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SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the chair

Dear Fellow Members,

Well it looks as if summer has come to Settle and District and long may it last.

As far as our groups are concerned there is no hard and fast rule about how long they should continue into the summer. Some have stopped already, but many others are continuing. Really it is a matter for the leader of each particular group together with the members of that group to decide on their timetable including the issue of a holiday break. The majority of our groups will have the month of August as a "holiday" month, without meetings, ready to resume in September.

However, please remember that our Thursday event in August is on 11th. August when the Open Meeting is the opportunity to renew your membership and to sign up for group activities for 2016/2017. Also, might you have a neighbour, friend, or relative who might welcome a little encouragement from you to join Settle District U3A and benefit from our range of activities. Please think about this and encourage him or her to come on 11th. August.

Ian Tennant

ASKHAM BRYAN YAHR SHOWCASE EVENT – As mentioned earlier the Yorkshire and Humberside U3A Region is mounting a Showcase Event at Askham Bryan Agricultural College near York, on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 from 10 am to 4pm. This is an opportunity for all 48 U3As in the YAHR to demonstrate some of their activities. It should be an exciting and dynamic event. Our U3A is participating by sending our singers and painters. I have offered an inter – U3A general knowledge quiz. Your committee has hired a coach which will leave Settle Cricket Club at 8.30 am returning at approximately 6.30pm. There are a number of spare seats for any member who would like to come along. The cost to each member is being finalised but will be about £7 or £8. If you would like to come please contact our secretary Pat Taylor at this Thursday meeting. **Ring 01729 825483 or email to taylorpatanne@aol.co.uk**

July Meeting: Thursday 14th July in the Victoria Hall
' Stories with Strings' with Fools Gold
(Coffee from 10am)



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 10th June 8pm Bentham Town Hall

Bridge of Spies (12)

Wednesday 29th June 7.45 pm Settle Victoria Hall

The Wonders (15)

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

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Submissions 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 THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES

At our May meeting Frank Rhodes gave us a talk with many readings of the work of A.E. Houseman, a poet and classical scholar best known for "A Shropshire Lad" (1896). Professor of Latin at Cambridge from 1911 to his death in 1936, his personal life was blighted due to his great love for a fellow (male) student being not reciprocated. Though a reclusive academic and often rude both to academics and students alike he was considered worthy to be one of the pallbearers at Thomas Hardy's funeral and to merit a window remembrance at Westminster Abbey.

Our **next meeting** (Wednesday June 15th-Victoria Hall 11.00am) will be, in complete contrast, my thoughts on the life and desperate times of Bonnie Prince Charlie and Flora Macdonald, the heroine who bore him "over the sea to Skye". We then break for the summer to re-commence in September- more details later. *John Jebson*

LUNCH GROUP

Following the successful inaugural meeting of the Lunch Group at Ireby Farm please note that the next lunch will be on Friday, 17 June at Knight Stainforth (now called 'The Knights Table') at 1.00pm. Meet at 12.30 at Settle Cricket for car sharing. If you would like to come along please let **Anne Webster** know: 01729 824 844 amw.1@btinternet.com

GEOLOGY GROUP

This year's field trip, a two-day affair, was to the Lake District on 17th & 24th of May. The weather was again very kind and twenty-four of us spent some time criss-crossing this very beautiful area to try and understand what underlies the majestic scenery and what went into making it look the way it does. The photograph shows some of the group exploring a disused quarry near Tarn Hows. A great evening meal on the 24th May was had at Knights Stainforth to round off the events. *Paul Cochrane*



LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

Thursday, 23 June Coach Trip to Richmond will be a conducted tour around the Georgian Theatre Royal plus short guided walk around "Richmond's Best Buildings". £20. If you would like to come along please let **Anne Webster** know: Tel 01729 824 844 or email amw.1@btinternet.com

Looking at Old Buildings Visit to Lion Salt Works Museum 26 May organised by Mary and Derek Hewitson. Lion Salt Works at Marston, near Northwich in Cheshire opened in 1894 and finally closed in 1986. It was owned by the Thomson family. The museum is fascinating and has been left in its original condition, being made safe and accessible for visitors, including disabled. We were taken on an excellent guided tour where we experienced the conditions in which the men, women and children worked, seeing the original lead pans and learning how the brine was dried, a replica of the Manager's Office and the Pub', on the site of which the works were built. We were also shown how the buildings were liable to subsidence and were shored up by adding more layers of bricks. There are still myriad tunnels underground which are used for archive storage etc. The site is at the side of the Trent and Mersey Canal along which the salt was transported by barge to the ports for distribution around the World. Across the canal the site of the large Adelaide works was pointed out, this disappeared completely due to subsidence and is covered by water. *Margaret & Michael Cullingworth*

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

U3A DIARIES – If anyone would like to have one you can receive one through the links on our website.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

All officers stand for re-elected each year and this year there are other posts becoming available. If you are interested in join the committee. Please let Pat Taylor, Secretary, know who has job descriptions available. **Ring 01729 825483 or email taylorpatanne@aol.co.uk**