

MONTHLY MEETING
8th December at 10.30am
(coffee from 10.00am)

Quiz!
Christmas Variety Show
Food!

JACOB'S JOIN

Finger food only please!!

MEMBERS ONLY!

ILKLEY THEATRE OUTING
'TIMING'
by
ALISTAIR MCGOWAN
on
Wednesday 25th January 2012
at
Ilkley Playhouse
Cost £18 including driver's tip
(Cheques to be made payable to
Settle District U3A Social A/C)

Coach will leave Cricket Club car park at 6.00pm.

Contact **Janet Stafford** to book a seat.
I Birchwood Close, Settle, BD24 9RJ
01729 825449

TRAMPS
The Ribblesdale Area Moving Picture Show
presents

LETTERS TO JULIET (PG)

Friday 11th November
7.30pm
Bentham Town Hall

LEMON TREE (PG)

Wednesday 16th Nov
7.30pm
Settle Victoria Hall

BRIDESMAIDS (15)

Friday 25th Nov
7.30pm
Langcliffe Institute

www.tramps.org.uk

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

Two things to clarify - I've been told I didn't make it clear enough when talking about the newsletter being an electronic version from January is that there will be paper versions for everyone not able to access the former. For those of you who were not at the monthly meeting and are wondering what all this is about, we are working towards only printing off enough copies of the newsletter as is necessary for those of you not on-line. As I said, you can print off your own copy from the website if you don't like reading it on screen.



And the other point is who to inform about an item for inclusion in the Christmas Variety Show - either your group leader or directly to me, Debi Burrige - 01729 825922 or debi.burrige@gmail.com by Thursday 24th November.

On my recent holiday in Italy I visited a friend who lives in Pinerolo in the NW of the country near Turin and spotted this poster in the park:



Yes, it is the Italian version of our U3A! And they have an amazing number of groups - over 75 ranging in subject from Costume Jewellery to Nordic Walking via Puzzles and Mysteries. In fact very similar to our own U3A, but Pinerolo is a bigger town than Settle. However, they have no English Language group just as we have no Italian Language group. Food for thought perhaps. The annual fee is 35 euros allowing access to one or more classes. I couldn't find out if you then had to pay per class. And it does seem that the groups are run by teachers rather than group leaders. But good to know that the U3A is alive and well elsewhere. Can you imagine the queues at registration though?

I hope everyone has now got their membership cards and confirmed with group leaders that they are members this year. We have to do this check for Gift Aid. This latter is proving very helpful to our finances. Thank you to everyone involved in organising this and to those of us who have signed up.

Best wishes
Debi Burrige

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

Our next meeting is a planning meeting on Thursday 24th November at 2.00pm in the Attermire room at the Victoria Hall. Please come with your ideas for visits.

You may contact me on 01729 825922.

Debi Burridge

CIRCLE DANCING:

Circle Dancing is a very sociable activity and we have made many friends through visits to other groups. Just recently some of our members travelled to Kendal for a day of Russian and Ukrainian dances. We have spent an afternoon with Ilkley U3A Circle Dance group and by the time you read this we will have been on one of our regular trips by train to Langwathby where the dances are taught by a very experienced leader. We always learn something new which we can then share with the group.

Please note that Friday December 2nd will be the last session for this term.

Pat and Gillian

WALKING:

On Tuesday 25th October 12 walkers enjoyed a gentle stroll from Sizergh Castle along field paths and through Brigsteer Woods up to Heslington Church and back on a lovely autumn day. There were beautiful views over the Lyth valley and Morecambe Bay. It was a little muddy underfoot in the wood as our intrepid leader found when she took an incautious step and went in up to her ankles. Fortunately she did not fall over!

Debi Burridge

WALKING HOLIDAY IN THE PEAK DISTRICT:

A number of the walking group will be going to Castleton in the Peak District for a few days walking 24th-27th April 2012, staying at 'The Castle', an old coaching inn. The cost is £55 per room for bed and breakfast and there will be walks to accommodate different levels of ability. There are a few places left so if anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Kate Helm on 823537 or kate.helm1@btinternet.com for more details.

Kate Helm

ART APPRECIATION:

The group enjoyed its visit to the recently opened Hepworth, Wakefield. After an interesting and informative conducted tour, members were at liberty to study, in depth, the amazing work of Barbara Hepworth (1903-75) and contemporary artists.

Some of the exhibits were finished works, while others were prototype casts from which the final sculptures would be made. These, gifted by the Hepworth family, are rare. Hepworth insisted that there were to be no posthumous castings so consequently many were destroyed.

Dominating the gallery was the 6m high 'Winged Figure' (1961-63) commissioned by John Lewis for their London store.

Hepworth worked in wood, stone, bronze and alabaster. Pictured is 'Curved Form' (1955) painted wood and string.



Joan Schofield

The meeting on 1st November was a lively one with members of the group sharing their thoughts about the varied and interesting exhibitions they had been to in recent months. The gallery visit on **Tuesday 15th November** will be to Abbot Hall to see the work of Richard Long. We will meet there at 2.00pm to go round the gallery. We will be joined by Frank Gordon who knows Long's work and will be able to help our understanding.

Kate Helm

Cantores Salicium

in concert

St Michael the Archangel Church

Kirkby Malham

Saturday 12th November 2011 at 7.30pm

(Music through the church year)

Contributed by a U3A member