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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

It was very nearly a case of “all change” for the 2008-9 Committee, voted in at the September AGM. Five new members were elected, with a further three of last year’s team taking on new responsibilities this time. Potential disaster—the complete absence of a volunteer for the office of Treasurer—was averted only by Shirley Wolfenden agreeing to continue in that role for one final year. Similarly, Pam Servant, who has produced our most professional-looking newsletter, has agreed to oversee for a short period its transition to new editorship. My grateful thanks to both for their excellent work and continued goodwill.

I have noticed during recent days in a department store, garden centre and even a Skipton market stall the appearance of all the usual Christmas-related commercial ephemera. This sort of thing reminds me that the season of goodwill is approaching rapidly, with our own Yuletide-themed meeting on 11 December, potentially the season’s highlight! The Committee envisages a revamped event this year, with more involvement from our talented members including our “performing” groups who were such a hit at our August showcase meeting. Any ideas, offers or promises from group leaders or anyone else are most welcome (and indeed, essential!) for the success of this venture. Please bombard Shirley Wolfenden (01729 840882) with your thoughts on the format for the event as soon as possible.

With best wishes **John Jebson**

With sorrow we have learned that Frances Evans has died.
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FROM THE GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

A few thoughts post AGM

Firstly, many thanks to Alison Tyas for her help and good cheer in moving the Groups Co-ordinator job from her to me. Secondly, many thanks to all our members who put up with my request for membership numbers as well as names. My newly written software for managing the registration information allowed me to create the lists by just typing the numbers (and then checking that I had in fact got the right numbers typed in). This allowed me to e-mail lists of group members by 7.00pm on the Thursday evening. So, thirdly, thanks to group leaders for having so many e-mail addresses, and finally, many many thanks to Pat Smith whose updating of the membership spreadsheet allowed the whole process to work.

Despite all this computer manipulation of data, I am keen that those of us who have no wish to get involved with this computer lark do not get short-changed. A circuit of group leaders who have no e-mail address makes a good bike ride, and they all lie on a circular route. So I was able to enjoy doing a hand delivery, despite some mismatch between the on-line postcode database and the realities of Rathmell and Long Preston.

I would quite like to maintain the data on who is doing what, so that we can readily notify people of unexpected changes, and also have accurate statistics to hand when considering future developments or answering questions from U3A HQ. If you want to join a new group please check with the group leader that there is room for an extra person, and then either you or the group leader please send me an e-mail or phone message saying who you are and which group you've joined. This time I will look up the membership number myself (unless your name is Susan Simpson—yes, we have two people with the same name). Similarly, please let me know if you decide to leave a group.

So thanks again everybody for helping me to get to bed in good time that Thursday evening.

David Holdsworth

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Art Appreciation: A reminder that the first meeting of the new session will be at 2.00pm, Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall, on Tuesday **7 October**. The group appears to be bigger than ever this year so come early if you want a good seat! Our first gallery visit will be to Abbot Hall in Kendal on Tuesday **21 October**, meeting there at 2.00pm(ish) to see the current exhibition: "Craigie Aitchison: The Prints—1969-2008"

"Craigie Aitchison, RA, CBE (b 1926) is considered one of the foremost colourists of the Royal Academy and was awarded the CBE for his contribution to British Art in 1999. His paintings are characterised by the purity and intensity of their colours and the simplicity and sparseness of their compositions...his art achieves a timeless and mysterious poetry of colour and atmosphere that is both unusual and unorthodox in contemporary British painting. Craigie Aitchison has produced silkscreen prints and hand-coloured etchings throughout his career, employing printmaking techniques that produce the same intensity of colour and form as oil on canvas. The exhibition covers Aitchison's almost entire output as a printmaker, beginning with his earliest prints from the 1960s."

If you need me beforehand, I am on 01729 824638 or at artsandflowers@hotmail.com.

Frank Gordon

Circle Dance: On **24 October** and **31 October** we shall be at Langcliffe Village Institute.

Gillian Walton

Exercise: There will be *no session* on **Tuesday 28 October**. **Gillian Walton**

Family History: The first meeting of the new session will be on Friday **24 October** at 10.30am at the Victoria Hall. **Margaret Cullingworth**

Great Lives: This group will be meeting at 10.30am on Wednesday **15 October** in the Victoria Hall, to hear a talk on Gregor Mendel, given by Mr John Chapman. All members, old or new, are welcome to attend. **Jean Imrie**

Handbell Ringing: Cancelled for now, but could re-start at any time if three more members join us.

Alison Tyas

Heraldry: The next outing will be Bolton-by-Bowland church on **Thursday 16 October**. Meet at the Cricket Club at 10.00am and we should be back in time for a late lunch.

20 November will see us welcoming Peter Marshall again with his wonderful slides. This time he will be "Sauntering through Scotland". Anyone with an interest will be welcome. There will be no meeting in December or January: the first one in the new year will be on **19 February**.

Hilary Baker

Looking at Old Buildings: Thirty-seven people put their names on the list for this group. There is to be a preliminary meeting on Thursday **27 November** at the Quaker Meeting House at 2.00pm, when it is hoped that one or maybe two people may put themselves forward to act as co-ordinator(s). There have already been several suggestions for different venue to visit and for the benefit of newer members perhaps visits can be arranged to venues which the group explored in its early days. **Margaret Cullingworth**

Sunday Lunch group: The next lunch will be on **Sunday 19 October**, when a table for 12 people has been reserved at The Pheasant Inn at Casterton. Please let me know by *Friday 17 October* if you are coming.

Audrey Daykin

Walking: A record 53 people put their names on the list for walking! The first *Thursday* walk of the new session was cancelled because of the weather, but the next one went ahead (see below).

Margaret Cullingworth

On **Thursday 4 December** the bus leaves Settle at **9.30am** (*not 10.10am*) **Alison Tyas**

Thursday, 18 September: Sunshine was ordered for this walk and, to the gratification of the leader, sunshine was delivered. Nine walkers set off from Burnsall across the river and up the Appletreewick road turning to climb in the Hartington area towards the open moorland. Eventually (after a slight diversion when the leader temporarily lost her sense of direction) the group met two other members of Settle U3A and all made their way through an area of old mines down the side of Trollers Gill. The troll *aka* the dreaded Barguest, did not appear. After a short walk along the road, Appletreewick's ancient buildings, including the restored cruck barn, excited the interest of several members of the group. The last section took us down to the Wharf, and along the Dales Way path back to Burnsall and pots of tea at the Red Lion. **Saida Simmons**

Next month's Thursday meeting — 13 November

The speaker will be **Alan Hemsworth**
whose talk will be entitled "**In Grandmother's footsteps**"

Coffee from 10.00am for 10.30am in The Victoria Hall.

TRAMPS presents—

18 October at 7.30pm - Clapham Village Hall

No Country for Old Men (15)

For details of future programmes see our web-site— www.tramps.org.uk

The Committee for 2008-9



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