

JULY MEETING

“THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SATIRE OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN”

Bernard Lockett
Thursday 11th 2013
Victoria Hall 10.30am
(Coffee from 10.00am)



“BELLEVILLE RENDEZ-VOUS” (12)
Settle Victoria Hall
Fri 28th June 7.45pm

“JEAN DE FLORETTE” (PG)
Settle Victoria Hall
Wed 31st July 7.45pm

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CLASSIC FEST IN HARROGATE (18-31 August 2013)

Our speaker for July, Bernard Lockett who is a Trustee of The International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival, has sent information about the music festival in Harrogate this summer. Posters for these will be on display at our May and June meetings and we have been advised that they are pleased to offer U3A members a discount of £2 per ticket if they simply quote “U3A offer” when phoning the box office to book their tickets. Box Office Telephone: 01423-502116. If you enjoy music such as ‘The Merry Widow’ and ‘The Pirates of Penzance’ then tickets are on sale now!

SETTLE ORCHESTRA LANGCLIFFE SINGERS

Saturday 22nd June
Richard Whiteley Theatre
7.30pm

“IN CELEBRATION OF THE
CORONATION”

Music inspired by and performed
at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1952.
(Contributed by U3A member)

TACKLING MEDICAL WASTE

‘InterCare Ltd’, otherwise known as Medical Aid for Africa, is a registered charity which recycles surplus prescribed medicines and they can then be used by rural hospitals in Africa. The only stipulation is that the medicines must be within 15 months of their expiry date. The charity has been doing this valuable work since 1974 and to date has sent nearly £11 million of medicines and dressings to poor third world countries. Their website is www.intercare.org.uk and is interesting to look at. I have had personal contact with them and found them both welcoming and efficient. As the donor I paid the postage when sending them a package. Recycling makes better sense than disposal by landfill or incineration.

Audrey Daykin (U3A member)

If you wish to make a contribution to the Website, Frank Woodhams is the **WEBMASTER** and the person to contact on: fwoodhams@uea.ac.uk. Please check the website regularly for updates and new information.

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Dear Friends

At long last “flaming June” is living up to its name and could not have started more brightly! As I write this newsletter at the beginning of June I am sitting in the garden soaking up the warm sunshine, some truly Summer weather at last.

Last month the Newsletter announced the purchase of a new projector; this was delivered just after the newsletter went to print and is now earning its keep. This means that we have an old projector for which we have no use or storage room. If anyone would like to have the old projector, please contact a member of the committee before 10 July 2013. It can be yours for a donation to U3A funds.



A suggestion was put forward at the May committee meeting that it would be nice to have a pool of people, not necessarily committee members, who would be willing to act as “welcomers” at the monthly speaker meetings. I am sure we have all at some time gone to a meeting where we don’t know anybody and eventually left at the end either without speaking to a soul or only speaking to someone because you approached them. It would be a pity if a new member of our U3A had such an experience – how much nicer if there were a few people to whom the new person could be directed and who could make him or her feel welcome. If you think you could or would like to be involved in such a pool please give your name to a member of the committee.

As I review the May Newsletter I note how many interesting activities different groups had planned for the last two weeks of May. I managed to miss them all with a badly timed, although thoroughly enjoyed holiday. However, this holiday photo of the Alhambra Palace in Granada shows that I was still actively looking at old buildings whilst I was away!

Best wishes
Nita



DATES FOR YOUR SOCIAL DIARY

The Summer Lunch has been booked for Wednesday 17th July at The Plough at Wigglesworth at 12-30 for 1pm and names are now being taken. This is a two course meal plus tea or filter coffee at £15-50 per person. Contact Janet Stafford on 825449 to book and choose your meal. Cheques should be made payable to Settle District U3A Social A/C and sent to me at 1 Birchwood Close, Settle BD24 9RJ. Special diets are available.

Advanced notice: Keswick Theatre trip on Wednesday 16th October to see ‘She Stoops Conquer’ by Oliver Goldsmith. Bookings to be taken at the July meeting.
Janet Stafford

NEW
SOCIETY
RATHER
WAZ

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

THE ROMANS IN THE NORTH: How did you get an urgent message from Settle to the legionary command headquarters in York in Roman days? No mobile phones or internet then! Find out on Monday June 24 at 2pm at Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall in an illustrated talk on 'Roman Signal Stations'.
Tony Burnett

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Our next meeting will be on June 18th at 2.00pm. Weather permitting we will be off to see some more of the geology of the Craven Basin; the northern end this time. We will meet in the Cricket Club car park - remember to park on the left as you drive in. Also, we will need to car share as some of the locations have very limited parking. Remember any cars left in the car park MUST have U3A stickers. We are just visiting one location this time but it is a 15/20 min. gentle walk uphill on a track.

If the weather is not kind we will be in the Castleberg Room at Victoria Hall, at the same time, for a talk "The Geology Around Settle" which will concentrate on the differences between the geology of the Dales and Craven Basin. Hope to see you all there.
Paul Cochrane



The group on the High Bentham to Slaidburn road for May's meeting.

GREAT LIVES: Our June meeting will be on the 19th at 11 a.m.. The subject will be Margaret Askew/Fell/Fox. Look forward to seeing you all.
Jean Imrie

"THE YELLOW EARL"

In the April newsletter, Jean asked what we knew about "The Yellow Earl". After a most enlightening talk by Vanessa Stone, we now know that he was claimed to be the greatest sportsman, greatest spender and, according to the then Prince of Wales, the greatest liar of his age! He was Hugh Lowther, 5th Earl of Lonsdale.

Born in 1857, he seems to have lived the classic dissolute life of the landed gentry, pawning his birthright, failing to make his fortune in America and living in the the 365 rooms of Lowther Castle when, on the death of his older brother, he succeeded to the title in 1882. Why the 'Yellow Earl'? Yellow and black were the colours of his coat of arms. His coaches and cars were yellow and his staff wore yellow livery. Incidentally the AA colours are yellow and black because the earl was the first president of that organisation. The main thrust of the talk however, was not on his affairs, his profligacy or his overwhelming pride, but on his extraordinary 18 month trek across the wastes of northern Canada. He travelled by train to Winnipeg and then trekked as far as the Arctic by pony, boat, dog sled and even on foot! But the lasting impression one got of the Yellow Earl was of his spendthrift nature and that he bankrupted his family. He had no children, so on his death his brother's family was left to pick up the pieces and Lowther Castle was left in ruins.
Hilary Baker

HERALDRY: A visit to **Gillray Castle** has been arranged on **Tuesday 16th July**. Further details are available from Shirley McCauley, **Tel: 851808**. Also please let her know if you would like to attend. There will be more about the visit during this Thursday's meeting, and on the website, as well as in the next newsletter.
Shirley McCauley

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: The outing on **27th June** will be to Gawthorpe Hall. This is a fascinating Elizabethan hall once owned by the Shuttleworth family and also home to the Shuttleworth Textile collection. We will meet at 2pm at the main entrance. There is a cafe for sandwiches, cake and coffee open from 12 noon. If you could inform me as to who is going it would be a great help and also if anybody needs a lift please contact John Lister 01729 824344 or johnmlister@btinternet.com. Hope to see you at Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley Road, Padiham BB12 2BUA
John Lister

The visit on Thursday 25 July will be to Smithells Hall, Bolton, entry £2. This will be a self-guided tour. The hall is open from 10 am to 3 pm. so I suggest that we meet in the Cricket Club Car Park at 9.30 am to car share. The journey is approximately 45 miles and I have planned a route that avoids Darwen and takes you through some beautiful countryside. Please let me know if you would like details in advance (**01729 823978**). The hall dates back to the 16th Century and stands in parkland, where you can picnic. Unfortunately there is no cafe, only a coffee/tea machine.
Michael Cullingworth

LaOB VISIT TO DENT MAY 2013

On this cold day with showers interspersed with a couple of sunny spells, the large group enjoyed a most interesting and informative tour of Dent led by James Innerdale. We met outside the school with its watershot walls and looked at the first of several stone houses which we were told had been lime washed and originally had mullioned windows. The corbels underneath the chimney were also pointed out, as were several houses which still had the corbels that had supported deep wooden gutters. We learned about windows and how to recognize different types of glass which were used for them and how it was produced.

This is the house where Adam Sedgwick lived (his father was the vicar) with initials in the date stone over the door and we learned that when there are initials the middle one is the surname and the date would have been the date of the marriage rather than the date of the house. There was a quirky notice in one of the windows that stated that friends were welcome but relatives by appointment!



We saw houses with stone slate roof at the lower end and slate slates higher up and fire windows, which would have opened on to the inglenook to provide draught for the fire. In the square the Sedgwick Memorial fountain was pointed out, as were the mounting steps on top of which the post boy would stand to distribute the mail.

We were shown several photographs of galleried houses along the street leading up to the Sun Inn, right (as it is now). To end the tour we had a look at the former school with good examples of mullioned windows and the church dating from the 1200's with its blocked Norman doorway, opposite the school. Inside there are several memorials to the Sill brothers who lived at Wherside Manor and made their fortune in sugar and slavery in the West Indies and brought slaves to Dent. These were eventually released and some of them married and continued to live locally.



Margaret Cullingworth

WALKING GROUP: The planning meeting on 23 May was rather depleted with only a few regulars turning up with the offer to lead a walk. As a consequence we have gaps in the programme for Tuesday (short) walks on **9 July** and **10 September**. Please let myself or Frank Woodhams know if you would be willing to volunteer (Tel: **01729 823978**). The draft programme is now on the website.
Margaret Cullingworth