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Letter from the chair

Dear Fellow Members,

On Wednesday 3 August next Settle District U3A has a chance to demonstrate its activities to all other U3As in the Region. On that date at Askham Bryan College, near York, the Yorkshire and Humberside U3A Region is mounting a Showcase Event in which all U3As in the Region are invited to participate.

Your Committee is considering whether we should provide a coach to take our members to the Event. Debi Burrige has already contacted all our Group Leaders to ask if their group would wish to take part. Time is short for preparation and we need to be responding fairly soon. Please think about this and give your views to your Group Leader. Obviously a number of our Groups carry out activities which are not "portable", so to speak, but many are.

I would be prepared to offer an inter- U3A General Knowledge Quiz and I know that our Painting Group will be prepared to offer to exhibit some of our work. Your Group may want to do likewise. Please talk about this with your Group Leader.

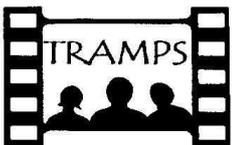
All good wishes,

Ian Tennant

NEW MEMBERS' COFFEE MORNING

This event has been scheduled for 11am to 12 noon on Friday 18th March in the Friends' Meeting House. Individual invitations have been issued to those new members already signed up this year (please RSVP to Keith Waterson) and we look forward to meeting you and discussing your thoughts and experiences so far.

April Meeting: Thursday 14th April in the Victoria Hall
'The Oregon Trail' with Ian Barclay
(Coffee from 10am)



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 8th March 8pm Bentham Town Hall and Friday 18th March 7.30pm
Austwick Parish Hall **The Lady in the Van (12)**
Wednesday 30th March 7.45 pm Settle Victoria Hall
Cycling with Moliere (15)
Thursday 30th March 7pm Ingleton Community Centre
A Royal Night Out (12A)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by
Friday 9th April 2016 to: Chris Taylor
christine@castlebergh.plus.com Tel: 01729 823975
Submissions will be acknowledged by email

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES

At our February meeting, John Parry gave a first-class presentation on the life and career of F.E. Smith (Lord Birkenhead). Born a "scouser" he was a brilliant classicist, lawyer and wit who rose to be Attorney General and then Lord Chancellor in the government of his friend Lloyd George. His notable achievements in the 1920's included major roles in the Irish independence settlement and the resolution of the General Strike. John showed clearly how Birkenhead's stint as Secretary of State for India was less than his finest hour, before his hedonistic lifestyle and dissipation led to his untimely death aged 58 in 1930.

Our next meeting will be on Wed. March 16th when Alan Hemsworth will give an intriguing-sounding presentation on "Tudor ladies of little consequence" (Victoria Hall 11.00am).

John Jebson

PAINTING GROUP



The Painting Group was treated to an interesting demonstration of 'Felting Technique' as a medium to 'Paint with Wool' using colour, shading

and perspective just as with a brush. Chris Taylor, a member of the group, was our demonstrator. She was prepared to share her expertise with us and she produced a lovely landscape during the session.

Each member creates painting in their own style but we are lucky to have the opportunity to learn from fellow members.

Wendy Carroll

PLAY READING GROUP

We meet monthly in our large or smaller groups to suit casting needs. As each take our turn to choose the play for the month we have a varied programme. Having tried our hand at mid-century and more modern farce and comedy, Victorian drama and Welsh lyrical drama, in the pipe-line are plays relating to current 'issues' with storylines that were news a few years ago but still topical – delivered through comedy and/or

dramatic tensions. Our theatrics would either thrill or astound the playwrights. We pool our talents, challenge ourselves and seem to leave smiling.

To date:- 'Last Tango in Whitby Mike Harding, The Day After the Fair Frank Harvey, A Chorus of Disapproval Alan Ayckbourn, Running Riot Derek Benfield, Under Milk Wood Dylan Thomas' And some of the ones to come:- 'Pack of Lies Hugh Whitmore, Small Family Business Alan Ayckbourn.'

Jackie Allott and The Group

THEATRE TRIP - G&S PIRATES OF PENZANCE

I have arranged a trip to the Royal Hall, Harrogate on Saturday 6th August (Matinee). The cost will be £44 per person, to include stalls seat, coach and gratuities. I have been able to negotiate a 15% discount which is reflected in the price. To reserve a place please see Michael at a monthly meeting or telephone 01729 823978/ e-mail: curlycully@uwclub.net Please make cheque payable to Settle District U3A

Michael Cullingworth

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS - 2 tours reminders
Thursday 26th May to The Lion Salt Works, Northwich, Cheshire Details from 01729/824471 Derek and Mary Hewitson
Thursday 24th March to Bronte Parsonage Museum, Haworth Contact Sue 01729 268548 sm2.benn@gmail.com or Rosemary 01729 851439 Matheson.146@btinternet.com

HILARY BAKER – ROLL OF HONOUR

At last month's meeting, Hilary Baker was presented with the certificate for being named on the National U3A Roll of Honour for her sterling work both within our U3A and at regional level over many years. Congratulations from us all, Hilary, and thank you for all your hard work, still continuing today.

