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Letter from the chair

Dear Fellow Members,

As I write this there are definite and encouraging signs of Spring which is perhaps just around the corner. Do have a look into the churchyard of Settle Parish Church where the snowdrops are just coming into their full glory. They are a delight at this time each year.

One of the joys of being the Chairperson of Settle District U3A is that I can turn up at any one of our groups to see what is going on. **The Painting Group** is now in its second term with much enjoyment being gained by its members. We all work on the understanding that a masterpiece will not be produced by each one of us on every occasion. Recently Eileen Taylor, a member of the group, talked about how her oil-painting techniques have changed over the years. She illustrated this most memorably with stunning examples of her work.

I've also just been told of a lovely visit to Percevall Hall by members of the **Looking at Old Buildings Group** which was much appreciated by those who went.

Also on a recent Friday I dropped in to experience the lively activity of the **Badminton and Table Tennis Group**. The badminton net is in evidence in the first half of the session; two table tennis tables are then used in the second half, all in the Langcliffe Village Institute. Led by Tony Carroll, assisted by Wendy, it was evident that those present at the group find the sessions to be great fun. Of course, this is senior badminton and senior table tennis so that fine and telling shots are not perhaps quite as frequent as in days of yore. Also the badminton is accompanied by much debate about the score and about who is the next to serve which one suspects is a cunning plan to have a "breather".

Gentle Yoga for health and relaxation with David Mehers is going from strength to strength with increasing numbers and with people working on their "Downward Facing Dog" and "Upward Facing Dog" as well as sundry other positions.

The Art Appreciation Group met on 2 February to receive a beautifully illustrated talk by Paul Cochrane on the art of drawing. Paul took us through the centuries to show how drawing has developed over the ages and underlined the fact that good drawing is a tremendous skill. I do hope to visit other groups, as time permits. In the meantime grateful thanks to all our group leaders and long may we enjoy the diversity of our groups.

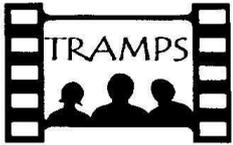
Ian Tennant

March Meeting: Thursday 10th in the Victoria Hall
'Lantern Magic' with Andrew Gill
(Coffee from 10am)

U3A National Workshop Series 2016

The National Office have sent information on the 2016 Summer Schools, a cover note for the public liability insurance and a flyer advertising the 2016 National Workshop Series running in February and March 2016 which aims to promote the U3A ethos and helping members participate effectively. Other information includes exclusive access to **concerts of Birmingham Symphony** and a further **seminar at the Jenner Museum in Berkeley, Gloucester**. They also remind us of **the Regional AGM on the 28th April in Doncaster**, **Philosophy Workshop in Leeds looking at Aristotle and Rousseau** and **the showcase event at Askram Bryan on the 3rd August** We have agreed to underpin the funding for this event and await further information about signing up some of our groups – this is available on the YAHR website.

YAHR trip to South Africa and Lesotho. An invite to join other U3A members on this trip has been forwarded to us to circulate to our members. For further details or shows of interest, please contact; Kenneth Dunn [email: kdunn@ccwtld.org](mailto:kdunn@ccwtld.org) phone: 07528529766 or Shelagh Woolliscroft [email: shelagh@woolliscroft.com](mailto:shelagh@woolliscroft.com) phone: 0114 255 8948 See also website www.yahru3a.co.uk



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 19th February 7.30pm Austwick Parish Hall

Suffragette (12)

Wednesday 24th February 7.45 pm Settle Victoria Hall

Kuma (12A)

Thursday 3rd March 7pm Ingleton Community Centre

Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by

Friday 4th March 2016 to: Chris Taylor

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES

In January, John Jebson spoke about Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson, (1758 – 1805). Born into a middle class family, Nelson joined the navy in his early teens, gaining rapid promotion and soon gaining his first command. Sadly Nelson made no financial provision for Emma Hamilton after his death and she died in poverty in 1815.

Keith Bradshaw

The Group's next meeting will be on Wed. 17th Feb. (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when John Parry will talk on the life and work of F.E. Smith (Lord Birkenhead), lawyer and statesman.

John Jebson

NEW GROUPS

I have several people interested in a **Sociology Group** and the next step is to meet and discuss how to proceed. This meeting will be after Easter, further details in the April newsletter. And there are only two people interested in a **Lunch Group** so, I don't think this will go ahead unless more of you contact me! TEL:01729825922)

(debi.burridge@gmail.com)

Debi Burridge

ART APPRECIATION

Our final session will be on Tuesday 1st March when Sue Simpson is going to tell us about "The most stolen artwork in the world". I hope to see you there.

Debi Burridge

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS - 3 tours:

Thursday 25th February to Manchester

The coach will leave Settle Cricket Club at 9.00am & pick-up at Long Preston after which it will drop off first at the Cathedral, then the John Rylands Library & then the Art Gallery. Lunch can be obtained at all three venues which are within walking distance of one another. (Direction maps will be available & there are shuttle buses & the Metro!). Return pick-up will probably be from Victoria Coach Station between 3.30 & 4.00pm but we are awaiting confirmation.

Option 1 Arrive Cathedral about 11am for a self-guided tour or a free conducted tour which is available at 14.00.

Option 2 Arrive John Rylands Library about 11.15am for a self-guided tour which after lunch could be followed by a conducted tour (cost £8.00) at 1.30pm or free conducted tours of **either** the Art Gallery **or** the Cathedral at 2.00pm.

Option 3 Arrive Art Gallery about 11.30 for a self-guided tour which could be followed by any of the above conducted tours.

Cost (including driver's tip & U3A 50p) will be £13.00 if we fill the 33-seater or £17.50 if we have to reduce to a 19 seater in which case it will be limited to the first 19 LAOB members.

For further details I will be at Thursday's U3A meeting where I will also take your preferences & an initial £13.00 cash payment or you can contact me on 01729 822631. Thank you.

Richard Pike

Thursday 26th May to The Lion Salt Works, Northwich, Cheshire

This is an Open Air Museum (NOT a salt mine).

A coach is booked and numbers are needed. Cost is about £24 each for entrance, tour and coach. There is a cafe on site. Please phone us on 01729/824471 to book.

Derek and Mary Hewitson

Thursday 24th March to Bronte Parsonage Museum, Haworth

will be followed by a guided walk around Haworth. The cost is £7.75 for museum entry and guided walk. The itinerary is - depart 09.30, visit museum 11.00, lunch/shopping, guided walk 14.30(45 mins). Meet 09.30 at the Cricket Ground for car share (petrol + parking share + 50p's). We will be taking names at the February U3A meeting and money at the March meeting. Please note that Haworth is situated on a pretty steep hill! Contact Sue 01729 268548 sm2.benn@gmail.com or Rosemary 01729 851439 Matheson.146@btinternet.com **Sue Bennedik**