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Letter from the chair

SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello

I have now had opportunity to meet members in three more Groups - Art Appreciation, Circle Dancing and Weekenders Group. The latter is a new group and when I was there, were planning what they might do in the months ahead - contemplating spring and summer! Additional and enjoyable conversation points included items of personal interest members had brought along from poems to a pepper pot! For those not in the know, Circle Dancing is a graceful and mindful form of exercise wonderfully performed by members and leader, Gillian. I found it great fun - even the challenge of co-ordination, the benefits of which cannot be over-estimated for body and brain! All are kind and encouraging. Art Appreciation was another treat. An excellent talk given by Frank Gordon led us through the works of Lawrence Alma Tadema and Paul Cezanne with insights into distinctions between painter and artist. There is a wealth of knowledge and awareness in our groups - I do thank everyone for their welcome and look forward to sharing other interesting activities with more groups.

Our planned Publicity events within Settle District are anticipated to be initially in April and June at venues to be confirmed, where we hope to engage with interested passers-by about our U3A. Any members who would like to give an hour or so on the day(s) would be very welcome - more details to follow.

At the New Members Meeting a few of our (40+) new members met with some of the Committee and shared information and ideas. Members who were not able to be there are nevertheless encouraged to complete the Questionnaire/contact any Committee member with your views. It is your U3A and your ideas count.

Finally, looking ahead to APRIL's Monthly/Speaker Meeting - as well as our interesting Speaker there will be an exhibition of our Art Group's work at Victoria Hall. This is a very special opportunity for the artists/group to 'showcase' their work and us all to enjoy their creativity. A date for your diary!

Best wishes

Jackie

April Meeting: Thursday 12th April in the Victoria Hall
'Clarity. Employment for Blind People-our history from 1854 to today' with Frank Owen
Coffee from 10am



Fri 23rd April at 7.30 pm Austwick Parish Hall LION (PG)
Fri 23rd April at 7.30pm Ingleborough Community Centre JACKIE (15)
Wed 4th April at 7.45pm Settle Victoria Hall LE HAVRE (PG)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by FRIDAY 6th April to: Chris Taylor christine@castlebergh.plus.com
Tel: 01729 823975 . 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

CREATIVE WRITING

Several interested people met recently to discuss how to take this idea forward. It was agreed that a first session will be held on Monday April 30th at 1.30pm in the Castleberg room at Victoria Hall. Please let me know if you are coming because I plan to send some ideas out to work on beforehand. **Debi Burridge** 825855 debi.burridge@gmail.com

GREAT LIVES

Our February meeting was entitled 'The Dukes of Durham'. To the surprise of many of us, it turned out to be nothing to do with the nobility of our neighbouring county but an American family called Duke from the town of Durham, North Carolina. Washington Duke (1820-1905) was a farmer growing cereals and tobacco who fought for the Confederates in the Civil War. Together with his son James Buchanan Duke, known as Buck (1856-1925), he started a profitable tobacco business, first pipe tobacco and later cigarettes. The Duke business grew rapidly and branched into railroads and hydro-electric power. The Methodist Church had a strong influence on the family which gave large sums of money to good causes. Buck founded Duke University, North Carolina. Our thanks to John Parry for a most interesting and unexpected talk.

Keith Bradshaw

Our next meeting will be on Wed. March 21st (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Paul Cochrane will give a presentation on James Hutton, whose work has been said to form the basis of modern geology.

John Jebson

WEEKENDERS

Our next meeting is on Saturday 10th March at Limestone View at 10.30 am. Contact Chris Benn 824880, chris.benn101@gmail.com, for further details.

MORE PEOPLE NEEDED PLEASE-
THEATRE TRIP matinee for all U3A members for RUDDIGORE by Gilbert and Sullivan—Saturday 11th August; Royal Hall, Harrogate; £45.00 **Bookings** 01729823978 or email:- michaelcullingworth@gmail.com

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

Open meeting 25th January

Very belated thanks are due to Michael Cullingworth for organising a most interesting talk for our Open meeting in the Victoria Hall in January. The speaker was Dr Michael Clark who gave an account of the restoration following the destruction by fire in 1791 of what at one time a part of was his home, Rochford Hall in Essex, for a while when he was MP for Rayleigh in Essex. Privately owned it now belongs to Rochford Hundred Golf Club.

Joan Schofield's retrospective account should be on the LAOB Group Web page by the time you read this. Thank you Joan for volunteering to provide this, and for your photos.

Elizabeth Evans

At the February meeting James Innerdale, Conservation Architect, gave an illustrated talk.

Using local buildings as examples, Mr Innerdale described developments in building styles from the 15th. to the 19th. century. Apparently, date stones are not necessarily true indicators of the age of a building. Often placed to commemorate a wedding or other significant event, they can be misleading.

Special thanks are due to Hilary Baker for arranging a very entertaining and informative meeting.

Joan Schofield

Joan's account of this talk should also be on the Group Web page by the time you read this. Many thanks to Hilary and to Joan.

Elizabeth Evans

March Visit On 22nd

We regret that unforeseen circumstances have caused us to cancel this proposed visit. If any member of the Group would like to organise something instead at very short notice, we would be delighted and would give assistance if required with planning though neither of us is able to participate ourselves on this occasion!

We look forward to April when we hope our visit will be based in and around Preston and the weather will be more predictable!

With best wishes

Ruth(825454) and Elizabeth(825148)

50ps Please will those who put the 50ps in the safe:

a) please make sure you have secured the envelope or little money bag. I have again had an envelope open itself as I loaded it into my shopping bag and the last time this happened I lost 5p somewhere.

b) please enclose a note of some sort or write on the envelope to say which group this money is from. The treasurer likes to know and I need to be able to tell him.

c) It is not essential to also include the amount you think is in the bag/envelope but it helps. If I find it is not what you think it is, I count it 3 times instead of twice!

d) The date of your meeting is not essential as I only pass on the dates when I emptied the safe. It could be useful though if I were away for more than a few days.

Alison Tyas

Items of interest from further afield:

WestNet Quiz Night - Gargrave Village Hall
6pm on 16th March - pie and peas supper - £5
- contact Kate Helm at

kate.helm1@btinternet.com

YAHR Creative Writing Study Day-
Priory Centre in York -10am on 22nd March.