

MARCH SPEAKER MEETING

"THE BOLTON ABBEY ESTATE"

Mr John Sheard
Formerly Estate Manager to the
Duke of Devonshire

THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2012
Victoria Hall 10.30am
Coffee from 10.00am



"THE HELP" (12A)
Fri 10th Feb 7.30pm
Austwick Village Hall

www.tramps.org.uk

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

The speaker for our October meeting will be Dr Annemarie McCallister of the University of Central Lancashire. She is leading a Social History project to mark the 180th anniversary of the Temperance Movement. Dr McCallister is keen to hear from people about family traditions, personal memories of Temperance movements such as Band of Hope, Rechabites, Sons of the Phoenix, or church-linked societies, to contribute to the exhibitions and to record this information for future generations. You can contact her by email:

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on 01934 2243120, or contact Pat Smith
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COFFEE MORNING

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Wednesday 14th March
10.00 — 12.00

New members (those who
have joined since July 2011)
are invited to drop in to
meet the committee and to
chat over a cup of coffee.

Note the date in your diary



to watch 'Restoration
Man' on Channel 4 on
16 Feb at 9.00pm to
see more about Settle Station
Water Tower!

NEWSLETTER ONLINE



We are not printing as many newsletters to save on costs. 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.

Copy for publication in the next issue **MUST** reach the editor Sue Simpson
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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE SETTLE DISTRICT

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Dear Friends,

It is going to be a year of celebrations - starting with the Accession of Queen Elizabeth 2nd to the throne on February 6th 1952, her Diamond Jubilee in June and of course the Olympic Games in London and elsewhere from 27th July to 12th August, and the Paralympic Games from 29th August to 9th September. Are you involved in any of these events in any way, whether as a participant or as a spectator? It would be interesting to hear of your experiences if you are.



But there are other celebrations to be thought about

which might not have come to your attention yet.

Remember I mentioned the Big Event at Askham Bryan last month? Well, that is to celebrate 30 years of the U3A in the region. After talking about it in January, the Singing for Pleasure Group are going to join in and are taking about 25 people there and have booked a coach. There should be some seats available if others want to go along and support them. If we get lots of interest we could book a bigger coach, or perhaps an additional one!

However in all this excitement we must not forget that our own U3A, Settle District, has something to celebrate – 10 years of life-long learning here in the town. We do not want to overlook this but nor do we want to overlap with all these other occasions. After all one can only eat so much cake! Look out for more details soon.

Talking of cake, or rather biscuits, we are holding a new members' coffee morning in March. For a while now we have thought that sometimes it can be difficult to meet other people beyond those in your group, especially when you have just joined, and if you only go to one group. We, the committee, look forward to meeting as many members as possible, and answering any questions you may have.

And the committee now has a new member. Nita Hart, who may be known to some of you from the Digital Photography, Walking and Circle Dancing Groups. She came to the January meeting and we must have made a good impression because she allowed us to co-opt her on to the committee. Thank you very much Nita.
Best wishes,

Debi Burrige

NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION: At the next meeting on **6th March** Frank Gordon will be talking to the group and will be referring (amongst other things) to the work of Sylvia Wishart who has an exhibition currently at the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh.
Kate Helm

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21st February at 14:00**. We will be meeting in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall to look at aspects of geology that no one appears to want to explain. For example a book will say “*sea levels were rising or falling at this time*” but then does not go on to say why. This session is aimed at elucidating some of these often not well explained mechanisms.
Paul Cochrane

GREAT LIVES: Our next meeting will be on **Wed 15th Feb** at 10.30 in the Victoria Hall, when the subject will be the great Scottish poet, Robert Burns.
Jean Imrie

HERALDRY: This month's illustrated talk will be on **Thursday February 16th** in The Victoria Hall at 10.30. The subject will be "The Heraldry of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table". Visitors are welcome!
Next month's talk will be given by Alan Hemsworth and the subject is, as yet, a mystery!
Hilary Baker

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: Thursday 23rd February: Mark Rand: “The Restoration of the Railway Water Tower” at 2pm. In Victoria Hall. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.
Debi Burridge

WALKING GROUP: On 10 January 24 members of the walking group met at Feizor and enjoyed a very nice and sociable lunch. The majority walked from Knight Stainforth - the morning was pleasant but overcast with some good views of Penyghent and around Austwick. Several did the short walk from Austwick and one or two arrived by car but everyone enjoyed themselves. The rain kept off until we were inside and the return journey was just a little wet! By the time you read this the new programme will, hopefully, be on the website and hard copies should be available.
Margaret Cullingworth

‘U3A THEATRE TRIP’ Ilkley Playhouse, 25th January
“Timing”, the first play by Alastair McGowan, was set in a recording studio where a radio commercial was under production. The action took place in two separate rooms, but on the same stage. The title was indeed appropriate as the timing of conversations between the two factions demanded much concentration by the very competent cast.

Seemingly frivolous at first, the plot developed into an examination of the relationships of all the personnel, some sad, some humorous. However, as well as being entertaining, it was a play which made the audience think - and understand the hidden depths revealed there-in. Well worth the trip!
Alan Hemsworth

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

Details of the following and all National Courses and events are available on the National U3A Website, which can be accessed via the link on our own website.

U3A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION (National)

2012 U3A Photography Competition – the theme is ‘Seasonal Britain’ and closing date for entry is 8th May. Winning photographs will appear in the U3A engagement calendar for 2013. Full details of how to enter and a copy of the rules will be available at the monthly meetings in February and March or from Kate Helm.

BRIDGE PLAYERS FOR ASKHAM BRYAN SUMMER EVENT

One of the suggestions as an event at Askham Bryan in August as part of the U3A Regional celebrations is a bridge tournament between different U3As. We don't have a bridge group but there might be enough bridge players within our U3A to make up a team of 4 and who might be willing to take part in the competition. If anyone is interested in taking part in this and can get a team of 4 together, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can let the organisers know.
Kate

U3A EXPLORES SCIENCE AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTE

To remind you of the Study Day at the Royal Institution of Great Britain on Tuesday 27 March 2.00 – 5.00 pm. The cost is £18 and tickets must be purchased in advance. If you are interested in going, please contact me for further details on how to apply.
Kate

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 as places fill up quickly. If you would like further information on this or the events above please contact me or pick up full details at the monthly meeting.

Contact Kate Helm 823537 or kate.helm1@btinternet.com

I was fortunate enough to attend the current exhibition of David Hockney's work at the Royal Academy in January. A must for those able to attend; it is simply stunning! I felt very proud that Yorkshire has produced such a fine talent, evidenced in his beautiful portrayal of a corner of Yorkshire.
(Editor)