Mairie's wedding" etc) through carols and other religious songs ("Down to the river to pray" and my particular favourite, Alan Bell's "As I was a- walking" picturing Joseph, Mary and Jesus on England's green lanes) to a finale of Abba's "Knowing me, knowing you", this was singing for everyone. The group meets each Wednesday and further details, as with all our groups, are on the website.

Finally may I wish every Third Ager a most Happy Christmas and a lively, wonderful New Year. Perhaps a New Year resolution could be to try out an additional group and find, as I have been doing, the wealth of opportunity available in Settle District U3A.

Best Wishes

John Jebson

Dear Friends

Climate change is undoubtedly one of the major concerns of society today; witness this month's gathering of world leaders in Copenhagen, to try once more to agree collective remedial measures. It is therefore particularly apt that one of our new groups, led by Chris Petrie, devotes itself to this subject.

Climate Change Caucus, meeting on the first and third Monday of each month, has a volunteer member giving a presentation to the group on one aspect of the subject. On my visit, Liza Kovarik gave a most informative account of the problems associated with the warming of the world's oceans and the consequences for life therein. Since the establishment of the Argo programme in 2004, with its 3000 sensors at all depths of the oceans, up to 6000ft, the quality of data on the rate of change has improved



NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

Our visit to the Andrzej Jackowski exhibition at Abbot Hall gave rise to a lively discussion in the gallery - fortunately we had the place to ourselves so no innocent bystander was injured. It's always the work that is less immediately likeable that generates most heat and this was no exception. Our next visit is to the Mercer Gallery in Harrogate to see the G F Watts exhibition, a 'Retrospective exhibition of one of Britain's greatest and most original artists made possible by the closure of the Watts Gallery for restoration. Over 80 works explore all facets of Watts' work, including portraits, landscapes and engagement with social issues.'

In his own lifetime George Frederic Watts (1817-1904), was widely considered to be the greatest painter of the Victorian age, enjoying an unparalleled reputation. His ceaseless experimentation embodied the most pressing themes and ideas of the time. A complex figure, Watts was the finest and most penetrating portraitist of his age, a sculptor, landscape painter and symbolist which earned him the title 'England's Michelangelo.' We will be able to make our own minds up on Tuesday, December 15th, meeting at the Mercer at 2.00 or so. *FRANK GORDON*

CIRCLE DANCING We have had a very successful and enjoyable term with average attendance of nineteen at each session. The music we dance to, from a lively Argentinian Tango, through Reggae, African, Russian, Greek, Israeli and Eastern European contributes greatly to the fun. There really is a sense of achievement after we have stumbled through a new dance a couple of times and then suddenly everyone has got it!! Some of our dancers have joined with others at Langwathby for occasional enjoyable and stimulating afternoons with Anne-Lise Kryger, a wonderful teacher with an amazing repertoire of dances at her fingertips, or should I say at her toes! We will be starting again on Friday 8th January from 10.00 - 11.00 at the Langcliffe Institute and anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

PAT AND GILLIAN

REFLECT ON THIS AS YOU TUCK INTO YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Can't eat pork? – Swine flu
Can't eat chicken? – bird flu
Can't eat beef? – Mad cow
Can't eat eggs? – Salmonella
Can't eat fish? – Heavy metal poison in their waters
Can't eat fruit & veg? – insecticides and herbicides
Hum.... I believe that leaves chocolate and cream!



Thank you Derek Hewitson

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE: Next month's meeting will be a talk on 'Plate Tectonics' in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Theatre at 14:00 on 15th December. Hope to see you all there and that, as discussed, it's not too near Christmas for too many.
PAUL COCHRANE

HERALDRY: Peter Marshall will be giving his annual talk/slide show on Thursday 21st January 2010. Venue details to follow.
For further information contact: *HILARY BAKER*

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: - Our visit to Burnsall didn't happen on Thurs 26th Nov. Some intrepid souls set out but couldn't get through the flooded roads around the village. It will be rearranged.
DEBI BURRIDGE

An indoor meeting *has* been arranged in the Victoria Hall on Thursday 28th January 2010 at 2pm. The speaker will be Bill Mitchell and his subject is Outbarns in the Yorkshire Dales.
RUTH EVANS

NEEDLEWORK and NATTER: (2.00 - 3.30 each Wednesday)
On January 6th we will be in the Friends Meeting House. *ALISON TYAS*

SCRABBLE GROUP: The next meeting will be on Monday 14th. December at 2pm. in the Victoria Hall.
PAT LODGE

WALKING GROUP: Because of the continuing wet weather it was decided to abandon walks planned for December. Hopefully the New Year will see an improvement and those walks postponed will be able to take place. The planning group will meet on Thursday 17th Dec at 11.30 am in The Friends Meeting House. (Jacob's Join Lunch!) *EDITOR*

U3A NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

This magazine should come automatically directly by post to your home address. It is a most interesting and useful quarterly publication. If like me you are experiencing problems and are not receiving your copy, please contact either Pat Smith or David Holdsworth.

FROM THE EDITOR: We have a small problem with the next (January) Issue in that I will be mid-Atlantic on the QM2, and Elizabeth is less glamorously on Jury service! Elizabeth is willing to collate items and produce the magazine but will not be able to print the magazine. We desperately need a volunteer to undertake this task for next month. If you can help, please contact Elizabeth (telephone no. and e-mail address overleaf). Many thanks
Sue Simpson

