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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

We reach the end of 2014 with a good number of members and plenty of groups already established this year. I remind you that we have two more groups to look forward to. Poetry will resume in January. Don't forget the competition. Entries have to be in by the end of February. A new group, Gentle Yoga for Health and Relaxation, will start on 20th January and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays thereafter, venue to be confirmed.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of how we work. As soon as you pay your subscription in August or September you are a member until the end of August the following year.

From this membership there are plenty of people who have knowledge and skills to pass on to others and so become "group leaders". You don't have to have been a teacher, or even bossy to do this and if you want someone else in the group to be responsible for booking the room or taking the 50ps each time that is no problem. Willingness to share your expertise and knowledge is really all that is needed. One of the perks that you get is that group leaders don't have to pay the 50p at each session although a number of them do. You are also entitled to ask the group to pay any expenses that you incur (photocopying comes to mind) and once a year the committee usually invites you to a lunch as a thank you. A few groups have on occasion asked someone, not a member, to lead the activity. In that case we need a member to be "group leader", or facilitator to keep in touch with the Groups Co-ordinator. Please consider what you can offer.

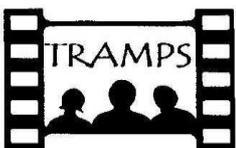
The Speaker Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month are special. I recently heard two different people say that even when they think the title sounds dreary, they are really surprised at what they have learnt and enjoyed. I have felt that for a long time, but seldom voiced it so it was good to hear it from others.

I hope you have a good Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

Alison

**January Meeting: Thursday January 8th at 10.30 am
in the Victoria Hall**

**Local Community Police Officer Amy Sharrad
Coffee served from 10.00 am**



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 12th December 7.30pm Austwick Parish Hall

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL (15)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit next by Friday 2nd January 2015 to:

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

U3A NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

For the December meeting 15 of the group made their way on a lovely sunny afternoon to see Roger Moss's wonderful collection of art and artefacts and to hear his fascinating stories. What a treat!

Another treat in January when Frank Gordon comes to talk to us on Tuesday January 6th in the Castleberg Room at the Victoria Hall about 'Turner and his contemporaries in the Dales'.
Debi Burridge

GREAT LIVES

At November's meeting Dorothy Hemsworth gave a fascinating account of Gavin Maxwell, best known for his "otter" books, "Ring of Bright Water" and "The Rocks Remain". He was also a keen traveller through Iraq and Morocco and his books of these journeys received critical acclaim. Maxwell spent the last year of his life on Eilean Ban (White Island), located between Skye and the mainland, where he died of cancer in 1969 aged just 55. His house there is now a museum, though he would not have recognised his haven today as the island contains a huge pillar supporting the busy Skye Road Bridge to the mainland.

Dorothy's excellent illustrated presentation brought vividly to life the man and his times, as through her we followed a Maxwell trail through Western Scotland, a journey much appreciated by the record number of members present.

PLEASE NOTE-there is no meeting in December so we reconvene on 21st January- details in next newsletter.
John Jebson

CIRCLE DANCERS for CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 14th November 2014 we held a sale of handmade cards at our Friday Circle Dance session, to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity. This is the third year that we have supported Children In Need, who help children throughout the country. Once again, thanks to the generosity of the group, we were able to make a donation of £160. *Wendy Newby*

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

The next meeting, on Thursday, 22nd January, will be an illustrated talk by Mrs Jean Robinson, an independent researcher and member of the Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group, on the restoration of Raikes Road Burial Ground,

Skipton. This ground, neglected for well over a century, contains many interesting features including the graves of Rudyard Kipling's relations and heroes of the Napoleonic and Crimean wars and has a rich Victorian heritage. The presentation will commence at 2.00pm, in the main Victoria Hall; thus there will be no limit on numbers. Everyone is welcome. There will be a small charge and details will be fully covered in the January newsletter.

Alan Hemsworth

WALKING GROUP

It's that time of year again and I am arranging a walk and meal at Feizor on Tuesday 27 January 2015. Please let me know if you would like to go so that I know how many to book for. Arrangements to follow. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and good walking.
Margaret Cullingworth

THEATRE VISIT TO ILKLEY PLAYHOUSE, Tuesday 3 February 2015

As many of you will know I have taken over from Janet and Shirley and I would like to thank them for all their work over the years - a hard act to follow. I have reserved seats to see **J B Priestley's "Time and the Conways"** at a cost of **£17, inclusive of seat, coach and gratuities**. I will be taking names at the Christmas meeting or you can contact me at **01729 823978**. Cheques to be made payable to Settle District U3A. **Advance Notice** - I have reserved 49 seats to see Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore" for the matinee performance on Thursday 20 August 2015. Cost to be advised. I shall also be taking names for this from the meeting on Thursday 11 December.
Michael Cullingworth

IT SUPPORT

I would like to be able to identify an IT support understudy who is significantly younger than me. Ideally it needs somebody with some IT services experience, or at least some awareness of how the internet works. The only essential work involved is being aware of how our website works, and keeping a password secret, but there is scope for more involvement. If you might possibly be that person (or know that person), please click

<http://www.tramps.org.uk/U3A/its>.

David Holdsworth