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Letter from the chair

Hello,

I hope you are enjoying the good weather, although rain (at night!) could help the plants in our lives. Let's hope for a fine day on Tuesday 26th June, when we will be holding another Publicity Event at Settle Co-op. PLEASE talk with Graham Cooper about an hour on the rota - 9.30am-4.30pm. All who volunteered in April enjoyed it and were well received by shoppers.

As we know other (than U3A) events happen locally and nationally, notably Dementia Action Week recently - note 'action' as a follow-up to 'awareness'. Dementia affects the person and everyone around them so being mindful and supportive really counts. As with other aspects of older age, maintaining social contacts and agility of mind and body is 'key'. The beauty of our U3A is its very wide age range AND interests and abilities which affords lots of opportunities.

With opportunities in mind here is a glimpse of Groups I visited this month. Maybe your appetite will be whetted. I met some creative Card Maker's led expertly by Wendy. There was plenty of chat, laughter and quiet concentration - e.g. cutting 'out' rather than cutting 'off' feather-like strands requires sounds and silence! The Group's range is far wider than I managed but I was pleased with my result and given kind encouragement. 'Happy birthday' - sister?

Something completely different with a welcoming German Group led fluently by Alison. Members read and translated short stories - Munchhausen's Abenteuer (Adventurers) - very funny and exaggerated tales that gives Munchhausen his fame and notoriety. The power of 'Nasenflugel' was awe-inspiring.

Onwards and upwards to Langcliffe where Tony leads Badminton and Table Tennis. Some play both but that is not obligatory. I have to say the welcome and tactful tuition makes activities very accessible for able players or for someone managing a 'nearly-good' shot. Endorphins produced via the exercise or laughter - there was plenty of each.

Finally, on a more sober note - just to say there has been a meeting with Victoria Hall management and successful resolutions for the use of the Hall are nearing completion.

With best wishes,

Jackie

PS What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down? It gets toad away!

NB: WestNet Summer History Trail in Ilkley 20th June

July Meeting: Thursday 12th July in the Victoria Hall
'The Life of L.S. Lowry'
with Pat Osbourne
Coffee from 10am



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 6th July 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

GROUPS NEWS

Several people have expressed interest in the possibility of joining a **Bird Watching** group so watch out for further details. **Looking at Old Buildings** needs someone to help Elizabeth Evans to coordinate this group and someone to coordinate the **Lunch Club**. Please contact me in the first instance if you would like to find out more about this.

Debi Burridge 825855 debi.burridge@gmail.com

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**

GREAT LIVES

At our May meeting Michael Cullingworth gave an interesting talk on a man unknown to many of the group, Jonathan Silver. As a youth of 12 years old he embarked on an entrepreneurial career, initially buying/selling furniture, haberdashery and a chain of cafes-wimpy bars-that made him very rich by the age of 23. By then he was the owner of 13 JS clothes stores throughout the north of England and together with Ernest Hall bought Dean Clough Mill in Halifax, transforming it into a centre for small businesses and the acclaimed Crossley's bar. It was however as the saviour of Salt's Mill in Saltaire that Silver was best known locally. He acquired what was to prove the largest collection of Burmantofts pottery in the world, similarly the nation's largest collection of works by his friend David Hockney. Jonathan Silver died of pancreatic cancer in 1997-his memorial inevitably Salt's Mill in its modern reconstruction.

Our next meeting, the last of the season, is on Wednesday 20th June (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Ian Gray will talk about that great French novelist Emile Zola. Everyone welcome.

John Jebson

ART APPRECIATION

VISIT TO CARTWRIGHT HALL AND SALTS MILL TUESDAY 3rd JULY

Coach from Settle Rugby Ground car park at 9.30 am Returning at 3.00pm from Saltaire.

There will be places available for U3A members to join us, to visit the Galleries, enjoy Lister Park, Salts Mill, Saltaire Village or a stroll beside the canal. Price £11.00. Names to **Sue Simpson please. Tel 015242/41271**

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

May Trip to the Lake District

The sun shone all day – something we cannot claim the credit for, but it added to the pleasure of the day. We first visited Gleaston Mill, just south of Ulverston, which was built in 1774. We were guided round the mill by Vicky Brereton, one of the owners, who gave us an excellent insight to the problems of owning an 18th century building. We then had lunch at

Dusty Miller's Café, alongside the mill. Most of us ate outside under umbrellas.

After lunch, we had a short trip on to Stott Park bobbin mill, at the tip of Windermere, which is owned by English Heritage. Here we were guided by the curator in person, who told us something of the history of bobbin-making in the lakes. In between some of us had just time for an ice-cream, before starting homeward.

Jim Woodward-Nutt

Thanks are due to Jim for arranging, at short notice, what I'm told was an excellent visit to the lake district last month to the two very different mills.

Elizabeth Evans

LAOB TRIPS

MORECAMBE TRIP Thursday 21st June.

Two tours. **The Midland Hotel** 11am.

Meeting again at 1.45pm for the Winter Gardens Theatre 'What lies behind those doors?' The Theatre management suggests that visitors wear warm clothing and sensible footwear as the building is being restored. They will provide hard hats.

Coach departure from the Rugby Club at 9.30am, returning to Settle at approximately 5.30pm. A few places are available.

Tel:01729/824239.

Rosemary Harrod

FULWOOD BARRACKS AND HOGHTON TOWER Thursday July 26th

We are reviving the visit planned for April to Fulwood Barracks and Hoghton Tower. We will meet at the Rugby Club car park for a 9.30 start, and go to Fulwood, where we will have a tour of the Lancashire Infantry Museum. The barracks is the traditional home of the old county infantry regiments and also houses many records dating back to pre-Napoleonic War times. The museum has an extensive collection of military equipment dating back to that era. After the Barracks, we will go to Hoghton Tower, where lunch will be available, followed by a tour of the ancient tower, which has been the home of the de Hoghton family since 1109. There is a rumour that William Shakespeare spent some of his early adulthood here, and it was here that the loin of beef is said to have been knighted by King James 1 in 1617 to become the sirloin, after a particularly good supper. There is no evidence of that, but it is a good story. The current

building was rebuilt in 1565, so this should be an interesting visit. Depending on the numbers, this trip will cost a maximum of £30, but could reduce considerably if sufficient people come. Please give your **names to Graham Cooper on 07802 837507** or GFBC@aol.com **before Tuesday 17th July**, as I need to pass the names to the Barracks for security purposes.

GEOLOGY - Kingdom of Fife Trip

The group of 17 had two full days on the north shore of the Firth of Forth round to St Andrews. The area has similar age rocks to the Dales (Carboniferous) but had volcanic activity as well. This area has over forty volcanic cones and many lava flows and sills. Our first day was spent walking the coast from Kinghorn to Kirkcaldy. Here we were crossing from the older to the younger rocks with basalt sills, some several meters thick, inserted some 330M years ago between beds of limestone, sandstones and shales. We then drove up to a view point where we could see the array of cones and across the Forth to volcanic outcrops near Edinburgh and out to the Bass Rock in the Firth. Our second day started just east of St Andrews at the site known as the 'Rock and Spindle' which is the remains of a basalt vent at the coast and features a group of basalt hexagonal columns but arranged in a circle to look like the spokes of a spindle. The afternoon was spent on a beach at Earlsferry which had lots of features when we reced it in October but many of which were now covered with sand! Volcanic ash beds with sills and dykes of basalt were the main features with calcite deposited between the joints from water being forced up as the rock cooled and depositing its load of calcium carbonate. Thanks to Paul for identifying the area to visit and to Josephine and Keith for help over the day trips, to Debi for arranging the hotel and minibus and Stephen for driving the minibus safely.

