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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

In my experience one of the roles of Chairman, of any organisation, is to look ahead to the future. So although our AGM is not until September I am asking for members to consider standing for the committee. My term of office ends at the AGM and we have our Vice-Chair Tony Stephens available to succeed me. Committee meetings are held on the Monday before the Monthly Meeting on the second Thursday of the month. The committee meetings start at 9.45am and usually close well before 12 noon. We have considerable expertise on the committee and some members have served since the steering committee was formed over five years ago. We shall be losing some of this expertise in the next two years and need people to come forward with the skills that they may have to continue the smooth running of this U3A. Please give this appeal some consideration.

Sincerely **Janet**

Forthcoming Events

After a very successful outing to the Lowry at Salford we are happy to announce our forthcoming events.

Wednesday 20 June: Our summer visit this year will be to Scampston Hall and Gardens near Malton. The House is only open to the public for one month each year so we have timed our visit accordingly. The 4½ acre walled garden opened in 2004 and is designed as a series of spaces each with an individual character. There is also an award winning restaurant in the garden offering a variety of lunches. We will be leaving Settle at 8.30am and hope to return around 5.30pm. Total cost is £20, including admission to house and garden, bus and driver's tip. Please book your place as soon as possible. Cheques payable to Settle District U3A Social Account to be sent to Shirley Wolfenden at the address below, or made at the Monthly Meetings.

Wednesday 17 October: Another visit to The Theatre on the Lake at Keswick, this time to see a musical extravaganza of *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

Really looking ahead and giving you lots of time to fill your piggy bank, we hope to arrange a 6 hour cruise on the Manchester Ship Canal from Liverpool to Salford Quays for **June 2008**.

Shirley Wolfenden

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FROM THE GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

Please start thinking about the next session—from mid-September I shall try to find out during June which groups will be carrying on and when and how often, etc.

We had a good selection of groups to choose from this year and I think most will continue. If you have a hobby or special interest it would be worth mentioning it to me or putting something in this *Newsletter*. You might get a group of like-minded people together to enjoy sharing your interest.

You don't have to be a leader or a teacher, just a sharer.

Alison Tyas (01729 822313)

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Family History: By the time you read this, we will have had our last meeting for the current session, which will be reported in the next edition of the U3A *Newsletter*. There will be Open Days at Southport Record Office on **2 and 9 June**, if anyone is interested. We think there are morning and an afternoon sessions, which have to be booked and you are able to see behind the scenes (our thanks to Pat Smith for this information). Just a reminder about the Study Day in Liverpool on **12 June**, which was mentioned in last month's *Newsletter*. **Margaret Cullingworth**

French for Beginners: The classes have been very enjoyable, thanks to Anne Richer, who has been a most able and patient tutor, and most of us have gained some language skills and confidence in trying to speak French, though by no means fluently! The dates for classes at Victoria Hall are: **16 and 30 May**, and **13 and 27 June**. There will be informal meeting on **18 July** at John and Genevieve Moss' house on **15 August** and **19 September** at Alan and Anne Richer's. **Margaret Cullingworth**

Great Lives: The last meeting of the year will find us learning about Henry VIII and Ignatius Loyola—we do get some off pairings! Last month it was William Wilberforce and the much-married Bess of Hardwick. This meeting on **Wednesday 16 May** in the Victoria Hall will be our last until we meet again in October. **Frank Pedley**

Heraldry: Following a most enjoyable day visiting Mitton and Waddington churches and Stoneyhurst College last month, our visit this month is to Ripon Cathedral on **Thursday 17 May**. I have said we will be there at about 11.00am so I suggest we meet at 9.50am in Booths car park as usual.

The beginner's class will meet on **7 June** in the Victoria Hall.

Hilary Baker

Listening to Music: Next meeting 2.00pm on **21 May** at Beryl Slann's, Leak House, Austwick (015242 51205). New members welcome; bring a piece of your choice—CD or records. **BS**

Strollers Walking: The first of these walks will take place on **Wednesday 30 May**, leaving the Cricket Club car park at 10.00am. This will be a local walk to initially assess members' abilities. The full walk will take about an hour and a half, and will include a coffee stop at Watershed Mill to socialize and discuss progress. There will be a point to cut the walk short for people who feel they have done enough but they will still be able to join us for coffee—they will just have a longer coffee stop. Sturdy footwear is recommended—there will be some uphill at the start, steps and a stoney path in the second half. You must have U3A membership for insurance reasons but may bring guests if they are members of another U3A. **Janet Stafford**

Sunday Lunch: The venue in April was new to the group—The Cross Keys at West Marton. A wide selection from the menu was ordered and enjoyed and as usual the conversation was equally enjoyable. Of particular interest was the furniture in the dining room which while traditional in one sense seemed to have been designed with us in mind—six of us were seated at a hexagonal table. It was a busy day on the roads and The Cross Keys is on the A59, but its position by the canal is lovely and well worth a repeat visit.

The next outing will be on **20 May** when we hope to return to one of our favourites— Barden Tower.

Audrey Daykin

Wine Appreciation Group 1—19 April: Unusually for the group, only 70% attendance was possible on this occasion, so with great self-denial, those present restricted themselves to sampling only four bottles during the evening.

The sole white was exceptionally highly acclaimed and appreciated by all; it was:

Villa Maria, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (£7.99).

Reds tend to be favourites with the group and these three revealed no disappointments and had much to commend them ...

Hawkes Bay, Oyster Bay, Merlot, New Zealand (£7.99)

Errazuriz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chile (£5.49)

Alentejano, Tagus Creek, Shiraz Trincadeira, 2005 (£4.99).

GHP



Croquet

The new croquet season is now with us, so I am inviting you to come to my Club at 2.00pm on **Tuesday 29 May** to have an introduction to the game and a knock-around.

If you would like to find out more about this, please phone Peter or Ann Dowdall on 823442 when transport can be arranged. The only equipment you will need is a flat pair of shoes (- and, of course, normal informal clothing!). The Club will provide all the rest, including a fine pavilion with toilets, refreshments, bar, etc.

Peter Dowdall

ART APPRECIATION

Although the group is now hibernating until September, I'm sure art lovers of all descriptions will be interested in the following.

The Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield, is holding a major retrospective exhibition of the work of sculptor Andy Goldsworthy which brings together an unprecedented range of his work, forming the largest and most ambitious project ever curated at Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Revealing the breadth and direction of Goldsworthy's most recent work, the exhibition features new permanent outdoor commissions, new

indoor stone, tree and clay installations, together with sheep paintings and blood drawings. This exhibition marks 30 years of Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Throughout the year, a series of special events will be held to celebrate this landmark anniversary, including live performance, music, poetry and lectures. (Details at <http://www.ysp.co.uk/>)

North Yorkshire Open Studios is now in its second year and is a celebration of professional arts practice and local creativity. This year the event will take place the weekends of May 19-20 and 26-27 (Dales and Central Area) and May 26-27 and June 2-3 (Moors and Coast Area). Over 100 artists and makers will open their workplaces to the public over the three weekends in June, between 10.00am—5.00pm each day. This is an opportunity to talk to and watch artists at work in their own informal environments. Visitors can learn from meeting the artists, gaining first hand knowledge of where, how and why art gets made, plus the chance to buy direct from the makers. Local artists involved include Sarah Smith, Jackie Hunt, Frank Gordon, Rachelle Blondel, Tony Roberts and Judith Davies. (Details at <http://www.art-connections.org.uk/>).

Catalogues and/or booklets are available (free) at the Spiral Gallery, The Folly, Victoria Hall, Dales Pictures and me—Hurry while stocks last!
Frank Gordon

Next month's Thursday meeting

At next month's meeting, on 14 June, John Hartley will give a talk entitled
"Trench Art"
Coffee at 10.00am for 10.30am in the Victoria Hall

***PLEASE NOTE:** the date for the August meeting is **9 August**,
and that for September is **13 September**, and NOT as shown in your membership card*

STOP PRESS

This space is for any urgent items that come too late for the copy date (see below). Please keep wording to a minimum.

Exercise: Don't forget! A new (gentle) exercise class starts on **Friday 11 May** from 10.00am until 11.00am in the Victoria Hall.

TRAMPS is showing "An Inconvenient Truth" (U) at 7.30pm on **Friday 11 May** (Victoria Institute, Low Betham) and on **Saturday 12 May** (St John's Church Hall, Settle).

*Children are a great comfort in your old age. And they help you reach it faster.
I'm getting to the age when I can only enjoy the last sport left: it's called hunting your glasses.*

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