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NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

Are there things that you miss that you enjoyed years ago? Let the committee know because you may not be the only one and as soon as two of you get together you can start a small informal U3A group. Before long you will have attracted a few more and have a flourishing group in which you will find friendship and help in ways that you could not have imagined. For instance, we think that there may interest in a painting group, just to get together to paint and enjoy yourselves. We can help with advice, venue, advertising etc.

With Easter almost upon us some of our groups are winding down for a long break. Don't despair. Quite a few groups do carry on until July and occasionally even into August. Meanwhile the regular monthly meetings don't stop so if your group has a long break you can still catch up with your friends on the second Thursday of each month until it all gets going again in September.

Please go and look at the notice board at the regular monthly meeting as there are often interesting opportunities elsewhere in the Yorkshire region. If transport is a problem, please don't be afraid to ask. A large number of our members still drive and are glad to have someone accompany them to such events.

The April meeting about the NHS will be a chance for you to ask those questions that you have always wanted to ask about our local health service. Pat Taylor would like your suggested questions as soon as possible so that they can be answered at the meeting. It is always annoying for the speaker and the person putting the question if the answer is "Give me your contact details and I'll get back to you."

Alison

April Meeting: Thursday April 9th at 10.30 a.m. in the Victoria Hall

'Aspects of the local NHS'

Coffee served from 10.00 am



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

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| Friday 13 th March | 8pm | Bentham Town Hall |
| | | The Hundred Foot Journey (12A) |
| Friday 13 th March | 7.30pm | Austwick Parish Hall |
| | | The Imitation Game (12) |
| Wednesday 18 th March | 7.45pm | Settle Victoria Hall |
| | | Life, Above All (Le Secret de Chanda) (12) |

**Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit next A WEEK EARLIER THAN NORMAL:
by Friday 27th March 2015 to:**

Chris Taylor

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

For the February meeting, 23 people enjoyed two local visits. Firstly we went to the Masonic Lodge, (formerly the Sunday School for the Wesleyan Chapel) where John Fox spoke about the history of the building and also about Freemasonry, and all the charitable work done by the members, mostly in and around Settle.

We then moved to the Old Court House, which is next to what were the Police buildings in Station Road (not to be confused with the court next to the police station in Duke Street, now closed). Here John Reid spoke about the building and showed us the steps where prisoners were 'sent down' from the dock in former times, and explained how it is now used by the Settle Operatic Society - where members rehearse and scenery and props are stored. Here we were treated most generously to tea or coffee, and delicious home-made cakes, scones and biscuits.

A pleasant way to spend an afternoon without travelling far.

Dorothy Hemsworth

REMINDER: THEATRE TRIP

I have arranged a trip to Harrogate to see **Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore** on Thursday 20th August (matinee performance at 2.30 p.m.). The cost will be £35 per person, to include seat, coach and gratuities. Bookings can be made to me at monthly meetings or by 'phoning me on **01729/823978** or **e-mail: curlycully@uwclub.net** More details nearer the time.

Michael Cullingworth

ART APPRECIATION/LaOB/ANY OTHERS!

I have booked a tour of the **Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester for Wednesday 29th April**. I propose to book a coach to leave Settle at 9.30 am, arriving there approximately 11.30 am. There is a cafe at the gallery and a park outside for picnics. Manchester Museum is not too far away. The return would leave 3.30 pm, back here approximately 5.30 pm. Tour (free) lasting 45 minutes begins at 2 pm, travel cost would be £10-£15. Let me know by Monday 16th March 825922/debi.burridge@gmail.com

Debi Burridge

GREAT LIVES

At our February meeting Alan Hemsworth gave a most interesting presentation on the life and work of Rudyard Kipling, best known for his books for children-notably "Jungle Book" and "Just so stories". He did produce a large body of poetic works, from the "Barrack Room Ballads" to the magisterial "If" and even a most moving work on the unconditional love of a dog for its master. Born in Bombay he always regarded himself as an Anglo-Indian and much of his prose work reflects his experiences on the sub-continent. He lost his only son John on the Western Front in 1915 and later worked closely with the Imperial War Graves Commission on the wording for memorials to the dead. He died in 1936, aged 70.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 18th at Victoria Hall (11.00am) when Hilary Baker will speak on the tragic life of George Mallory, arguably the first climber to conquer Everest.

John Jebson

REMINDER: LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

Visit to Heron Corn Mill, Beetham Thursday 26th March 2015: a working Corn Mill, which also has a Turbine driving an electricity generator. Both will be demonstrated. We have booked a coach, and the total cost will be £15 including admission which also includes refreshments. Numbers are restricted, so please book early through **Jim Woodward-Nutt tel: 01729 851808**.

NEEDLEWORK AND NATTER

We will not be meeting on the 6th or the 13th April. Return to normal on the 20th April.

We have room for two or three more people interested in any type of needlework. Come along to Quaker Garth opposite Victoria Hall at 2pm on Mondays.

Please contact **Alison Tyas at 82231**

ALREADY SUGGESTED NEW GROUPS:

Painting, Comparative Religions, Play Reading, Science, Psychology.

Contact any member of the committee if you would be interested in joining one.