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# SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the chair

**Dear Fellow Members,**

A very Happy New Year to everyone from your Committee and myself. I guess that the rain will stop at some point so that we can resume our full range of activities. Particularly affected has been the Walking Group with many planned walks having to be cancelled due to the extremely wet conditions. However, we'll be able to reschedule those walks. Let's hope that we can resume our romping across the hills in the near future.

In this Chairperson's note I would like to draw your attention to the Settle District U3A Welfare Statement. It has been on our Website from November 2015 so please have a look at it if you've not already done so. Whilst our U3A is not a social service we do want to be viewed and experienced as a caring organisation. We know that much informal assistance takes place between members currently and long may that continue. My special plea to everyone is that each of us should think about fellow members who might need help to get to Groups or to Thursday Meetings to see if we can assist. Also perhaps Group Leaders could keep a weather eye on their group memberships to see if any of their members might require help. Again, if you know of any Settle U3A member who might like some help, due to illness or due to significant change please feel free to have a quiet word with myself or with any member of the Committee.

Before I finish I would like to say what a wonderful December meeting we had, thanks to everyone's efforts. I hope 2016 will be a really good U3A year for us all.

**Ian Tennant**

**February Meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Victoria Hall  
'Local Date Stones' with Mike Slater  
(Coffee from 10am)**

## U3A National Workshop Series 2016

The Third Age Trust is offering an extended series of national workshops across the UK in 2016 which will be run by members of the Training & Development team. These are partially in response to demand, with some updates of earlier successful workshops but all are geared towards maintaining the U3A ethos and helping members to manage their U3As more effectively.

The first set of workshops is available for booking now but you can also register your interest in the second and third of the series and you will be notified as soon as bookings are open for them.

Details of the **Legal Helpline Service Provider** for U3A members and **Regional News** are on the website for those interested.

So far there has been only one person contact Debi Burrige about the possibility of a **Lunch Group** - anyone else now we're into the new year?

**Summer Showcase** – Maybe your group is interested in going - email [showcase@YAHRU3A.co.uk](mailto:showcase@YAHRU3A.co.uk)  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 Sharing interests with other 47 U3As in our region at Askham Bryan College

*Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to: Chris Taylor  
[christine@castlebergh.plus.com](mailto:christine@castlebergh.plus.com) Tel: 01729 823975  
Submissions will be acknowledged by email*



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.45 pm Settle Victoria Hall

**Addicted to Sheep**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January Settle Victoria Hall

**Force Majeure (15)**

**POSTPONED**

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### GREAT LIVES

At our December meeting Keith Bradshaw gave us a comprehensive account of the life and work of Albert Einstein, born a German, but later took Swiss then American citizenship. His Special Theory of Relativity (1905) defined the relationship between mass and energy with that most famous equation –  $E=mc^2$ . His later General Theory of Relativity (1916) showed how gravity could be explained by the warping of space and time near very massive objects together with the origin of black holes. Keith succeeded in making the physics and the work of a genius like Einstein very intelligible to non-scientists in the group, no mean achievement !!

By complete contrast I will be giving my somewhat delayed thoughts on Nelson the man and his relationship with Emma Hamilton at our next meeting - Wed.20th January at 11.00am Victoria Hall  
*John Jebson*

### BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS

We have had an average of ten members coming to Langcliffe Village Hall each Friday. There have been lots of laughs as we try to play like we used to do in days gone by and sometimes forget the score or who served last!

New members are welcome to join us at Langcliffe village Hall on Fridays from 8th January. **Badminton 10.00- 11.00 Table Tennis 11.00 – 12.00** (Bring rackets etc. if you have them *not essential*.) Each recreational sport session £1.00.  
*Tony Carroll*

### SOCIOLOGY

There is the possibility of a leader for a Sociology group. Anyone interested in this, please could they let Debi Burridge ([debi.burridge@gmail.com](mailto:debi.burridge@gmail.com) 01729825922) know.

### LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

The visit on Thursday 28th January will be to Parcevall Hall near Appletreewick. Please meet at the Cricket Club at 12.30 p.m. to car share. The cost will be £12.00 to include tour and tea

and cakes. Please let Michael Cullingworth know if you would like to attend so that he can confirm numbers and also whether you could offer or need a lift. **Telephone 01729 823978/e-mail: [curlycully@uwclub.net](mailto:curlycully@uwclub.net).**

The visit on Thursday February 25th will be to Manchester following on from the successful one in May when it was possible to incorporate more than one venue. A 33-seater Bibby's coach has been booked (anticipated cost £13.00 to include driver's tip & U3A 50p if we fill the coach) to leave Settle at 9.00am. Possible venues are the John Rylands Library (self-guided - no charge), which would take probably an hour; the Cathedral (free entry) & the Manchester Art Gallery (also free entry) which offers 1 hour tours at 2.00pm. These are all within walking distance of the city centre and in addition there is a schedule of daily Manchester Guided Walks which leave from the Central Library normally at 11.00am (cost £8.00 - no booking required) though one of these **it may be possible to arrange at 1.30pm** to the John Rylands Library who no longer operate their own on Thursdays as last year. I will take names at the January Speaker Meeting on Thursday & will collect money at the following one on February 11th. For further details please contact me on **01729 822631.**  
*Richard Pike*

### REGIONAL EVENTS

These are advertised regularly in the newsletter and at the Thursday meetings. Since September I've been to two fantastic ones. The first was an interesting free lecture and hands-on experience of a polarising microscope in the department of Earth sciences at Leeds University - just like a real student. The other was a study day in Ilkley about 'Railways and the Arts'. Both of these were organised by Ilkley U3A. Neither event was difficult to get to or expensive. Both were very worthwhile and wonderful opportunities. Next time you see such an event mentioned do think about going if you can.  
*Debi Burridge*