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SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Chair

Dear Fellow Members,

Two regular events are being planned in the life of Settle District U3A which takes place soon. The first event is the **New Members'** meeting. All new members who have joined our U3A in the current year will be invited to join Committee Members to talk about their experiences of Settle U3A. This event will be on Thursday 23rd March 2017 from 2.3pm to 4pm at The Friends Meeting House, Kirkgate, Settle (opposite Victoria Hall). If you have joined this year, please make a note of this event. We are very interested in hearing of your experiences in the groups and your comments about the monthly Thursday meetings and, indeed in any thoughts you might have about how we might improve or expand our activities.

Secondly every year your Committee holds a lunch to say 'thank you' to our **Group Leaders** for all their committed and dedicated work in leading their groups over the past 12 months. This lunch will take place at Debi Burridge's house at 2, Arundel Place, Giggleswick at 12 noon on Monday 10 April 2017. We do hope that as many group leaders as possible will come to this event.

To everyone else who is not involved in the two events above I wish you all continuing enjoyment in the range of activities and meetings which constitute the life of our U3A.

Ian Tennant

WestNet Network of U3As Quiz Night

Wednesday 5th April 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

The Swadford Centre, 32 Swadford Street, Skipton, BD23 1RD

£5.00 per person to include a pie and peas supper. Bring your own drinks. All bookings and payments in advance to: Kate Helm, 63 St Paul's Road, Manningham, Bradford BD8 7LS

Cheques payable to 'Bradford U3A Social Fund'. Please enclose your name, U3A name, number of tickets required and email contact for booking receipt or SAE for written receipt. Also include any information of dietary requirements. Final date for bookings Monday 27th March.

Any queries to: kate.helm1@btinternet.com

March Meeting: Thursday 9th March in the Victoria Hall
'Nutrition' with Verner Wheelock
(Coffee from 10am)



Friday 17th February at 7.30pm

Austwick Village Hall

I, Daniel Blake (15)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by Friday 3rd March 2017 to: Chris Taylor christine@castlebergh.plus.com Tel: 01729 823975 Submissions will be acknowledged by email. Wherever possible, the full account is used but occasionally it is necessary to edit the piece for the printed copy. The full submissions will be used on the website version. **PLEASE TYPE YOUR SUBMISSION DIRECTLY ONTO YOUR EMAIL TO ME INSTEAD OF SENDING IT AS AN ATTACHMENT IN FUTURE.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT NEWSLETTERS FROM VICTORIA HALL WITHIN THE MONTH - NEARLY HALF ARE STILL THERE AT THE NEXT MEETING!

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

Thank you Alan for a most interesting talk last month. This is just a reminder for those intending to go to **Samlesbury Hall** on **23rd February** that there are about 5 spaces left for the coach and I need final lunch choices and money by **Thursday 9th February** (which is the date of this week's U3A monthly speaker meeting in the Victoria Hall!).

I will be at this meeting but in the kitchen at the beginning so please find me at the end or contact me on 01729 825148 or at eevans42@btinternet.com. Look out for the e-mail you will have been sent by the time you read this!! Thanks! **Elizabeth Evans**

This is to announce the Old Buildings Spring outing on **Thursday 23rd March** organised by Lynda Boyce. This is a **trip to Markenfield Hall**, a beautiful moated medieval manor house, 'the most unspoiled surviving early fourteenth century house in all England' near Ripon for a 1.5-hour guided tour. We will then drive to nearby Ripon Cathedral where you will have the option of attending a free cello recital between 1-2pm after which we can also have a one-hour guided tour (charge). You may alternatively to just visit Ripon shops or mix and match.

Details are as follows: -

Meet Settle Cricket Club car park at 08.45am for prompt 09.00 departure, arrival time Markenfield 10.20am. Markenfield Tour 10.30 – 12.00midday. Depart Markenfield 12.15pm arrive Ripon 12.30pm. Optional Cathedral free cello recital 1.00–2.00pm. Tour of Cathedral 2.30–3.30pm needs to be pre-booked cost £5.00. Meet at coach 3.40pm for 3.45pm departure back to Settle. Approx. arrival time 5pm.

Please would you **contact Lynda** on **01729 823032** or email her bronfay@hotmail.co.uk as soon as possible if you would like to go. **Payment** can be made at the next U3A meeting on Thursday 9th February.

Cost based on a 33 seater coach is just £20.00 per person to include guided tour of Markenfield House, coach, driver's tip & U3A 50p or £25.00 including the Cathedral tour.

NB - there is no shop or refreshments at Markenfield though there are many tearooms, pubs etc. near the Cathedral when we get to Ripon.

ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

This group was treated at the last meeting by Alan King to a varied collection of his own discoveries in our area, notably at Malham Tarn, Ribbleshead and Ingleton. Neolithic flint tools, pottery fragments and tiny fragments of flint that would have been embedded into a wooden tool, all around 10,000 years ago when the last Ice Age began to retreat, were handled. Many of these have been discovered by digging up mole hills that have drawn them up to the present day surface level. Also, he showed a Bronze Age cloak pin and figurine, around 4,000 years old. Wonderful!

Chris Taylor

SPANISH GROUP

At our last meeting, Tricia brought along some of her friends from other Spanish groups who were more advanced in their conversation skills. We had prepared phrases, questions and answers to practice with them on a speed dating format! It was thoroughly enjoyed!

Chris Chandler

LUNCH GROUP

Friday, 17 February at the Game Cock, Austwick at 1 pm. Meet at Settle Cricket Club 12.30 to car share. Please contact **Anne (01729 824 844 or amw.1@btinternet.com)** to book.

GREAT LIVES

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th February (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Frank Rhodes will speak about Lord Palmerston, that great 19th century statesman, best known perhaps for his belligerent attitude in foreign affairs- "Firebrand Palmerston"! All welcome.

John Jebson

At our January meeting, John Jebson gave a well-researched and interesting talk on the life of the present Queen. She was born by Caesarean section in London in April 1926. As a child, Elizabeth spent much of her time being looked after by her nurse. During the war, she learnt to drive and became a proficient mechanic. On her 21st birthday came her pledge to serve the country and the Commonwealth. In July 1947 she was engaged to Philip Mountbatten, having refused to marry anyone else. In 1952 she became Queen on the death of George VI. 1977 saw her Silver Jubilee. The Queen described 1992, with the divorce of Charles and Diana and the fire at Windsor Castle, as an 'annus horribilis'. With the death of Diana in 1997

her popularity waned briefly. She attained her Diamond Jubilee in 2012. When the Queen reached 90 in 2016 she handed over some of her duties to Prince Charles She is now the UK's longest reigning monarch.

Keith Bradshaw