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# SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the chair

*Dear friends,*

One of the aspects of Settle District U3A which really excites me is the huge range of knowledge, skills, and abilities which are to be found within our membership. We combine people who have lived locally for many years with their valuable local knowledge, with folk who have moved here from other parts of the country or indeed other countries bringing their knowledge of elsewhere. Also our members include people who have, cumulatively, experience of a very wide range of occupations. The law, teaching, medicine, I.T., the civil service, local government, and business all immediately spring to mind, plus numerous other occupations.

Probably, if we asked everyone to record details of countries to which they have travelled or lived in, we would have quite a full coverage of the world. Then, of course, there is the enormous spread of skills and abilities derived from all our lives, training, and teaching. Musing about this in terms of experience of life with our 300 members and an average age of, say 68(!), that would give us 20,400 years of life experience on which to draw and to share. That seems very powerful to me.

Of course, the interests of our members are demonstrated by the large range of groups that we run. If, on the other hand, you are yearning for the creation of a new group which is not currently in existence, then please contact Debi Burridge - Groups Co-ordinator - or any member of the Committee (names on the Website).

*Ian Tennant*

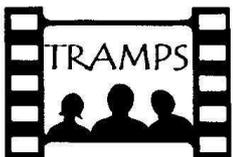
## **December Meeting: (Members Only)**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Victoria Hall (Coffee at 10am)**

### **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**

## **Presentations by The Groups**

**Mulled Wine/Juice and Mince Pies served in the interval**



The Ribblesdale Area  
Moving Picture Show

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Austwick Parish Hall**

**What we did on our holiday (12)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.45 pm Settle Victoria Hall**

**Au Revoir Les Enfants (PG)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm Ingleton Comm Centre**

**The Theory of Everything (12)**

*Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter*

*by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to: Chris Taylor*

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*Submissions will be acknowledged by email*

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### GREAT LIVES

Owing to me being indisposed, my planned October presentation on Nelson had to be postponed. I contacted all group members for whom I possess phone numbers but apologies to anyone else who turned up on the day.

My talk will now take place at a later date to be notified. At our next meeting on November 18th (Victoria Hall 11.00am) Dorothy Hemsworth will give her thoughts on Oscar Wilde, flamboyant Irish playwright, novelist, poet and wit.

**John Jebson**

### CIRCLE DANCING

Members of the circle dancing group were invited to perform the dance, 'Sanctum', at a Bradford Diocesan service in Christchurch, Skipton. The occasion was to celebrate the end of the current Mothers' Union Triennium and the changes coming into place affecting the historic Diocese of Bradford in the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales. Eight of us took part, the movement and haunting melody creating a meditative, reflective interlude following the sermon. Our participation was much appreciated. **Pat and Gillian**

### ART APPRECIATION GROUP : York Trip

I've booked a coach for a trip to York on Wednesday 25th November, leaving the cricket club in Settle at 9.30 am, and departing York at 3.00 pm. It will cost £13 for the coach - cash or cheques (to Settle District U3A) on the day. This is mainly an opportunity for the Art Appreciation group to visit the newly reopened Art Gallery. However there are lots of other places to go and of course shopping! Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to take advantage of this. **Debi Burridge 825922 debi.burridge@gmail.com**

### LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

A 33-seater Bibby's coach has been booked for the next visit of the "Looking at Old Buildings" group on Thursday 26th November 2015. Leaving the Settle Cricket Club Car Park at 8.50am, we are bound first for the Victorian Undercliffe Cemetery at Bradford where Mr Neil McLellan will conduct a guided tour, the cost for which is £3.00 per person.

From there we will be driven to the car park of the Midland Hotel where a tour, with complimentary

tea & coffee, has been arranged for about 2.15pm. We expect to leave from there at about 4.00pm.

We are also privileged to be able to have a tour of the new SunbridgeWells underground development currently being built under the centre of Bradford. Further information about this is on the [Group Web page](#).

I will start collecting the £13.00 coach money & the £3.00 for the cemetery at Thursday's speaker meeting but we are awaiting further details regarding cost for the SunbridgeWells tour.

Please contact **Elizabeth 01729 825148, 07779 548918 or [eevans42@btinternet.com](mailto:eevans42@btinternet.com)** for further details.

### ART APPRECIATION

Our December session will be at Gavagan Art - the new gallery in the centre of Settle <http://gavaganart.com>. Meet there at 2pm, 1st December, for a talk from the owner Mary Gavagan. There is also an opportunity to pop into the Studio Vault under the Tourist Information Office which is worth a visit to meet the owner and jewellery designer, Emily Knight.

**Debi Burridge**

### WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group Christmas Lunch is on **Tuesday 12th January 12 noon at the Knights Table, Knights Stainforth.**

<http://www.knightstainforth.co.uk> There's a varied menu and special diets can be catered for. There are various walking routes to get there - along the river from Settle, along the lane from the car park in Stainforth, or over various hills depending on weather and inclinations! Car parking is also available on site. Please can you let me know by December 1st if you would like to join us because I have to confirm numbers. **Debi Burridge 825922 debi.burridge@gmail.com**

### VICTORIA HALL PARKING

I recently witnessed someone's car having been boxed in by other cars at the side of the Victoria Hall when he needed to get out. There are often cars and vans who need to get to the side door to load or unload. Please would members of the U3A only pull in there if you need to get to the side door. And, if you want to leave your car there while you are in the building, you **MUST** ask at the box office.

**Alison Tyas**