

MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING
 Thursday 11th February at 10.30am
 Coffee from 10.00am
**“A journey to Venice on the
 Orient Express”**
Mrs Ethne Bannister



“The Quiz Winners”!



Did you know...that there is a Christmas Card recycling bin in Booths? This year the Salvation Army is the beneficiary.

Seasonal “Singing for pleasure”!



The Ribblesdale Area
 Moving Picture Show

presents

CREATION (PG)
 on Friday 29th January at 7.30pm
 at
 Austwick Village Hall

www.tramps.org.uk



Theatre Trip
Ilkley Playhouse
Wednesday January 20th 2010
‘Going Straight’
Drama by Richard Harris

The coach will leave Settle Cricket Club Car park at 6.00pm. If your name is on my list will you please ensure that £16.50 per person is paid **today**.
 Cheques should be made payable to ‘Settle U3A Social Account’.
 Thank you.

Shirley Wolfenden

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends



Another fabulous December “social” I felt, with the all-round talents of Settle District U3A on display. Starting with Shirley Wolfenden’s ticklish quiz, the event then featured fine presentations from a number of our groups - Singing for pleasure, Recorders, Madrigals, German and the amazing pantomime by the French groups. Jean Lavelle’s first-class script, complemented by husband Terry’s piano accompaniment for not only this group but also for the solo singers, was a major factor in the morning’s success, as were the solo performers.

Alan Hemsworth’s monologue on the dilemma of present buying was laugh aloud funny, complimenting the songs of Audrey Daley and Michael Cullingworth. See our website for the complete collection of Frank Woodham’s super photos - a sample of which are shown elsewhere in this newsletter - and video clips of the performers (and audience members!).

This social would not be the same without the Jacob’s Join lunch and members had certainly surpassed previous efforts with a mouth-watering spread of main course and “pud” items! Grateful thanks are due to the team - Pat, Wendy, Debi and Jean - who organised the food layout, table decorations and clear-up afterwards. All in all a great success and my thanks go to all who made it so, including people whom I may have forgotten to mention by name.

I had a communication recently from a founder member of Boston U3A who advocates that nationally the word “university” be dropped from our organisation’s title, on the grounds that we have no structured learning programmes resulting in tests/exams and no recognised qualifications awarded at the end of a period of sustained study. For me this is a misreading of what we are about. I think that in our organisation, knowledge is best acquired and distributed in a flexible, self-help format. Whether in “educational” or “recreational” subjects, it’s universal.

I’m pleased that your committee unanimously rejected the idea of name change. I like Derek Hewitson’s alternative definition “You Third Agers”!

So from one Third Ager to all of you - best wishes for a happy, prosperous NewYear!

John Jebson

Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

Our first visit of the new year will be on Tuesday January 19th to the Stanley and Audrey Burton Gallery, the home of the University of Leeds Art Collection and Gallery. 'A hidden gem at the heart of the University of Leeds campus, the Stanley & Audrey Burton Gallery offers both innovative temporary exhibitions and displays treasures from the University Art Collection. **Entrance is free** for visitors to experience the University's exceptional art collection. The collection includes stunning examples of European and British painting, drawings and prints dating from the 17th century up to the present day as well as small collections of sculpture, ceramics, miniatures and photographs.' The Current Exhibition is 'A Discipline of the Mind: Drawings by Wilhelmina Barns-Graham', drawings produced between 1949 & 1993, showing her 'analytical and enquiring draughtsmanship'. Although Scottish, Barns-Graham spent most of her creative years at St Ives and her work is lively and innovative - see www.barns-grahamtrust.org.uk for comprehensively illustrated details of her life and work. For more information on the gallery and its location there is a website at www.leeds.ac.uk/gallery.

This will be a new venture for us (snow willing). The idea is to catch the 10.33 from Settle and travel to the gallery (one mile from Leeds station) by whatever means seems appropriate - by bus, on foot or by taxi. More details from Frank Gordon on 01729 824638 if required.

Frank Gordon

GREAT LIVES

'Frederick the Great' will be the subject for this month's talk.

Date & time: Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 10.30am

Venue: The Lecture Room in The Friends' Meeting House.

Jean Imrie

HERALDRY

Happy New Year to you all!

The next Beginner's Heraldry meeting will be on Thursday February 4th at 10.30am in the Victoria Hall.

On Thursday **JANUARY 21st** at 10.30am in the Victoria Hall, Peter Marshall will be giving his "annual" talk and slide presentation. His subject this year is "Heraldry in the Northern Dales". I know that this will be full of interest as usual and **any** members of U3A are welcome to come to this.

Hilary Baker

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

Reminder - the January meeting is a talk by Bill Mitchell on 'Outbarns in the Yorkshire Dales' at 2pm on Thursday 28th January in the Victoria Hall.

The February meeting is a DVD and talk about 2 Willow Road, Hampstead at 2pm on Thursday 25th February also in the Victoria Hall. This NT property is a unique and influential Modernist home from 1939 designed by Erno Goldfinger for his family. This is maybe stretching the boundaries of the group but it is a very interesting place!

Debi Burridge

SCRABBLE

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th February at 2.00pm in the Victoria Hall.

Pat Lodge

LISTENING TO MUSIC

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Monday 18th January at Smithy Croft, Rathmell, Settle (weather permitting). Contact me on 01729 840882 if in doubt.

Shirley Wolfenden

WALKING GROUPS

The Spring programme of walks is now on the website and a copy will be available in the TIC and Settle Library. Let's hope for some good walking conditions!

If there is any member of the walking groups who would still like to be included in the two-night stay at Glenthorne Quaker Centre from 20 to 22 April, please let me know as soon as possible, certainly by the end of January.

Just in case you missed the e-mail and information on the website, Glenthorne is a Country House and Conference Centre at Grasmere.

More details can be found at www.glenthorne.org

Margaret Cullingworth

First walk of the year, Thursday 7 January.

Lovely clear sky, gorgeous views, no wind to speak of, crisp snow, access roads easily walkable, a much shorter walk advertised. A really good chance to re-use (and teach?) skills learnt long ago on an Austrian snow and ice course - and my new, very posh walking pole. But no-one turned up and although sorely tempted, I knew it was unwise to go up into the local hills alone.

Alison Tyas

CARD MAKING

Due to numbers we now have two card making sessions. One is in the morning between 10 & 12; then after a frantic tidy and quick bite to eat, the other is between 1 & 3. This way I have been able to take on a few more members. We still have a jolly time and as one lady put it "You go home with something pretty to show and then send on" (although I have been told that one or two card makers like to squirrel away certain cards just to look at now and again!). Please note that the groups will meet as usual on the **third** Thursday in January (21st) but on the **fourth** Thursday in February (25th).

Wendy Newby

FRENCH GROUPS PANTOMIME

The combined efforts of the groups produced a real romp of a home-grown entertainment enjoyed as much by the participants as by the audience. By popular demand following last year's hilarious Red Riding Hood we are all very grateful to Jean Lavelle as scriptwriter & director who also had the faith in us that we would turn up trumps after only two rehearsals! We are so lucky to have so much talent in our U3A. Michael Cullingworth & Paul Slegg - excruciatingly awful Ugly Sisters garbed in Margaret Cullingworth's fantastic costumes, Kath Cochrane - cruel stepmother, Sarah Thornton - delightful Cinderella, Hilary Holdsworth - lovely Prince Charming, Olwyn - dotty Dowager Duchess Fairy Godmother & a superbly cavorting, tangoing chorus! Peter Hopper introduced the pantomime in true traditional French fashion with a speech to the audience and the three knocks (this time with a broom handle!) that signal the start. Narrator Anne Richer held everything together with David Holdsworth's computer wizardry giving the big-screen translation! What more could Bradford Alhambra offer? The two songs, I guess, would be familiar as they are set to the kind of bitter-sweet melodies that echo the words and linger in the inner ear: Plaisir d'Amour & Dites-Moi Pourquoi. Terry Lavelle on piano & Arthur Owens on accordion added greatly to the show. A good time was had by all. By the way, the audience was supposed to *learn* those words for interesting underwear but we thought it might spoil your Christmas if we gave you a test.



Olwyn Bolger