

## NEW MEMBERS

Don't forget that on 23<sup>rd</sup> January you are invited to afternoon tea and cake with the committee in the Friends' Meeting House between 2.30pm - 4.30pm. The committee hopes this will be an opportunity for us to introduce ourselves, answer any questions and listen to any ideas you may have.

## ILKLEY PLAYHOUSE

**Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** There are still some spare tickets for Woody Allen's "Play it again Sam". Contact me on 01729 840882 to reserve your seat.

### ATTRactions FOR THE NEW YEAR

Janet and I would like you to express an interest in the following visits so that we can gauge whether or not to book them.

**April:** A Tour of the BBC studios at Media City Salford, (see the website). Also on that day if possible we could go to Manchester airport for a tour of Concorde.

**May:** The play Warhorse is coming to the Alhambra.

If you are interested in either of these events will you please let me know, as they have to be booked well in advance for parties. My e-mail address is

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Hoping to hear from lots of people!

**Shirley Wolfenden**

## GROUP LEADERS

Many people, both members and others just browsing, look at our website and the pages for each group to see what's going on and to find information about future meetings. Please could group leaders make sure these are up-dated regularly so that they continue to be a useful resource.

Frank Woodhams, who is the **WEBMASTER**, is the person to contact on: [f.woodhams@uea.ac.uk](mailto:f.woodhams@uea.ac.uk)



**ANNA KARENINA (12)**

Austwick Village Hall

Fri 11th Jan 7.30pm

**THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL (12)**

Cowan Bridge Village Hall

Sat 2nd Feb 7.30pm

**LAD : A YORKSHIRE STORY**

Settle Victoria Hall

Thurs 28th March 7.30pm

[www.tramps.org.uk](http://www.tramps.org.uk)

## FEBRUARY MEETING

### "MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPES"

**Peter Leeming**

Thursday 14th Feb 2013

Victoria Hall 10.30am

(Coffee from 10.00am)

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Dear Friends

I hope everyone had a happy Christmas. I think the variety performance at the December monthly meeting was a terrific start to the Christmas period. Thank you to everyone who took part and, or, helped to make it such a good event.

And now it's a **new** year with **new** things to think about. The committee invites all **new members** to this U3A group to afternoon tea at the Friend's Meeting House on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. New members include anyone who joined us since April 2012. Personal invitations are being sent out by e-mail to those people for whom we have an e-mail address and by hand or post to everyone else. It is an opportunity to meet each other and for new members to ask questions and share any thoughts or ideas



about this U3A.

A **new innovation** with effect from February will be the presence of a suggestions box at monthly meetings. The committee hopes that this will ensure everyone feels that they can put forward ideas and suggestions to improve our U3A. Of course we still want you to talk to us! It's just that sometimes people feel it is easier to put their thoughts on paper and sometimes it is easier for the committee to discuss suggestions if they are on paper. We hope this innovation will be a way of enhancing communication within our U3A.

A **new group**, Roman Archaeology, is to start up soon. Further information about an initial meeting is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. Please remember anyone can volunteer to run a new group. You decide how often the group will meet and whether the group will continue beyond a limited number of meetings. You don't need to be an expert in a field to start a new group, just have a real interest in the subject or activity.

Also **new** this year is a suggestion that U3A members who take part in outdoor activities for example with the walking or geology groups should provide **ICE** (In Case of Emergency) **details** to the leader of the group on the day. The suggestion is simply a sensible one in case of an accident, which we all hope won't happen, - but better safe than sorry. ICE details should include the name and contact details of the person to be notified in the event of your having an accident that necessitates your being taken to hospital.

If you want to do something **different** this year why not consider attending a U3A summer school or event? Please look on our U3A website and use the links there to find out what is happening in our Yorkshire and Humber Region or being organised by the Third Age Trust. If you do not have access to the internet remember these events are advertised in the Third Age Trust magazine and if there is room this monthly newsletter will remind you about the need to register your interest in attending. And finally, on behalf of the committee, **Happy New Year** everyone!

Nita



## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**ART APPRECIATION:** In December we found out about the life and work of American portrait painter, Alice Neel. Using a DVD from the national resource centre, we learned about her bohemian, often difficult lifestyle and her obsession with painting. Her struggle to bring up two sons as a single mother was finally rewarded towards the end of her life when she was awarded public recognition for her art and her influence as a feminist and social commentator through the hundreds of portraits she painted. She certainly made an impact on those who sat for her, including Andy Warhol. Looking ahead, our February speaker, Peter Leeming, will be bringing some of his cards to sell. I'm sure they will be stunning so do remember to bring a little extra cash!  
**Kate Helm**

**CIRCLE DANCING:** The first meeting this term will take place at 10.00am on 11th Jan in The Victoria Hall.  
**Gillian and Pat**

**GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP:** The next session will be on 22nd January, a week later than normal. We will meet in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall at 14:00. The talk will be "**How the Age of the Earth was Determined**". This is an intriguing tale of many great thinkers piecing together ideas and findings over the past 250 years to arrive at the position known today.  
**Paul Cochrane**

**GREAT LIVES:** We meet on Jan 16th 2013 at 11am when the subject will be "Napoleon".  
**Jean Imrie**

**HERALDRY:** The next meeting for everyone interested will be "The Heraldry of the Battle of Bosworth" (illustrated). We will meet in the Victoria Hall on Thursday January 17th at 10.30am. The next beginners class will be on Thursday February 7th at 10.30am also in the Victoria Hall. Peter Marshall will be giving his annual illustrated talk on Thursday 21st February, again in the Victoria Hall. Everyone is welcome to these talks. More details next month.  
**Hilary Baker**

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:** Note the date! Thursday 31st January. I suggest a visit to the Haworth Art Gallery in Accrington, weather permitting. The Gallery is housed in a Tudor-style Edwardian house – a fine example of the Arts and Crafts movement. We do not have to book. It is fully accessible with free admission and parking. I have checked it is open and I think there is a café! The gallery is home to the world famous collection of Tiffany Glass. This visit is open to anyone who would like to come but perhaps you could let me, Debi Burrridge 825922, know if you are thinking of joining us there at 2pm (or 1pm at the Cricket Club to share cars). The February meeting, a talk by Kate Helm about Manningham in Bradford, will be at the Victoria Hall on Thursday 28th at 2pm.  
**Debi Burrridge**

## SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (SciETc):

I looked at past programmes and noticed that our January meetings had taken the form of individual members each saying a few words about what aspect of science or technology had made the most impression on them during the previous year. I had forgotten that tradition, and propose to revive it for our January meeting this year on the 15th. I hope that you do not mind this being sprung on you, and if you really have nothing to contribute, it really does not matter, but please give a little reflection on the year just ended and bring us a few thoughts on its significance from a scientific perspective. I will arrange to have the projector, and internet access, so if you want to illustrate using websites, or stuff on a flash memory stick, it will be easy to do so.

Quantum Perspectives will now happen in February - probably. Seems very appropriate to have its position in the calendar somewhat uncertain :-)

**David Holdsworth**

*You may recall the amusing 'Scientific' poems which entertained us at the Christmas Social - here are two of them: They are all published on the U3A website. (Ed)*

If a spherical body is dropped from a tower  
And its mass is one fifth of a pound,  
And it gets up a speed of x furlongs an hour  
by the time that it reached the ground;  
If the force due to gravity's half of one ounce,  
And the work done is given in Watts;  
If the height and the average speed of the bounce  
Are given in sea miles and knots  
And if D is the depth of the dent in the ground  
That it made when the molecules stopped it,  
And the net rise in temperature has to be found -  
Then who was the idiot who dropped it?  
(remembered by Chris)



Big fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em  
And little fleas have smaller fleas, and so ad infinitum.  
(Ogden Nash)

## PROPOSED NEW ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

### "Looking forward to the Past"

Are you interested in Roman remains in Britain? Know anything about Settle being on a Roman road? Keen to join like-minded U3A members in setting up an Archaeology Group where we can have illustrated presentations, talks, site visits perhaps or to simply chat about Roman matters?

We are trying to set up just such a Group in 2013 and to test the water, so to speak, we are having an initial meeting on Monday 28th January at 2:00p.m. in the Victoria Hall, Castleberg Room where any comment, offer of assistance, expressions of interest will be noted and acted upon.

Contact **Tony Burnett** on (01729) 824071 or email [ant.09@btinternet.com](mailto:ant.09@btinternet.com) if you are interested, or just come along on the day to find out more.