

THEATRE VISIT TO LEEDS PLAYHOUSE

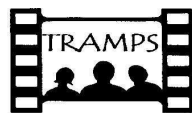
Thursday April 28th
Northern Broadsides production of "Hamlet".
(Matinee performance)
leaving Settle Cricket Club at 11am.
Cost £26 each.

Please ensure that payment is received by S Wolfenden by March 1st. Cheques payable to Settle District U3A Social Account and sent to Smithy Croft, Rathmell, Settle, BD24 0LA. Would those people who have shown an interest please confirm their booking as soon as possible. Thank you. Shirley

MARCH SPEAKER MEETING

"VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE in the YORKSHIRE DALES"

JAMES INNERDALE
Victoria Hall 10.30am
Thursday 10th March 2011
(Coffee from 10.00am)



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

'AUSTRALIA' (12A)
Fri 11th Feb 7.30
Low Westhouse Village Hall

'ROBIN HOOD' (2010) (12A)
Sat 12th Feb 7.30
Victoria Institute Low Bentham

'A SINGLE MAN' (12A)
Sat 12th Feb 7.30
Clapham Village Hall

'THE CONCERT' (12A)
(French with sub-titles)
Wed 16th Feb 7.30
Victoria Hall Settle

'MADE IN DAGENHAM' (15)
Fri 18th Feb 7.30
Langcliffe Village Hall

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,
Have you noticed the snowdrops are out? The sight always cheers me at this time of year.



If you were at last month's excellent talk on the building of the Devil's bridge at Kirkby Lonsdale given by David Smail, you may remember me mentioning Gift Aid in my opening remarks. As a U3A we need to think about increasing our income and also our contributions to the Victoria Hall. Our commitment to the Hall may need renegotiating. The Victoria Hall gave us particularly good help to get us started as a U3A group. **You** will be included in any discussion about this. Look out for more information in future newsletters.

Gift Aid is all about 'free' money – well, the Government giving money back! You pay your membership subscription and we claim the tax back, adding approximately another 20 per cent to our income. And we can backdate it too. I think it's a great idea – something for nothing. You don't have to give any financial details away but you do have to pay tax in Britain. The committee is hoping that as many of our members as possible will register for this when they renew their membership in August. That's all **you** have to do!

We are also looking into other ways of making our money go further. Some of the group leaders have been locking up the Victoria Hall after their afternoon sessions on Monday and Thursday, because David Ramage has been away. This may be continued, as another way to save money. And we may need to look into how some of the smaller groups use the Hall.

I hope everyone has received their copy of U3A News which includes a wonderful obituary of Frank Pedley, written by himself, and also a tribute from Eric Midwinter, one of the 3 founding members of the U3A. I feel very privileged to be following in the footsteps of such a distinguished man, and to be part of something he helped to create. Without Frank we might not be here today.

However, there is another connection for me. I lived in Rochdale for 20 years, where Frank had been the Director of Education from 1969-1974. He implemented the comprehensive system in the town, pioneering the idea of community schools and the 3 tier system of primary, middle and upper schools. My elder daughter was one of the last group of children to go through this system. Within 3 years, by the time the younger daughter had joined the process, it had all changed to just primary and secondary schools. I remember fighting very hard to retain the 'old' system, unaware that one day I would know the man who'd instigated it.

Best wishes Debi Burrige

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION: At our last meeting on 1st February, Eileen Taylor kindly brought in examples of her own work and explained how she got her inspiration and set about creating her paintings. The group was pleased to be able to discuss her work with her and see it close up. It was a very enjoyable and informative afternoon. A reminder that the next gallery visit is on 15th February to Abbot Hall to see the exhibition 'Drawn from Life'.
Kate Helm

FRENCH: (Intermediate) Just a reminder that this is a friendly group and we welcome new members who wish to keep using their language skills.
Anne Richer

GREAT LIVES: The January meeting was a most enjoyable talk on the life and work of Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst, given by Dorothy Clay. Though many of the group were aware of the bare bones of the history of this remarkable woman, Dorothy's talk put flesh on our scant knowledge and left us humbled by the courage and dedication of those who fought for the equality of women.

One of the most outspoken and courageous members of the Suffragette Movement, Mrs Pankhurst was also the wife of a prominent supporter of universal suffrage and the mother of three equally committed daughters, Sylvia, Cristabel and Adela. That commitment lead frequently to physical and mental suffering as they were arrested, force fed and degraded for the cause they believed so passionately in. Their dedication to the cause of equality and universal suffrage was an object lesson to all of us who take our right to vote lightly.

The February meeting will look at the life of Benjamin Waugh, the founder of the NSPCC.
Pat Harding

HERALDRY: All U3A members are invited to the next meeting on Thurs Feb 17th 10.30 in the Victoria Hall. There will be an illustrated talk 'KNOTS AND LINKS' by Peter Marshall.
Hilary Baker

JEWELLERY: The jewellery group will restart on Friday 18th Feb from 2.00pm-4.00pm at the home of Rowena Magdan.
Rowena Magdan

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

FEBRUARY TALK A reminder about the February meeting which is a talk on Thursday 24th February in Victoria Hall at 2pm given by Robert White who is the Senior Historic Environment Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The subject is field barns and other traditional farm buildings (TFBs) in the National Park - this talk will discuss the importance of TFBs in the Yorkshire Dales and some of the work taking place to record and conserve these iconic landscape features.

Further information from Ruth Evans 01729 825454

JUNE VISIT: I have arranged for a group tour of the Glaziers Workshop at Bedern Chapel, York Minster on 23 June. Please can you let me have your name as soon as possible if you would like to be included, as they can only take 15 people and I already have 7 on the list (Tel: 01729 823978). If there are more, I could arrange for a second tour but that would be in the morning and would mean an early start.
Margaret Cullingworth

SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (SciETc):

Our monthly meetings (2nd Tuesday) have already ranged over internet security, a big diesel engine disaster, quantum reality, aluminium foil (surprisingly difficult to make), and by the time of publication will have looked at the technology of brewing. We have plans for a session on plate tectonics, and maybe the Millau bridge. The format varies, but involves a bit of presentation, and often quite a lot of discussion.
David Holdsworth

CONTINUING SPANISH: Calling all Spanish speakers who wish not to forget what Spanish they currently know! Linda Martingell, a recent off-cumden, is interested in being part of a group of people who wish to exercise their Spanish speaking ability. This would be a group of people who already know some Spanish and would like practice in speaking, reading and listening to the language. If you would like to know more about this idea, please telephone Linda on 822379. Hasta luego!
David Holdsworth (groups' organiser)

WALKING GROUP: Intrepid walkers have been seen out on several occasions and John contributed this description of a lovely walk on a lovely day in January.

We commenced at Kettlewell, following Cam Gill Beck, then climbing steadily up Langcliffe Scar (Wharfedale's version!) to walk along the escarpment to the trig point at Capplestone Gate. With a cloudless sky the views were particularly impressive and Kilnsey Crag, magnificent as always, very clear across the dale on the descent. Above Coniston the route followed a section of the Dales Way on the return to Kettlewell, passing the gates of Scargill House, much in the news in recent times. The walk was approximately 8 miles and encompassed some 21 stiles by one reckoni
John Jebson

ILKLEY THEATRE TRIP

We had a super visit to the Playhouse at Ilkley on Mon 24th Feb to see 'Accidental Death of an Anarchist' by Dario Fo, 1970 – here's a review.

Giovanni Pinelli fell from the fourth floor of the Milan Police HQ after his arrest in connection with an explosion in which 16 people died. What follows is pure farce.

The maniac, a master of disguise, infiltrates the Secret police HQ. They are supposed to be investigating the explosion. He intercepts a phone call telling him a judge is coming to investigate the death of the anarchist. He becomes the Judge (with one eye and a false leg). The police statements are gone through and made to fit. One wonders if the police were even in the room when he went to the window to get some air.

A journalist arrives. She believes there is a cover up and wants to delve deeper – not a good idea! It becomes everyman (or woman) for themselves. A bomb appears. It's the end of the play! Well, almost. The audience are asked to decide the ending. Who should live? Who should die?

I laughed until I cried.

Joan Myers

GIFT AID: We are looking for a person(s) with experience of setting up Gift Aid who would be willing to assist with setting up and running a scheme.
Please contact chairman Debi.