

## JANUARY THEATRE TRIP

to Ilkley Playhouse on Monday 24th January  
to see **'ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF AN ANARCHIST'**  
by Dario Fo, adapted by Gavin Richards.

While the political context has changed, the play still remains a comic masterpiece and a cautionary tale about what happens when those in authority get found out. Names will be taken at the meeting on Thursday 11th or by phone to Janet Stafford. Cost £10. (Payment by **Thursday 13th January**, Cheques made payable to Settle District U3A Social A/C). Payment will NOT be taken at the December Social event.

The coach will leave the Cricket Club at 6pm.  
Janet Stafford | Birchwood Close Settle BD24 9RJ Tel: 01729 825449

## DECEMBER MEETING

"CHRISTMAS SOCIAL"

Thursday 9th December at 10.30am

Coffee available from 10.00am

VICTORIA HALL

Great entertainment and Jacobs Join Lunch - **MEMBERS ONLY**

## SPECIAL FOR U3A MEMBERS

It is possible for members to purchase  
Microsoft Education Software !

For example: Windows 7 Pro or Office Pro  
2010 are available for only £35 each.

For further information contact:

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Professional Computer Services  
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## SETTLE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Will perform a programme of Russian Music  
including items by

Shostakovich, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky  
in the Hall of Settle Community College  
on Saturday 20th November at 7.30

Advance tickets from Cave and Craig

(Contributed by a U3A member)

## 'SHERLOCK HOLMES' (12A)

Fri 12th Nov 7.30pm

Langcliffe Institute

Sat 13th Nov 7.30pm

Bentham Victoria Institute

## 'AN EDUCATION' (12A)

Fri 19th Nov 7.30pm

Austwick Village Hall

## 'DEPARTURES' (12)

Wed 24th Nov 7.30pm

Victoria Hall Settle

## 'MICMACS' (12A)

Wed 8th Dec 7.30pm

Victoria Hall Settle

## 'INVICTICUS' (12A)

Fri 10th Dec 7.30pm

Austwick Village Hall



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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

Delegation again!

I'm letting John have the front page this month but I wondered how many of you watch the BBC series 'New Tricks' with Amanda Redman et al? I was catching up with the episodes televised whilst I was away and noticed the character Jack Halford, played by James Bolam, getting involved with his local U3A and giving a talk about serial killers. He didn't get as big an audience as our monthly speakers do!  
Debi



... And from the Vice Chairman...

As I write this, our chairman Debi is busy with her house move and so I have the opportunity to introduce myself to you as your new vice-chairman. My wife Frances and I joined Settle U3A 3 years ago shortly after we moved to Hellifield following our retirement. We have so far mainly been involved in the Walking Group.

I have also been active in Hellifield and am currently Treasurer of the Village Institute as well as running a Table Tennis Club which has a team in the Keighley & District League. Frances enjoys singing and belongs to The Langcliffe Singers, Settle Voices and Giggleswick Choral Society. We have two sons and three grandchildren.

Although Christmas still seems a long way away, our next meeting, on Thursday 9th December will take the format of our Christmas Social. A "Jacob's Join" lunch will be available from around mid-day, following a short programme of varied entertainment provided by our members and groups. Rumour has it that a Quiz (Shirley Wolfenden), a Pantomime and some musical items (Recorder Group and Singing for Pleasure) will act as appetizers before your lunch. This event is always popular and sadly we cannot seat everybody for lunch, so we are inviting you to "bring and share" finger food only. This will provide a challenge, especially for the dessert course. Can we really abandon Pavlova and trifle? Surely not!

Do put the date in your diary and I look forward to seeing you all at the Victoria Hall.  
John



NEWSPAPER

All copy for publication in the next issue needs to reach the editor Sue Simpson  
e-mail [susanmsimpson@btinternet.com](mailto:susanmsimpson@btinternet.com) (Tel: 015242 41271)  
by Fri 3rd December 2010

Copy received by e-mail will be acknowledged.

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**COMPUTERS :** (2nd & 4th Wednesdays 2.00-3.30pm) We are now back in Victoria Hall from Wednesday 10th November, so our dates will be the 10th and 24th November then the 8th and 2nd December 2010. We will arrange dates for 2011 when we meet. This is literally a "self-help" group for members who have a range of experience in using computers from raw beginners to those with many years of mouse clicking and keyboard tapping behind them. Members share their current problems and solutions with each other and the rest of the group. Beginners **really** are welcome. Bring your laptop and come and join us. You **will** learn something new each session.

**Derek Hewitson**

**EXERCISE:** There will be no session on November 30th.

**Gillian Walton**

**GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP:** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. It will take the form of a visit to Cliffe Castle in Keighley. The idea is to look at their splendid rock and mineral collections but most especially the mineral collections. We'll be looking at the public collection and also their store's geology collections. The main group will meet in the car park at the cricket club at 14:30. For anyone living on the Keighley side you could meet us in the Cliffe Castle entrance at about 14:50 or so. We're meeting John Dallas of the museum staff who will take us round.

**Paul Cochrane**

**GREAT LIVES:** The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th Nov at 10.30 am in the Victoria Hall. The subject will be '**Lawrence Binyon**'.

**Jean Imrie**

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:** The next meeting will take place on Thurs 25th Nov at 2pm in Scaleber Room (behind the kitchen) at the Victoria Hall.

Please come along with ideas for visits for the next season. Each month a member of the group volunteers to organise a trip or talk and put the details in the newsletter. We usually meet on the 4th Thursday in the month, mainly the afternoon, but sometimes in the morning or even all day. Please note my new phone number:- 01729 825922

**Debi Burridge**

### Recent Visit to St Wilfrid's Church, Burnsall – 28 October

We were met by Fiona Jenkins who first of all showed us the outside of the school, which is housed in the former Grammar School dating from 1602. Then on to the church which is built on a site near to a rock where St Wilfrid preached in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. There has been a church on this site since the 9<sup>th</sup> Century and there are many relics of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings who settled there in the 10<sup>th</sup> Century.

The present church building dates mainly from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century but the oldest parts date from the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. In 1858/9 the church was 'restored' by a local architect, John Varley, when the Victorian style chancel arch was put in and the roof raised by six feet. The Rood Screen was erected in 1891. Sitting on top of this are some carved figures of the cruxifixion which were carved in Italy and added in 1935. On the ends of the beams there are coats of arms of several of the local families. There are some interesting stained glass windows, one depicting St Wilfrid as a youth and also as Bishop of York in 669.

The visit culminated with a welcome cuppa in front of a log fire at the Red Lion.

**Margaret Cullingworth**

**PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP:** The Next meeting of the Photography group will take place on Friday 12th November. We do not have a room so bring your cameras and we'll meet outside the Victoria Hall at 2.00pm. and we will stroll around Settle taking pictures and concentrating on shape, texture and close-ups. NB this group meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month and **not** fortnightly.

**Frank Higginson**

### Visit to Theatre By The Lake, Keswick 'WHAT THE BUTLER SAW' BY JOE ORTON

A young lady carrying a box, arrives at a private Psychiatric Clinic to be interviewed for the post of secretary. So begins this Rix-style farce. The girl is asked by the doctor to undress and lie down on the couch, when his wife returns, wearing only an underskirt under her coat, after spending the night with a young porter at the Station Hotel. This sets the scene for a bawdy romp, which also includes two mad Psychiatrists and a policeman. It involves the wife dressing in the secretary's clothes, the porter running nude across the stage wearing only the policeman's helmet (not on his head) and also dressing as a dizzy blonde and a policeman and the secretary dressing as the porter. It culminates with the policeman dressed only in a string vest and boxers, descending from the roof light on a rope ladder, after the alarms have been sounded and grills surrounding the windows and doors, trapping them all inside! We then find out that the box contains vital missing parts of a Winston Churchill statue that has been vandalised. Help, the men in white coats are here and I really need to lie down in a darkened room!

**Michael Cullingworth**

### NOTES FROM THE REGIONAL MEETING

Last month Hilary Baker and I attended a meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Region which was held in Leeds. It was very useful to meet other representatives who came from all over the region, to discuss problems and celebrate successes and to learn about the running and administration of our region. In the afternoon Dr. Alex McMinn gave an excellent talk entitled "Sustaining Well being in Later Life" which of course is something we all would like to do. Well, the good news is that the U3A movement ticks all the boxes where active ageing is concerned. We have groups which offer mental stimulation and groups which address physical well-being. All our groups provide social connectivity and hopefully a touch of that other ingredient deemed vital for healthy ageing – laughter. We were interested to hear that volunteering also contributes to well being by restoring the sense of self-esteem and purpose which can diminish in retirement. Here in the Settle District we have plenty of opportunities for becoming a volunteer. Many of our members are involved with Age Concern, either helping in the shop, at lunch clubs, with Meals on Wheels or visiting the housebound. Other members help with distribution of the Community News, collection of waste paper or are Friends of the Victoria Hall. And don't forget..... you could always volunteer to come onto our committee or lead one of our highly esteemed groups!

**Gillian Walton**

*It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Frank Pedley on Saturday 6th November. Frank was one of our founder members and without his enthusiasm and guidance Settle & District U3A may never have got off the drawing board. Frank had a long association with the national movement and was a past Chairman.*