

ASKHAM BRYAN - 'BIG BASH'
Wednesday 15th August 2012

U3As in Yorkshire are getting together at Askham Bryan. The event will open at 10.00 am for tea and coffee and then at 10.30 am groups will perform or be on hand to give advice on their own group work. A few of the things available:- Choirs, Line dancing, Circle dancing, Square dancing and Folk dancing, Recorders, Play Reading, 'Silver Dream Bikers', History Group, Bridge, Philosophy, Digital Photography, Calligraphy, Knitting, Mah Jong, Scrabble, Art, Card Making, Card Games, Croquet, Bowling, Drama Workshop, Tai Chi, Guided Bird Walks and many other displays. Settle U3A has a 53 seater coach going from Whitefriars at 8.30 am (returning at 4.00 pm) the cost is £10. If anyone is interested we have twenty places left. Please contact me on 01729 825107 or email cmholland468@btinternet.com.

Kate Holland

JULY SPEAKER MEETING
VOLUNTARY WORK
IN CAMBODIAN ORPHANAGES
"SUCH A GOOD DEED?"

Ms JANE REAS
Thursday 12th July 2012
Coffee served from 10.00am



'THE IRON LADY' (12)
Fri 29th June
Langcliffe Institute
7.30 pm
www.tramps.org.uk

...and for your SOCIAL DIARY...

We are now taking bookings and payment for the Lunch on Wednesday 11th July in the Conservatory Restaurant at the Plough at Wigglesworth. Time: 12-30 for 1pm

This will be a two course meal with tea or coffee to follow and the cost, including the tip, is £14-50. Menus are now available for you to make your choices so that we can order in advance and there is a vegetarian option. Please contact me, Janet Stafford on 01729825449 if you wish to come. Cheques made payable please to Settle District U3A Social A/C. 1 Birchwood Close, Settle BD24 9RJ. Looking forward to seeing you.

Janet Stafford

A reminder from Shirley: 'Payment for the Richmond trip is now due.'

U3A JAZZ STUDY DAY 2012

The U3A Jazz Appreciation Network is holding a **Jazz Study Day** on **Wednesday 4th July** at The American Church in London (Tottenham Court Road), 11.00 – 16.00. Cost £20. The theme of the day is **'How Jazz Works'**. Full details are on the sheets available at the June monthly meeting or from Kate Helm (823537 or katehelm1@btinternet.com)

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,
Now the Jubilee celebrations are all finished we can concentrate on the next two events that are on the horizon, the 10th anniversary of Settle District U3A and birthday party on Thurs 26 July, and the Regional 'Big Bash' at Askham Bryan on Wed 13 August. The plans for the former are nearing completion. I have had quite a few offers of cakes etc., but more would be appreciated. The venue is in the garden of Giggleswick Vicarage from 2pm – 5pm. All members welcome.



The venue for the latter is at Askham Bryan Agricultural College on the A64 about 5 miles south of York. There is ample coach and car parking. So far 90 groups from 24 U3As in the Yorkshire and Humberside region will be performing, demonstrating or exhibiting a range of U3A activities. A full programme with location map will be available on arrival. Exhibitors may set up on the previous day or early on the day itself. Visitors may arrive from 10am (tea and coffee available) and the official opening will be at 10.30 am. The event will close at 4pm.

The venue is a collection of closely-connected buildings set in landscaped gardens. Visitors with limited mobility can access all parts of the site except for the tiered lecture theatre and the first floor of the headquarters building. Picnickers are welcome and additional seating will be available on the lawns. It is hoped a canteen style lunch can be purchased from the refectory and light refreshments bought at mobile units in the grounds – to be confirmed. There are no parking or admission charges for exhibitors or visitors, but donations on the day will be welcome. Do check out the YAHR website for further details, location map and any alterations to arrangements. More information will be in the August edition of YAHR News. (More info inside).

Back to more domestic matters. It is that time of year when we are thinking about what groups we might have in the next session 2012 – 2013. If you are thinking of starting a new group or would like some help with an idea, don't forget you can speak to any member of the committee, or email the groups' co-ordinator, Paul Cochrane. We are looking closely at the timetable and room usage of all the groups, and it would be very helpful to know how many weeks they run for and whether they finish at Easter, for example, or go on into the summer. Please keep Paul informed.

Best wishes
Debi Burrige

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Our next session will be on Tuesday 19th June at 14:00 - we will unfortunately have to meet in the Castleberg Room at Victoria Hall whatever the weather as I will be unable to lead a walk. I am intending to give the second half of the Solar System talk - the first part was in April. We also need to discuss a program for next year if we are intending to continue with the group.

Paul Cochrane

GREAT LIVES: This month's talk will take place on Wed. 20th June at 10.30. The subject will be "Sir Stanley Baldwin". All are welcome to attend.

Jean Imrie

SIR THOMAS STANFORD RAFFLES

The May meeting of "Great Lives" was an absolute delight. The subject was Sir Thomas Stanford Raffles presented by Chris Petrie, who having spent many years working & travelling in the Far East could give us a first-hand picture of the area. Raffles was born at sea & joined the East India Company age 14 and by the time he was 30 he had been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Java. He abolished the slave trade, restricted the opium trade & instituted land reform. Recalled to England because he was not generating enough money to satisfy the Company he later returned as Governor General of Bencoolen. He later took possession & developed Singapore for the Company & the British Empire. Raffles was a statesman with Liberal ideas but had continuing problems with his employer, the East India Company. When he died, aged 45, the Company took all his money leaving his wife penniless.

The bonus, for the class, was the detailed way Chris gave the talk & answered all the questions generated. We not only learnt about Sir Stanley but also the history & geography that impacted on his life. It was a fascinating and really Great Life.

Vanessa & Ron Stone

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: Our May outing was to Gargrave where John Fox took us round the village he knew as a boy telling us some delightful details as we went.



We started at the village hall that had once been a steam laundry. Many of the older properties had been farms and farm-workers cottages. But this eye-catching building was once the courthouse with cells below. Of course the canal was very important in the past and the coal yard has been in use since the lead mines of Gunnerside were in production.



We couldn't visit the remains of the Roman villa on private land, last investigated in the 70's, but we did see the site of the moated manor house that has never been looked at by archaeologists. Both these are across the river beyond the church.

Debi



LaOB: (cont) It has been decided to not arrange anything for Thurs 28th June because of the coach outing to Richmond the day before organised by the Social committee. The latter includes seeing the Georgian Theatre - I'm sure you can count this as an old building visit !

Debi Burridge

SINGING FOR PLEASURE: On 1st May 2012 the Settle U3A 'Singing for Pleasure' Group joined with 'Settle Voices' to sing at the opening of the 'Ride2Stride' week on Settle Railway Station. In strong winds, it was quite difficult to be heard and music kept escaping from their owners hands, needless to say we did our best and the walkers enjoyed being sung off to the first walk of the week's activities.



Catherine Holland

WALKING GROUP:

TARN HOWS WALK 17 May 2012



Six of us travelled to Skelwith Fold Caravan Park to meet up with our leaders, Tony & Wendy Carroll, who have a caravan there. It was an ideal starting point – easy parking and straight into the hills. It was a bit damp, but not enough to put off our intrepid band (though I have never hill walked with people carrying umbrellas before!) The circular walk, of about 9 miles, took us south to Tarn Hows in a clockwise direction. We didn't have

many distance views, though managed a through view to Windermere en route to Tarn Hows. We travelled along a BOAT in both directions – but the rain really didn't warrant such transport, as it subsided mid-morning, though reappeared during lunch for a while. The Tarn looked very peaceful, and a new toilet & information block has been sympathetically sited, with a sedum roof for blending into the terrain. Tony gave us background information about various sites, and we enjoyed the lovely fresh greens of the different trees, as well as the many wild flowers we encountered. We also heard 2 cuckoos and saw a swift flying overhead: a real taste of Spring. We finished with the lovely taste of Wendy's cakes to go with a welcome cuppa. Another good day's walking with Settle District U3A.



Sally Waterson

OXENBER WALK 23rd MAY



Five of us strolled from Austwick up through Oxenber Woods to Feizor and back on the flat, on quite a warm morning. We kept stopping to examine the wide variety of spring plants – carpets of primroses, cowslips and bluebells amongst others. We met sheep and lambs being moved and heifers being released. Only a short walk but in wonderful surroundings.



Debi Burridge