

Newsletter

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

May I, on behalf of all who went on the Keswick theatre trip, say a big thank you to Shirley Wolfenden for organizing it so well, including the weather. I am still involved with the outings but Shirley takes most of the planning on. We are arranging a tour of the Lowry at Salford Quays, combined with a tour of the Bridgewater Concert Hall, Manchester, for the new year. We hope to have another outing to the Ilkley Playhouse but are awaiting their programme as we go to press.

Our December meeting will be similar to last year but with a shorter quiz, then Valerie Baulard's jazz singing, followed by lunch. Then Val will lead us with some Christmas carol singing. This event was not very well attended last year in comparison to our usual Thursday meetings: do put the date in your diaries and come and enjoy this very pleasant occasion.

Sincerely **Janet**

Car parking

All walks and all coach trips will in future assemble at the Cricket Club car park—by very kind permission of the club; there is no charge for this, and you can leave your car there till your group gets back.

This facility will be available to *all* our groups, so please make sure you check with the group leader or the *Newsletter* whether/when the change is to be made for your group.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Art Appreciation: We visited the David Bomberg show at Abbott Hall on 7 October; this scintillating exhibition was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was an absolute delight to see so much fine work by one of Britain's greatest twentieth century painters in an atmosphere of such quiet and calm.

Next meeting is on **Tuesday 7 November** at 2.00pm. Our next visit is by coach to Liverpool on **Tuesday 21 November** to visit the fourth LIVERPOOL BIENNIAL international festival of contemporary art. We leave the Cricket Club car park at 8.30am and leave Liverpool at 4.30pm (arrive Settle 6.30pm-ish).

For ten weeks every two years, several hundred of the world's most exciting visual artists show their work in over 40 locations across Liverpool city centre, from major art gallery spaces to unexpected temporary locations. In fact, the main focus of the Biennial is at the Walker Gallery and Tate Liverpool and a full day can easily be spent between these two venues; entrance is free to both galleries. (We made the trip two years ago and this was highly successful.)



Cost of the coach is £8.50 which should reach me by *14 November* at the latest so that I can be assured that a coach will be viable. Payment can be made at the November meeting or by post; cheques payable to Frank Gordon. Friends, spouses etc are welcome—this could be a useful way to get Christmas shopping done! For further details contact me at artsandflowers@hotmail.com or 01729 824638.

Frank Gordon

Cookery Chat: Before our meeting, we were wondering how we would get on with so much chicken to sample. As it turned out, there was considerable variety of flavour, proving to us all that chicken need not be an uninspiring choice. We nibbled at Chicken Lemon Kebabs, refreshing to the palate, then spicy Chicken Piri Piri, made from a recipe a member had brought back from Portugal. We enjoyed a Chicken Parcel in puff pastry followed by Chicken Teriyaki and Chicken in celery and celeriac sauce. All this from those boring chicken breasts we all buy in the supermarket.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 27 November** at 2.00pm at Valley View, Giggleswick. The topic is Ways with Mincemeat. New members very welcome **KK** (tel 822444)

Family History: The next meeting will be on Friday 17 November, when we hope to take a trip to the Chorley Family History Centre. Details will be circulated when arrangements are finalised. If anyone who was not at the meeting on 27 October would like to be included, please ring 01729 823 978, as we have to notify the centre of the number attending. Please note that this will

be a car-share scheme and we will meet in the Cricket Club car park (time tba). Please also note that the following meeting will be on Friday 15 December.

Margaret and Michael Cullingworth

Great Lives: After a comprehensive exposition of Charles Darwin, followed by an insight into the lesser known activities of James Boswell, we shall be investigating the lives of the French philosopher Rousseau and the Welsh national hero Owen Glendower. This will be on **Wednesday 15 November** at 10.30am at the Victoria Hall. **Frank Pedley**

Heraldry: After a most successful visit to Bradford with a tour of City Hall—not just looking at the heraldry - and the cathedral, this month our visit will be to Kildwick Church on **Thursday 16 November**. I suggest we meet at Booths at 9.45am or at the church at 10.30am. There will be no visit in December.

Beginners' Heraldry as usual on **Thursday 7 December**. **HMB**

Listening to Music: next meeting on **Monday 20 November** at Shirley's and Ray's house (01729 840882). Please bring a few shortish pieces, and Enid will this time choose the "long" piece. **PMS**

Looking at Old Buildings: A visit has been arranged for **Thursday 30 November** to the Farfield Quaker Meeting House, meeting there at 11.15am. Map Ref: Sheet no 05104/075518 off the B1660 Addingham to Bolton Abbey road. Parking is very limited so suggest meeting at Long Preston railway station at 10.30am to pool transport. In the afternoon there will be a guided tour around Bolton Priory at 2.00pm. There are cafés in the Bolton Abbey area or we could take a packed lunch. Any queries, please ring Dora Tattersall (01729 822412) or Vanessa Stone (01729 840451). **Vanessa Stone**

Sunday Lunch: The next lunch will be at the Maypole, Long Preston, at 12.30pm on **Sunday 19 November**.

HMB

Walking: Tuesday 10 October— The day started off with torrential rain but by 10.00am it had eased and so six of us met in the car park to do a walk from High Birkwith. As we could manage with two cars, one car was to be left at the Cricket Club and so a detour was made. Meanwhile the Naylor's set off in their car and instructions were given that when they reached Horton they should not turn left over the bridge but go straight ahead along the road between the pub and the river but it was hoped that the rest of us would catch them up before they got there. Sure enough, we eventually caught up with a Range Rover and as it turned left in Horton, Michael beeped his horn and flashed his lights. The car pulled over and Michael went to talk to the occupants—only to find that it was not the Naylor's but another couple, who thought they were being pulled up by the

police! At the entrance to the road to High Birkwith was a sign saying the road would be closed on 16 and 17 October for work to take place. We proceeded along the road, only to find that it was closed by heavy machinery, carrying out road works! So after skilful reversing along the road we met with the Naylor's, who had just turned in. By this time it had started to rain again and the consensus was that we should abandon the walk and go for coffee at the Penyghent Café, only to find that it, too, was closed! So we proceeded back to Settle for an enjoyable coffee and chat at Watershed Mill. Better luck next time!
Margaret & Michael Cullingworth

Next month's Thursday meeting

Next month's meeting, on 14 December, will be

**The Christmas Celebration
Quiz, Jazz from Val Baulard, a few Carols
and a Jacob's Join—bar available**

Coffee at 10.30am in the Victoria Hall

Keswick Outing

Our coach trip to Keswick was on one of the most beautiful days in October. The Lake District looked wonderful and we were all suitably impressed. There were 40 in the group and I think everyone enjoyed both the journey and the play. *Private Lives* was acted with skill and great enthusiasm, especially the fight scenes near the end which were hilarious. This was our second autumn visit to the Theatre on the Lake and I don't think it will be our last. **SW**

Calling all U3A grandparents!

Do you have equipment for the under 5s, eg push chairs, cots, high chairs or toys that you don't use all the time? Or do you look after grandchildren from time to time and need such items just for short periods? If so, you can now contact Christine and John Rose, who have offered to keep a U3A register of both those who *have* items and those who want to *borrow* them, and put people in touch accordingly. Ring Christine and John on 01729 822553.

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Computing for Beginners: The format of two sessions (as on 25 October) will continue at least for the time being.

Line Dancing: NB now back in the Victoria Hall.

Handbells: Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays at 4.30pm. Next meeting **13**

November. This group is now full.

“Aspire and Renew” at Settle Parish Church: Settle U3A will be exhibiting at this on Saturday 11 November, 10.00-4.00pm

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*A closed mouth gathers no foot.
At least $\frac{7}{5}$ of all people do not understand fractions.*