

### U3A ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

There will be 2 summer schools this year. **Summer School 1** is at Harper Adams University College, Newport, nr Telford, 16 – 19 July and there are 9 courses to choose from. **Summer School 2** is at The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, 20 – 23 August and there are 8 courses to choose from. These are open to all U3A members and are a good way to learn, extend your interests and meet other members from all over the UK. It is advisable to book early. If you would like a copy of the information and application form, please contact me (see below). I will also have the information available at the January monthly meeting.  
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### JANUARY SPEAKER MEETING "WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY IN ORKNEY"

by Tony and Carol Dilger

**THURSDAY 12th JANUARY  
VICTORIA HALL 10.30 am  
Coffee from 10.00am**



**"OF GODS AND MEN" (15)**  
(French with Eng sub-titles)  
Wed 14th Dec 7.30pm  
Settle Victoria Hall

**"JANE EYRE" (PG)**  
Fri 13th Jan 7.30pm  
Austwick Village Hall

**"WATER FOR  
ELEPHANTS" (12)**  
Fri 13th Jan 7.30  
Bentham  
[www.tramps.org.uk](http://www.tramps.org.uk)

### CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - 8th DECEMBER

Thank you to all those of you  
who have contributed in any way  
to make our December Social a  
success.



### NEWSLETTER ONLINE

**Don't forget** we are not printing as many newsletters in January to save on costs because we have to be guardians of our finances. The electronic version will be available on the website and can be printed off at home or in the Library. If you experience problems with this some members of the committee have offered to help. Please do ask. Some paper copies will be printed for those with no internet access.

### FREecycle

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/skiptoncraven-freegle/>

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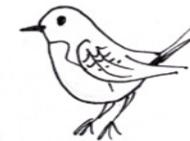
Dear Friends,

I am an avid Archers fan and if you too are a follower of this programme you will know that Lynda Snell is organising a Christmas entertainment and has experienced problems encouraging people to join in with her ideas. Well, all I can say is that she ought to live in this area and be part of this U3A! I have been so pleased with the response from our members towards the Variety Show we are planning. By the time you read this of course it will all be over and hopefully enjoyed by many.



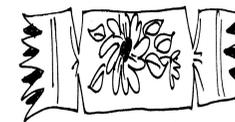
As I was writing this whilst listening to the aforesaid radio programme, the actors were experiencing a power cut. Can you guess what happened next....Yes; the power went off here too! Here is my seasonal greeting to you with some ideas for what we all need at this time of year....

**Mistletoe**  
Energy  
Reindeer  
Robins  
Yule log



### Chocolate

Hope  
Roast turkey and roast potatoes  
Inspiration  
Stuffing to go with the turkey  
Trifle  
Memories  
Ability to wrap awkward parcels  
Sausages to go with the turkey



May you all have a very good holiday whatever you are doing.  
Best wishes  
Debi Burrige



## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

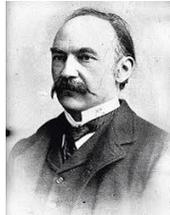
**CIRCLE DANCING:** The first session in the New Year will be Friday January 13th at the usual time 10.00 - 11.00. Please note that for January 13th, 20th and 27th we are able to meet in the Victoria Hall. *Pat & Gillian*

**EXERCISE:** Our last session in 2011 is December 13th. We shall start again on January 10th 2012 *Gillian*

**GREAT LIVES:** Although there will be no meeting of the "Great Lives" group in December, we are grateful to Vanessa and Chris for the following two reports. *Jean Imrie*

The October class was treated to a talk on the life & works of Thomas Hardy by Dorothy Hemsworth.

We learnt of his birth & early life in Dorset & that he wasn't able to go to university but trained & practised as an architect. Once he became a successful novelist he gave up working as an architect but did design his last home Max Gate. Dorothy spoke about his novels & pointed out his mellifluous use of language, his frequent references to music, more than any other novelist and even surpassing Jane Austin, and his use of dialect. He introduced into the language phrases such as "life's little ironies" & used the term "Jacob's Join". In spite of his great novels Hardy considered himself a poet & we heard about the regretful poems written after the death of his first wife Emma. It is hard to do justice to the subject here but justice was certainly done to Hardy in the Great Lives Class!



*Vanessa Stone*

Vanessa took Queen Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror, as her subject. Matilda was a daughter of Baldwin V, Count of Flanders, a direct descendant of Alfred the Great and was strong minded, initially refusing to marry a bastard, then changing her mind and in so doing stopping a war. She had at least 9 children by William, and while raising them also effectively ruled Normandy in William's absence. While there were ups and downs in the marriage – she was tied naked to a horse and paraded around Caen on one occasion – she managed to live with him and bring some measure of calm to a violent life, and appears to have been a role model for her children and grandchildren.



*Chris Petrie*

**HERALDRY:** Here are three dates for 2012.

January 19th: Peter Marshall's annual talk entitled "Civic Heraldry-Then and Now"  
February 16th: I will give a talk on (possibly) the Heraldry of the Battle of Bosworth.  
March 15th: Alan Hemsworth (subject unconfirmed as yet).

All talks will be in the Victoria Hall at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome to come whether they are in the heraldry group or not. We know two of them are really good speakers!

*Hilary Baker*

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: (Please note the change of date)** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – DVD – "Charles Rennie Mackintosh" together with a display of photographs of 'Settle Then and Now'. 2pm. in Victoria Hall.  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Mark Rand: "The Restoration of the Railway Water Tower" also at 2pm. In Victoria Hall. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. *Debi Burridge*

**RELAXATION FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING:** This group is now taking registrations for the next seven week course, beginning on Monday 9th January 2012. With the exception of this date, we normally meet every first and third week in the month in the main hall of Victoria Hall, Settle. If you would like to learn about your nervous system, how it responds to stress and (importantly) techniques to alleviate the effects of stressful emotions on your body, then this is the course for you. We also cover some physical methods to maintain your body in good working order, particularly the spine. Apply to: Pamela Elstub Tel: 01729 825109 or Email: pam.elstub@yahoo.co.uk stating your U3A membership number. *Pam Elstub*

**WALKING GROUP:** Three recent walks have been well attended and blessed with good weather. The 3 Waterfalls walk on 17th November offered us wonderful views as well as the delights of the falls themselves. The return by Stainforth even found us watching a lone salmon trying to jump the falls. Although we set out from Settle in fog on 22nd November, by the time we started the walk itself from Addingham it had cleared and the 5 of us who went enjoyed a gentle, if very muddy, circular route to Ilkley and then back along the Dalesway by the river. The Gargrave – Flasby circular walk on 1st December also gave us some great views and some good exercise. *Kate Helm*

The annual 'Walk and Eat' at Elaine's Tea Rooms at Feizor will be on Tuesday 10th January. Please contact Margaret Cullingworth on 01729 823978, e-mail: curlycully@uwclub.net so that places can be confirmed in advance. If you are walking, please meet in the car park at the Cricket Club at 10.30 a.m. to car share. If you are going to Feizor by car please meet at the Cricket Club about 12 noon, again to car share. Otherwise if you want to go direct to Feizor the meal is booked for about 12.30. Margaret will telephone Knight Stainforth to arrange for parking to be made available at the caravan site. Debi Burridge will also be arranging a shorter walk version from Austwick for those who would prefer a less strenuous walk. Please contact her directly if you would be interested in this. *Kate Helm*

### U3A EXPLORES SCIENCE AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTE

There is a Study Day at the Royal Institution of Great Britain on Tuesday 27 March 2012, 2.00 – 5.00 pm. There will be 3 talks: 'Forensic Science, an overview', 'Accelerated Dreams: How particle accelerators have changed our lives...and what they will look like in the future' and 'Food production in a changing climate' all led by eminent speakers. The cost is £18 and tickets must be purchased in advance. If you are interested in going, please contact me (see below) for further details on how to apply.

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### POSTER DISTRIBUTION

Our prayers have been answered and we now have some super U3A posters for our next monthly meeting. BUT we need a few delivered to various places around Settle each month. Can YOU help? Speak to Debi Burridge, or any member of the committee, if you can help.