

## JANUARY THEATRE TRIP

to Ilkley Playhouse on Monday 24th January  
to see **'ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST'**  
by Dario Fo, adapted by Gavin Richards.

While the political context has changed, the play still remains a comic masterpiece, and a cautionary tale about what happens when those in authority get found out.

Names will be taken at the meeting **today** or by phone to Janet Stafford.  
Cost £10. (Payment by **Thursday 13th January**, Cheques made payable to Settle District U3A Social A/C).

The coach will leave the Cricket Club at 6pm.

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## OPEN MEETING - OLD BUILDINGS

Thursday 24th February at 2.00pm  
**VICTORIA HALL**

Robert White, Senior Historic Environment Officer for The Yorkshire Dales National Park will give an illustrated talk on 'FIELD BARNS' which are a particular feature of the Dales Landscape. There will be more details in next month's newsletter. Further information from:

**Ruth Evans 01729 825454**



Introducing two more of your committee members: Membership secretary Pat Smith and Paul Cochrane who also leads the Geology Group.

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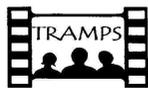
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## FEBRUARY SPEAKER MEETING

### "VILLAGE SIGNS"

Illustrated talk by  
**SHIRLEY ADDY**  
**Victoria Hall 10.30am**  
**Thursday 10th February**  
(Coffee from 10.00am)



The Ribblesdale Area  
Moving Picture Show

### 'MADE IN DAGENHAM' (15)

Sat 15th Jan 7.30pm

Victoria Institute Low Bentham

### 'ROBIN HOOD' (2010) (12A)

Sat 12th Feb 7.30pm

Victoria Institute Low Bentham

### 'THE CONCERT' (12A)

(French with sub-titles)

Wed 16th Feb 7.30pm

Victoria Hall Settle

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,  
Looking back and looking forward like the Roman god Janus is what we all tend to do at this time of year. And I am no different however hard I try to resist the temptation.



Didn't we have fun, those of us who managed to get to the Christmas party? And the spread of finger food was fabulous. Thank you to everyone who took part, joined in and helped out in any way. There are some super photos on the website. I missed out on the tidying up but caught the train down to London, avoided the student protesters and arrived safely at my husband's retirement party, wearing slightly different clothes from my panto outfit, I hasten to add. A day of contrasts!

Now on to the 3R's – after all we are members of the University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age. Actually there are more than 3: Reminders, Resolutions, Responsibility, Renewals, Regrets, Retirement! And probably many more. You can see why the last one is relevant to me. But I imagine all of us have a few regrets about last year, maybe missed opportunities or mistakes made. So this year perhaps resolve to do something new. How about trying a course at the National U3A Summer School or go to a regional event. Gillian Walton has details of these available at the back of the hall at the monthly meetings. I went to the Summer School in Cirencester last year and found it really interesting to meet other U3A members from around the country and discuss our similarities and differences.

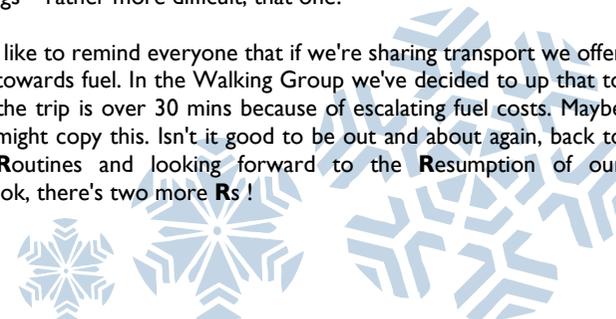
Reading the Yorkshire and The Humber Regional Newsletter there was mention of Bridlington U3A trying to be as inclusive as possible. They had contact with a group called Memory Cafe, working with people with Alzheimer's and their carers. Different U3A groups volunteered to make a presentation, to run an activity or to share expertise with the Memory Cafe. An interesting initiative I thought. My take on inclusivity is making sure we use the microphone at the monthly meetings so those using the loop system gain the benefit and trying to ensure that only one person speaks at a time in smaller meetings – rather more difficult, that one!

Finally I would like to remind everyone that if we're sharing transport we offer the driver £1 towards fuel. In the Walking Group we've decided to up that to £2 per trip if the trip is over 30 mins because of escalating fuel costs. Maybe other groups might copy this. Isn't it good to be out and about again, back to our normal Routines and looking forward to the Resumption of our groups.....oh look, there's two more Rs!

Best wishes

Debi Burridge

WALKING GROUP



## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**ART APPRECIATION:** Several of us were able to attend the Linton Court Gallery in December when Mary Gavagan showed us round the exhibition of landscapes on the theme 'Limestone, Sandstone, Millstone' by artists from Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumbria. At our group meeting on 4th January we were shown some pictures of the Elisabeth Frink figures taken at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and these generated discussion within the group, particularly in the way she presents faces.

Our next two group meetings in Victoria Hall are on 1st February and 1st March and our next gallery visits are as follows:

Tuesday 18th January - Leeds Art Gallery: exhibition of work 'Landscape into Sculpture' by Hubert Dalwood, a leading post-war British sculptor. (We will travel on the 10.32am from Settle Station).

Tuesday 15th February - Abbot Hall: 'Drawn from Life' an exhibition that looks at an expanded idea of drawing across time, continents and media.

Tuesday 15th March - Leeds Art Gallery: exhibition of work by Henry Moore. This is the final venue for this exhibition which has been seen at Tate Britain and the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

Although our meetings normally finish in March, it has also been suggested that we visit Abbot Hall on Tuesday 19th April to view the exhibition of work by Sheila Fell. Sheila was an artist from Cumberland and this exhibition will focus on her landscape and coastal paintings.

Further information about these exhibitions can be found on the Art Appreciation section of the Settle U3A website.

I would like to thank John Geale for steering us through to December and hope that I can do the same for the group over the next few months.

*Kate Helm*

### **FRENCH:** (Intermediate)

This friendly group meets twice monthly and last term seemed to fly by with only five sessions in which we tackled reflexive verbs and read the last few chapters of our Maigret detective novel 'Maigret et le Clochard' set on the banks of the Seine in which an attempt is made to murder a tramp, an ex-doctor disillusioned with life in the fast lane. Disappointingly Maigret fails to nail the suspected villain and the reader has to be content not to seek vengeance and try to adopt the peaceful philosophy of the 'clochard'.

We have lots more ideas for having fun with French and maybe learning a little this term and have space for any new members wanting to join us.

*Anne Richer*

**GREAT LIVES:** The next meeting will take place on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10.30am in the Victoria Hall. The subject will be 'Mrs Pankhurst'.

*Jean Imrie*

**HERALDRY:** U3A members are invited to the next two illustrated talks as follows: 'HERALDRY A-Z' A talk by Alan Hemsworth. Thurs Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am.

'KNOTS AND LINKS' a talk by Peter Marshall. Thurs Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am.

Both to be held at the Victoria Hall.

*Hilary Baker*

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:** The January meeting will be a visit to Salmesbury Hall on the A59 near Preston, about 45 mins away. Salmesbury Hall is a 14th century manor house with a museum, gallery and cafe. There are guided tours available at a cost of £6 but I have not booked these yet. We can have a discounted entrance fee of £2 if we go round ourselves. I would need to know numbers going to organise the guided tour - let me know (825922) if you are going and would like to do a guided tour and also if you would like transport. There are not so many of us driving sometimes and it is good to know beforehand of people wanting a lift. Please meet at the Cricket Club at 1pm Thurs 27th Jan to share transport or meet at the Hall at 2pm. *All are welcome to join in this and the February meeting - details overleaf.*

*Debi Burridge*

**WALKING GROUP:** The new programme is now on the website (copies are also in Settle Library and Tourist Information Centre) and by the time you read this the first Thursday walk will have taken place. I will try to remember to bring some hard copies to the monthly meeting. The walks will continue on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Please meet in the Cricket Club Car Park at 9.30am.

*Margaret Cullingworth*

**CIRCLE DANCING:** Starts again at 10.00am on Friday 14th January at the Langcliffe Village Hall.

*Pat and Gillian*

### **'Oh No They Didn't'**



What fun we had doing this year's Pantomime for the Christmas Entertainment! The only problem was the snow. Not only did it stop us walking but it stopped us having rehearsals! I wonder if the gathering in the Victoria Hall knew we had just managed to have one rehearsal. I think that added to our exuberance! Michael Cullingworth was, as ever, a superb Dame with her numerous children living in a Shoe and running a school there as well, inspected by a bossy Kath Cochrane.

Harry Potter, Hermione and Ron, putting in guest appearances, sent her packing and also put a spell on the landlord (Keith Waterstone) who was living up to his name, Sir Grindem Downe, and threatening to evict the Dame. He fell passionately in love with the Dame and offered to marry her and give her all he possessed. She in return offered to give him all she possessed - her many children! Thanks go to Jean Lavelle for writing the script and producing it and also to Terry Lavelle for playing the piano to accompany the songs. And many thanks also to the French Groups who pretended to be on strike and paraded with banners in true French style.

*Olwyn Bolger*

It is with sadness we report the death of Dr. John Chapman. He was a member of the Great Lives Group and gave a superb Thursday talk on his travels in the Hindu Kush area. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family on their sad loss.