



AUGUST MEETING

COFFEE AND CHAT RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Enrol for the 2011-2012 session.
Bring your friends and encourage
them to join too.

**THURSDAY 11th AUGUST
VICTORIA HALL**

**10.30 am
Coffee Free!**

DATES FOR YOUR SOCIAL DIARY

ANNUAL DINNER at the Falcon Manor
Settle on Friday 16th September 7pm for
7.30. Two course meal £15 including tip for
staff.

Menu choices will be available at the Coffee
and Chat meeting in August.
Contact Janet Stafford on 825449.

ANNUAL TRIP to The Theatre by the Lake
at Keswick. Wednesday 12th October to see
Noel Coward's 'HAYFEVER'. More details at
the Coffee and Chat meeting in August.
Contact Shirley Wolfenden on 840882.

Finally the last two pictures
from the current committee:



Derek Hewitson
looks after IT...



...and Sue Simpson
who edits the newsletter
with the help of
Elizabeth Evans

It is with sadness that we report the death of U3A member
John Mayall of Giggleswick.

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

I hear that the outing to Lyme
Park went very well with good
weather and an interesting place
to visit. A shame I couldn't go. I
may be missing a few more events
in the near future, including the
next couple of monthly meetings
because of unavoidable
commitments – many apologies in
advance. In my absence I'm sure everything will run very
smoothly with the rest of the committee rallying round.



Talking of the committee, we need new members to
volunteer/be volunteered! Some people run a mile at the
mere mention of a committee. I can understand their

reluctance to 'get involved'. Of course it means another meeting to fit
in; another block of time allocated. At the moment the committee
meetings are on a Monday morning but could be rearranged. And
sometimes we have to have other discussions but a lot can be done
by email or phone. It is not too onerous a task, honestly! It is always
good to have new blood and new ideas coming in. About a third of
the committee is due to step down this year. So continuity will be
assured and the task of learning what goes on behind the scenes of
our U3A will be easier for the new people. Change is good in
moderation. Please consider joining the committee yourself, or if you
think someone else would be an enthusiastic member suggest that
they join, or speak to a current committee member if you want to
know more.

I did enjoy the last monthly speaker's talk about the Snowdon
Mountain Railway. It brought back many happy memories of walking
to the top about 30 years ago. I missed a chance to ride the railway
on a recent visit to North Wales. We arrived at the base station on a
glorious clear day just in time for the last train to the top and back. It
seemed a bit of a rush so we thought we'd leave it to the next
day.....you can guess the rest can't you? Yes, the weather changed and
it was cloudy and wet! Shortly after the talk in June I noticed the
headlines about snow at the top of Snowdon. It just goes to show you
should seize the moment – Carpe Diem! Perhaps that should make
you think about a committee role. Who knows what it might lead to?

Best wishes,
Debi Burrige

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION:

Yorkshire and The Humber Region Regional Study Day

I have recently received information about this Study Day which will be held on Tuesday 23rd August in The Arundel Room, Millennium Galleries, Sheffield. The day is entitled John Martin: Painter of the Apocalypse. He was born in Haydon Bridge, Northumberland in 1789 and the Study Day ties in with a major exhibition of his work in the Millennium Galleries. The Study Day is led by Dr Barbara Morden and costs £6 to include tea and coffee but not lunch. Places are limited but if anyone is interested in attending (you don't have to be a member of the Art Appreciation group) please contact me on 823537 or at the July monthly meeting and I will give you all the details.

Current art exhibitions worth a visit if you have time - the Mercer Gallery, Harrogate has a major exhibition entitled Atkinson Grimshaw: Painter of Moonlight (until 4th September) and Abbot Hall has an exhibition by American artist R.B.Kitaj called Portraits and Reflections. It is also showing The Great Picture Triptych, an enormous work, commissioned by Lady Anne Clifford, and which has never been shown in its entirety at Abbot Hall due to its size. Don't forget our own Linton Court Gallery too.

If you have visited any interesting galleries or exhibitions over the group's 'break' period, please keep any literature so that it can be shared with the rest of the group when we resume in October.

Kate Helm

CIRCLE DANCING:

We have arranged a circle dance at Langcliffe Institute on Saturday afternoon 16th July from 2.0 - 4.30pm with a break for tea and biscuits, cost £3. This is open to anyone, beginners welcome, no partner needed. Contact Gillian 822781 or Pat 823342.

Gillian and Pat

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP:

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th July at 14:00** when my intention is to go to look at the geology trail at Salthill Quarry, Clitheroe. The plan is to meet in the Cricket Club Car Park. If the weather is inclement we will be in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall. The topic for the wet weather session will be "Volcanism and Volcanic Rocks".

Paul Cochrane

HERALDRY:

We will meet on Thursday July 28th (please note change of week) at 9.30a.m. at the Cricket Club. We will visit Wensley, Richmond and 2 or 3 other points north depending on time. It will be a full day. If you know beforehand that you are coming please could you give me a ring (840609)

Hilary Baker

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

On Thursday 25th August we will be visiting Stonyhurst College, a grade 1* listed building, and gardens, grade 2* listed, with a tour at 2pm costing £5.50 per person, payable on the day. We need at least 15 people in the group. The College is about 45 minutes from Settle just outside the village of Hurst Green on the B6243 between Clitheroe and Longridge. Refreshments are available there. Meet at the Cricket Club at 1pm to share transport. (Tel 825922)

Debi Burridge



A fake screen hiding scaffolding takes the place of the East Window

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS -THE JUNE VISIT

Fifteen members of the group enjoyed a very interesting tour of the York Glaziers' Studio in the Bedern (Prayer) Chapel. We were met by our guide, Sister Janette, who first took us to view slides of a section of the Great East Window before and after conservation. The window was taken out in 2008 and the conservation is expected to take five years. In the studio we

were told about the various processes being used to clean and restore the glass and were able to watch two technicians at work. It was interesting to learn that some of the previously used

mending leads were being removed to make the window lighter and that in the finished window the glass pieces will be adhered to optical lens glass to protect them. All the pieces of glass that are taken out and not re-used are labelled and archived.



It takes 600 hours to repair each panel!

Margaret Cullingworth

WALKING GROUP:

Thursday 16th June was forecast to be wet so only 6 of us turned up for the walk. Instead, the day got steadily warmer and we enjoyed a glorious walk in a loop from Slaidburn, through Shay Wood to Myttons, across a beautiful wild flower meadow and on to Dunsop Bridge for lunch. The afternoon saw us return via Newton to the tea rooms at Slaidburn. The walk was enhanced by the first-hand knowledge of the area of the leader, Margaret Brenchley, who grew up there and was even able to find us a spot for our coffee break in the garden of a local resident!

Kate Helm

Membership fees are increasing to £15 per person per annum from this August. But we encourage those who are able to pay more. The financial situation will be reviewed each year and fees may have to rise again. Now the good news - We have had our Gift Aid application approved. We hope as many members as possible sign up for this when they renew their membership in August as this is a great way for us to raise extra income.

Debi