



Registered Charity No 1095635

Letter from the chair

Hello,

Firstly, thank you to those who took part in our April Publicity Event. We shall be doing the same again on TUESDAY 26th JUNE at Settle Co-op. Please contact Anne if you can spare AN HOUR. It was enjoyable and worthwhile. We felt our U3A had a good reception in April which raised our profile locally.

It has been a busy month and I have not visited many Groups as yet. I regularly attend Family History Group, however Chris has written over page on her first session with this group so I will not duplicate. It was also good to see the Art Group Exhibition - diverse and talented artists led by Ian, at the April meeting - thank you.

Unfortunately, some Groups have been disrupted (e.g. change of venue at short/no notice) beyond the control of Leaders/U3A. Committee is aware of difficulties and be assured this is being taken up with Victoria Hall and will be resolved.

We are coming to the time of year when I would ask you to begin thinking about the possibility of putting yourself or another (with their agreement of course) forward as a Committee Member (CM). Our AGM is in September. CMs necessarily need to change at least every three years (with some exceptions allowed in our Constitution) and so it would be good to hear again from those who may be interested in giving extra support and continued dynamism to our U3A on the Committee or in any other capacity. Do talk with me or a CM if you want to know more.

Finally, if you would like to write about what your Group has been doing or is planning then please contact Chris who compiles this Newsletter. There is such a lot going on in our U3A, it is a shame not to share more of what we do. Enjoyment shared is enjoyment multiplied!

Very best wishes

Jackie

June Meeting: Thursday 14th June in the Victoria Hall
'The Science of Chocolate'
with Diana Leitch
Coffee from 10am



Wed 6th June at 7.45pm Settle Victoria Hall
FRANZ (12A)

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NEWS FROM AND FOR THE GROUPS

NEW GROUPS

After some recent U3A events there have been suggestions for new groups as following - **Music Appreciation, Wine Tasting, Spanish Conversation, Bird Watching and Dry Stone Walling** (provided suitable walls can be found!). The first three need both leaders and members. The latter two groups already have leaders willing and able so let me know if you're interested in any of them and I'll try and coordinate things.

Debi Burridge debi.burridge@gmail.com 825855

GREAT LIVES

At our April meeting John Jebson gave a very interesting talk about someone whose name is well known to most people, Agatha Christie. Born in 1890 in Torquay, even as a child Agatha created all sorts of stories. In 1914 she married Archibald Christie who was a pilot in the first world war and yet managed to survive. Agatha was a nurse and also dispensed medicines which gave her a knowledge of poisons. The couple became increasingly estranged and Agatha disappeared mysteriously for 11 days and was eventually found in Harrogate. The couple divorced in 1928 but Agatha kept the Christie name. Some of her characters have become house-hold names. Hercule Poirot was invented in 1916 and Miss Marple in the 1930s. Her play 'The Mousetrap' started in 1952 and is still going. Agatha Christie wrote 80 novels, the most famous of which is 'And then there were None'. All are in print and the total sales amount to over 2 billion. She died in January 1976.

Keith Bradshaw

Our next meeting will be on Wed. 16th May (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Michael Cullingworth will talk on the subject of Jonathan Silver, an entrepreneur responsible for the saving of local mills, notably Saltaire. All welcome. **John Jebson**

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

Trip to the Lake District **Thursday May 24th** Two very interesting mills will be visited; first **Gleaston Mill**, near Ulverston, a 1774 corn mill building on an earlier site. Second, after lunch, we will visit the English Heritage owned **Stott Park Bobbin Mill**, nestled on the shores of Lake Windermere. This is the last remaining bobbin mill in the region. The cost of the trip will be £29, inclusive. Departure 09.30 from the Rugby Club. Members are asked to pay as soon as possible, in cash. Contact for more information: Jim Woodward-Nutt, 30 Newton Way, Hellifield, BD23 4NY Tel. 01729 851808

Jim Woodward-Nutt

LAOB THURSDAY 21st JUNE (not 28th)

Planned visit to **MORECAMBE** with 2 tours - **MIDLAND HOTEL** am, **WINTER GARDENS THEATRE** with its on-going restoration pm. Cost £21. Only 24 places available. Leaving Settle at 9.30 arriving back approx. 5.30pm.

To book your place pay at **U3A monthly meeting on 10th May** or **contact Heather 01729 268912 or Rosemary 01729 824239**

PLAY READING

Our chosen plays have sometimes challenged us, many kept us guessing and just about all made us smile, laugh out loud or think again! They have included Alan Bennett's **The History Boys** and by contrast, Denise Dugan's **Daisy Pulls It Off**; Agatha Christie's **Murder at the Vicarage**; then David Hare's **Racing Demon** (a very different Church setting); Derek Benfield's **Fish Out of Water**; Dodie Smith's **Dear Octopus** and Terence Rattigan's **Deep Blue Sea** (keeping our feet dry throughout). We hope to try something different again and lend our 'talents' to **Anton Chekhov's Uncle Vanya this month** - Russian country life and humour, in Four Acts.

Jackie Allott

FAMILY HISTORY

I have, at last, joined this group and do so wish I had done it years ago!

Lynda Boyce showed us that "Things ain't always what they seem!" as far as her family history is concerned, with much discussion from the floor.

During the tea and coffee break, members are given the opportunity to use magazines so diligently indexed by Rosemary Matheson who picks a topic and displays magazines which are relevant to that interest.

Then follows short presentations from members on their chosen topic. Offers of help from Margaret and Eileen to prepare such work and with personal projects is given at the second Friday of the month meeting in Victoria Hall.

In addition, a challenge set by Eileen earlier this month on an entry in a Langcliffe census of 1871 was discussed by all, sharing ideas on how to solve it.

All in all, this meeting was very informative, helpful and enjoyable. I look forward to many more.

Chris Taylor

GEOLOGY

Good luck with the weather Monday May 21st to Thursday 24th May in Fife for the field trip! Take a few photos for the newsletter please and bring back some rock, pink and stripey maybe?.