



Registered Charity No 1095635

Letter from the chair

Hello,

We had our second Publicity Event at Settle Co-op in June, which we hope gave more local people (as well as visitors to Settle who were U3A Members in other areas!) a chance to see what we do. A big 'thank you' to all who helped.

Please remember next month - AUGUST 9TH - is our OPEN SESSION where we can meet for coffee, register for the coming year and peruse and sign up for Groups. (This can also, of course, be done on-line). There will be established favourites plus some new interests to explore. Take a look on our Website for Debi's updates, if you can. However, don't forget also to spread the word - bring a friend! 'Word of mouth' is perhaps the best publicity of all.

If anyone is interested or has already expressed an interest in joining the Committee, please confirm this by talking with Anne, Secretary. She will need Nominations (with a Secunder) by mid-August. Our A.G.M., is on 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018. We need three new Committee Members for next year, which is a real opportunity to help keep our U3A relevant and forward-thinking. We are also looking for another wonderful person to take over managing our Website - a role which is now temporarily being held, following Paul Cochrane's retirement.

As summer unfolds many Groups (but not all) have taken a break until September or October. I have really enjoyed visiting Groups - there are many more and I know each are lively and very actively engaged in what they do.

WestNet - Ilkley & District U3A hosted a History Trail and Supper in June. A few from Settle District, along with people from all the other five area U3A's were there on a perfect summer evening. We did think Settle District could put on a very interesting and special History Trail for 2019 - so watch this space.

You may be interested in National U3A Summer Schools and if you have planned to go it would be good to hear your feedback. Looking ahead, there might be future Development Days regionally which interest you. Please contact Committee Members for more information.

Best wishes,
Jackie

SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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August Meeting: Thursday 9th August in the Victoria Hall
OPEN MEETING FOR JOINING, RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP
AND SIGNING UP FOR GROUPS

Coffee from 10am



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Wed 1st August at 7.45pm Settle Victoria Hall
AFTER THE STORM (PG)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by
FRIDAY 3rd August 2018 to: Chris Taylor christine@castlebergh.plus.com Tel: 01729 823975
Copy will be acknowledged by email. Wherever possible, the full account is used but
occasionally it is necessary to edit the piece for the printed copy.
The full submissions will be used on the website version.

NEWS FROM AND FOR THE GROUPS

THEATRE TRIPS

Here is the updated list of my theatre trips. I have had to tighten up on payment times and latest booking dates. **The larger theatres are now asking for payment 4 months in advance, hence the change.**

Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore

Saturday 11th August, Harrogate Price £45.00

Payment due 1st June

Calendar Girls

Wednesday 29th August, Leeds Price £54.00

Payment due 10th June

Single Spies, Alan Bennett

Thursday 27th September, Keswick price

£35.00 Payment due 1st August

Miss Saigon

Wednesday 10th October, Bradford

Price £68.00 Payment due June 30th

Jeeves and Wooster

Saturday 27th October, Keswick

Price £35.00 Payment due 18th August

Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake

Thursday 8th November, Bradford

Price £45.00 Payment due 1st September

Beauty and the Beast

Saturday 5th January 2019, Keswick

Price £35.00 Payment due October 5th

Matilda NB CHANGES HERE FROM ORIGINAL POSTING

Wednesday 6th March 2019, Bradford

Price £69.00 Payment due 1st November

Bookings can be made on 01729 823978 or email: michaelcullingworth@gmail.com

Cheques should be made payable to Settle Rotary Club, and sent to 7 Townhead Croft, Settle BD249LG Price includes stalls seat, coach and drivers tip. Coach departs Settle cricket club 10.30am for Leeds & Bradford and 9.30am for Keswick **Michael Cullingworth**

BRIDGE GROUP

Anyone interested in playing bridge is warmly invited to a Bridge Taster Evening to be run by Settle Bridge Club on Thursday 12th July from 6.00pm at St John's Hall, Church Street, Settle, BD24 9JH. If you already play duplicate bridge you will be welcome to join the club but if you are new to bridge, a novice or play contract bridge it will be suggested that you join our bridge group. For further details please ring me on (01729) 268201 and/or click [here](#).

Frank Rhodes

WINE TASTING GROUP

This new group will start in September, leader Anne Webster. It is envisaged that the group will meet once a month in the evening at a member's house. Times and dates to be arranged. Look out for further details at the open meeting.

GREAT LIVES

At our June meeting Ian Gray gave a very interesting talk about Emile Zola who was born in Paris in 1840 and spent his youth in Aix en Provence. Returning to Paris he was unemployed for two years and lived in extreme poverty. Eventually he obtained a job as a clerk and wrote articles for periodicals. He left his job to pursue a literary career writing a series of twenty novels from 1868 to 1893 about a family, the Rougon-Macquart, living in the second Empire, the most well-known being *Germania* and *La Bête Humaine*. He became involved in the Dreyfus affair in which Dreyfus was falsely accused and imprisoned for passing military secrets to the Prussians and later acquitted. Zola wrote a letter to a newspaper accusing the prosecution of falsifying the evidence. Zola died in 1902 of carbon monoxide poisoning due to a blocked chimney. He is buried at the Pantheon together with many other great literary figures.

Keith Bradshaw

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB) TRIP TO MORCAMBE THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2018 REPORT:

A nearly full minibus of enthusiasts set off from Settle on what turned out to be a dry and reasonably sunny day. Our first point of call was the newly restored Midland Hotel on Morcambe's seafront. Originally built by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (LMS) in 1933 by the architect Oliver Hill, the hotel fell into disrepair after it closed in 1998. It was vandalised and looked very forlorn with broken windows for some 10 years. Happily it was finally saved and restored and re-opened in 2008 to much acclaim and is now a Grade II* Listed Building. We were taken on a tour by our very enthusiastic guide who explained the marvellous sculptures by Eric Gill, especially the 6 tonnes of Portland stone of 'Odysseus Welcomed from the Sea by Nausicaa' located behind the Reception Desk. Also a large wall relief map of the Lake District and Lancashire Coast. The beautiful cantilevered staircase

which winds itself from bottom to top of the hotel was pretty impressive and it wasn't difficult to image the likes of Coco Chanel, Sir Laurence Olivier and Noel Coward along with many others gracing its steps and polished handrail.

After a break for lunch we met up for a very extensive tour behind the scenes of The Wintergardens, a spacious Grade II* listed Victorian Theatre – a Heritage Restoration Project. Opened in 1897 it hosted hundreds of shows and a galaxy of stars. The many stained glass panels were beautiful. Though now a red brick exterior, it was apparently once white! Our guides split us into 2 groups and we were taken up to the 'Gods', out on the exterior front balcony to admire the views to the Lakes and all around the interior and backstage. It was fascinating to see the scenery drops from above. Perhaps the highlight was to stand centre stage where many famous stars had stood including Laurel & Hardy, Tony Hancock, Shirley Bassey, Billy Connolly and even The Rolling Stones to name a few before it's closure in 1977. The Friends of the Wintergardens continue to campaign and raise funds towards restoration, a huge undertaking which has so far included extensive work to restore the façade, roof and interior timbers. Many thanks to Rosemary and Heather for organizing the trip - a great day out!

Lynda

Boyce

