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Letter from the chair

Dear Fellow Members,

We are now looking forward to the final Thursday Meeting of the 2015/2016 U3A year which is on Thursday 14 July. After this we come to our Open Meeting on Thursday 11 August when there is enrolment for 2016/2017 together with the signing-up process for next year's group activities.

Also I would like to draw your attention to the Call for Nominations for Officers and Committee Members for Settle District U3A Committee for next year.

Our current Committee Members have done a grand job this year and our thanks and appreciation goes out to them for their commitment and hard work.

We shall need at least 3 new Committee Members for next year so it would be good if you would consider putting yourself forward. Nominations (with a U3A seconder) should be sent to our Secretary - Pat Taylor - by 28 August. This is an opportunity for you to assist with all the processes which help to keep Settle District U3A functioning as a strong, vibrant, and forward-looking organisation.

Ian Tennant

August Meeting: Thursday 11th August in the Victoria Hall and The Friends' Meeting House

Open Meeting for enrolment and signing-up for groups (Coffee from 10am)

From the Membership Secretary

It's time to renew for our next year 2016/17. The form for renewals is on the website at <http://www.settledistrictu3a.org.uk/u3a/HowToJoin1.htm> and can be downloaded from there.

On-line renewal is also available from the same page.

Since we joined the network of local U3As, called WestNet, (Craven, Ilkley Keighley and Bradford) it is not necessary for members of those U3As to join Settle U3A to come to any of our group meetings. Of course it will be necessary to contact the Group Leader through the Group Coordinator (currently Debi Burrige) to make sure that there is room in the group for them. Similarly members of Settle U3A can attend any groups in the network U3As with the same condition of contacting the relevant Group Coordinator, whose contact details can be found on the relevant U3A website. The websites for the network groups are:-

Craven <http://www.cravenu3a.co.uk/>

Ilkley <http://www.ilkleyu3a.org/> **Bradford** <http://u3asites.org.uk/bradford/welcome>

Keighley not available

Gift Aid is a significant part of our income so if you are a tax payer please consider signing the forms so that we can claim it back. If a couple are joining and only one of them is a tax payer then he or she can pay the full amount for both. For the gift aid applicant enter the full payment for both and the none tax payer enter £0 as the payment with a note indicating who is paying.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES

Another good year with many varied and interesting subjects covered by this group. I would wish to express my grateful thanks to all group members (and guests!) who made it possible by their research. We now take a break for the two summer months and resume our discussions on Wednesday, September 21st. Full details to follow in a later newsletter.

John Jebson

John Jebson spoke about the life of Charles Edward Stuart- Bonnie Prince Charlie – during our June meeting. He was encouraged to rebel against the English throne by the French who never gave him practical support by sending troops. Charles raised his standard at Glenfinnan in August 1745 and marched south, defeating the English at Prestonpans, near Edinburgh. He reached Derby in December 1745 but was

persuaded by his generals to retreat. He was finally defeated at Culloden, near Inverness, in April 1746 by the Duke of Cumberland – 'Butcher Cumberland'. Charles then became a fugitive but managed to escape to France, spending his last days living a life of debauchery in Rome, a sad end for such a romantic figure. After the Jacobite rebellion came a period of intense repression of the clan system and the whole highland way of life.

Keith Bradshaw

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

The Looking at Old Buildings group visit to Richmond took place on EU Referendum Day, 23 June 2016. Thankfully the only crisis of our day was that all the public loos in town were closed! Our local guide took us straight to the Town Hall where the Mayor, Cllr Russell Lord, welcomed us and showed us the serious and fun features of the Council Chamber. In particular he pointed out the Royal Charter, which must be on view at meetings for decisions to be legal. He also passed around his historic mayoral gold chain of office for close inspection.

Next was a brief history of the town by our guide and a walk to see some of the features – including Friar's Wynd, a narrow lane, originally used for townsfolk to get water from the well in Friary Gardens. It also has the remains of an iron rail track used by a local iron-monger to get stock into his premises from the market place. Anecdotes about the historic houses along Newbiggin rounded off our morning.

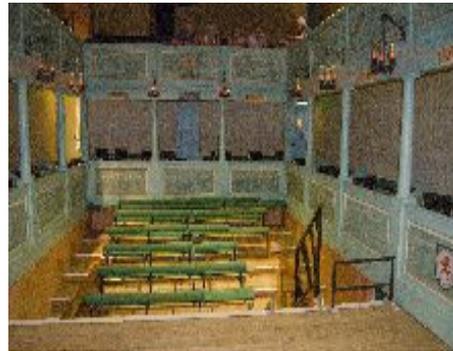
After lunch we had a guided tour of the Georgian Theatre Royal. It is Britain's most complete Georgian playhouse and was built by actor-manager Samuel Butler in 1788. In use until 1830 it was then used as an auction room and wine vaults. It wasn't until 1960

that a public appeal was launched and restoration began. A Grade I Listed building, it reopened in 1963. Further major restoration works, including the addition of a museum, began in 2002 and it re-opened once again in 2003. It now has a regular programme of musical and theatrical productions.

It is a typical eighteenth-century country playhouse. The seats are arranged in rectangular form: sunken pit, boxes on three sides and a small gallery above. The current seating capacity today of 214 is only half the original number. The furthest seat is under 11m from the stage. Performers and theatre goers are therefore in very close proximity!

Thanks go to Anne Webster for organising a fascinating day and beautiful weather and to the drivers who took us there when reduced numbers meant a coach wasn't a viable option.

Chris Chandler



There will not be a visit this month, 28th July, so the next event on our calendar will be the U3A Open Morning on Thursday 11th August. If anyone could loan or send by e-mail photos from any of this year's visits for display at this event, we would be most grateful. We then start the 2016/2017 session with our Planning Meeting which will be held on 22nd September at 2.00pm in the Victoria Hall. Already we have a member who is in the process of investigating one of our early visits which will be for only a limited number – so WATCH THIS SPACE & bring along your offers/ideas!

Ruth & Elizabeth

THEATRE TRIP TO HARROGATE PIRATES OF PENZANCE SATURDAY 6TH

AUGUST The price is £44 including stalls seat and coach, leaving from the Cricket Club 10.30 am for the matinee at 2pm. This is the final notice. Phone Michael Cullingworth 01729 823978

LUNCH GROUP

We had a very enjoyable lunch at Knight Stainforth with delicious food and convivial conversation. Please note that the next lunch will be on Friday, 22 July at Holden Clough Kitchen Garden Cafe, Bolton-by-Bowland at 1.00 pm. Meet at 12.15 at Settle Cricket for car sharing. If you would like to come along please let me know asap as numbers are very limited. 01729 824 844 or amw.1@btinternet.com

Anne Webster

BOOK GROUP

Our July book is William Wilberforce by William Hague. We've had a full and varied reading year with great discussions. The one thing leads to the other it seems! Our July book is William Wilberforce by William Hague. Biographies, novels old and new – and endless opportunities to consider what we think of them, will continue after September. New book lovers are always welcome.

Jackie Allott

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by

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