

Newsletter

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE SETTLE DISTRICT

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

On Monday 29 March some 30 plus members had a most interesting and thought-provoking evening at the Ilkley Playhouse. Was "mind Games" a "Psychological Thriller" or a "Black Comedy"? It certainly got us talking and will be long remembered.

I have had an excellent response to my request for help with Welfare; there are now four of us sharing this venture. You will find below a list of names and telephone numbers of who to contact: please cut this out and pin it to your kitchen noticeboard for future reference. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Janet

Welfare Co-ordinators

*Please contact one of the following if you
hear of any U3A member who is ill:*

Olwyn Bolger - 823525 (Giggleswick)

Margaret Cullingworth - 823978 (Settle)

Beryl Slann - 01524 251205 (Austwick)

Janet Stafford - 825449 (Settle)

Please cut out and keep!

FROM THE GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

The 50ps have been coming in in interesting amounts recently. I don't mind counting lots of 5ps as long as the total for the group adds up to a total of £s and 50ps.

During this month I shall be doing the booking of the Victoria Hall for April. Please can you let me know if you are cancelling a session over Easter.

Alison Tyas (01729 822313)

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Art Appreciation: We had another successful visit to the Abbott Hall Art Gallery in Kendal on 30 January, this time to see the exhibition "Alchemy". This was composed of photographs produced without a camera—not quite as self-contradictory as it sounds—and provoked a great deal of interest and discussion, both from the images themselves and the often convoluted processes by which they were made.

Our next meeting will be on **13 February** when we will have Paul Muchan talking about, and showing examples of, his pottery and the processes related to its making. Our next visit is on **20 February** when we will visit the Peter Scott Gallery at Lancaster University to see an exhibition of paintings by John Hubbard and a show of ceramics including work by Anna Adams.

Frank Gordon

Cookery: After four years the Cookery group has closed, mainly due to Kathleen's new commitments as a grandmother. However we bowed out with an extremely pleasant lunch at the Angel Inn at Hetton.

We would all like to thank Kathleen for her starting this group, for her commitment to it and for her very generous hospitality. Never a large group, over the years we have explored many different foods, tried—and tasted—many different recipes, and had a lot of fun. Thank you Kathleen.

HMB

Family History: At the meeting on 26 January we had a very interesting and informative talk on wills by Dr Mike Slater of Langcliffe. This meeting was well attended and will, we are sure, be of assistance to many of us who are researching our family tree. The next meeting will be on **Friday 23 February** at 10.30am at Victoria Hall.

M and M Cullingworth

Great Lives: At the next meeting of the group, on **Wednesday 21 February**, we shall be assessing the lives of Isaac Newton and Marie Stopes. There is no known connection between the two! New members welcome.

Frank Pedley

Handbells: A few people have left this group so we now have space for 2 or 3 more. We meet at 4.30pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Parish Church. You don't have to be able to read music, but it helps. Sessions last about an hour. Please let me know if you want to join us.

Alison Tyas

Heraldry: Beginners Heraldry will be back in its normal slot from March (ie 1st Thursday in the month) so we will meet on **1 March**.

The second Heraldry group will meet on **Thursday 15 February** when Alan Hemsworth will be talking on some subject of interest to him (heraldically speaking) but he hasn't let me into the secret of his subject!

HMB

Philosophy: The group meets on the first and third Mondays at 2.30pm in Victoria Hall. Topics for this term are Existentialism, Wittgenstein on Games, Gaia, and Being Good. Newcomers are welcome whether they wish to listen and ask questions or prepare themselves from the reading list on the web-site and contribute to the discussion. There will be an introduction to each session and progress will be indicated on the web-site so that members will be able to accommodate to meetings they have missed. I look forward to seeing and hearing from familiar

and new face.

Roy Anderson

Self-Help Computer Group (2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 3.30pm, Victoria Hall):

Anti-virus programmes, e-mails, "spam", "crashes" - all recent subjects of lively discussions centred round the problems brought up by, and pertinent to, individual members and forming the core of our sessions. All too frequently, it turns out that others in the group have had similar experiences of malfunctions and usually there is someone who has a solution or at least helpful suggestions. The lap-tops and projector are most useful in illustrating topics being discussed and this will be greatly augmented if the current aspiration to enable us to "get on line" is fruitful. Evidence of problems can be, and is, brought along and illustrated using "memory sticks", CDs or DVDs. **GHP**

Sunday Lunch Group: The next lunch will be at the Golden Lion, Settle, on **Sunday 18 February**, 12.30 for 1.00pm.

From March, Enid Parker (01729 823792) will be taking over the organising of the Sunday Lunches. **HMB**

Wine Group 2: January—an all-Italian event.

- 1 The evening started with a dry, full-bodied, white Orvieto 2005 Trebbiano, Toscano grape, 11.5% at £4.95. Interesting, but a second glass was refused!
- 2 The second white, a Luccarlli Chardonnay 2002, 14% at £6.42, was much appreciated. This was a full, round, robust palate of fruit and spice - very good.
- 3 The Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2004 had a dry, tannic taste, brambly and peppery; 13% at £5.90. An interesting wine but the favourite of the evening was the last -
- 4 Masseria Biscardo Anglianico 2004, 14% at £5.83. This dark-skinned grape was rich and flavoursome, thick and full of cherry fruit and chocolate layers. Delicious, the "Barolo of the South".

Titch Mayers

STOP PRESS

This space is for any urgent items that come too late for the copy date (see below). Please keep wording to a minimum.

Circle Dancing: next meeting at Langcliffe Village Hall, on Friday 23 February

Please note: The Thursday meeting on 8 March is in St John's Hall, *NOT* the Victoria Hall

Next month's Thursday meeting

Next month's meeting, on 8 March, will be a talk entitled

"It's only water"

given by Andrew Walker of Yorkshire Water

Coffee at 10.00am in *St John's Hall*

PLEASE NOTE: *the date for the August meeting is 9 August, and that for September is 13 September, and NOT as shown in your membership card*

OUTINGS

"Mind Games" Ilkley Playhouse—January

Our trip to the Playhouse was a great success. I don't think the play was quite what we expected, full of twists and unforeseen turns, leaving the audience wondering what was coming next. No-one fainted with the violence, in fact laughter was heard several times despite the blood and gore. Certainly a play to discuss afterwards.

Advance Notice

We have arranged a visit to the Lowry Centre in Salford for **Monday 16 April** leaving Settle at approximately 8.30am, to be verified later. We will be greeted on arrival with coffee and pastries and then taken in groups of 15 on a tour of the Centre, which lasts about an hour. There is the Imperial War Museum nearby and also other attractions. We will leave at 4.00pm. Cost £12 and the numbers are limited to 30. If you would like to go, please let me have your name as soon as possible. Payment will be due at the March lecture or sooner if you wish.

Janet and I would like to point out that when there is a price reduction for groups we factor this into the cost of the trip and do not benefit personally.

Shirley Wolfenden (01729 840882)

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Wrinkles are hereditary. Parents get them from their children.*