

NOVEMBER SPEAKER MEETING

12th November 10.30 am
VICTORIA HALL
"OTHER FOLKS' RUBBISH"
Speaker: Chris Helme
(Coffee available from 10.00 am)

KESWICK THEATRE TRIP REMINDER

Matinee performance of Alan Ayckbourn's "A Chorus of Disapproval." October 14th
Meet at the Cricket Club car-park at 8.30am.

THERE ARE 3 TICKETS

AVAILABLE FOR THIS TRIP.

If you are interested (cost £21.50)
Please see Janet Stafford or Shirley Wolfenden



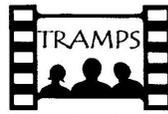
U3A members go all the way!

If you change your e-mail address please
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Moving Picture Show

TRAMPS presents –

Sat 10th Oct 7.30
Victoria Hall Low Bentham

THE READER (15)

Sat 17th Oct

St John's Hall Settle

THE BOY

IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS (12A)

Fri 23rd Oct

St John's Hall Settle

NORTH FACE (12A)

Tues 7th Nov

Clapham

THE AGE OF STUPID (12A)

www.tramps.org.uk

SETTLE
ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY
presents

A FAMILY CONCERT

Saturday Nov 22nd at 3.00pm
SETTLE COLLEGE

Programme includes:
Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite,
Dance Macabre, Beethoven's
5th Symphony and other
Orchestral favourites
Tickets £5.00
(children free)

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Dear Friends



Our AGM last month produced its fair share of drama once again. Although there were not the wholesale changes of personnel on the Committee so evident in 2008, we did lose our Treasurer Shirley Wolfenden, who for seven years has been such a tower of strength to Settle District U3A. She leaves the position with a very healthy bank balance, more than enough to cover the replacement of our IT equipment as it reaches the end of its useful life and to meet the increase in building hire charges for premises other than Victoria Hall. With no nominations for Treasurer notified to the Committee, it looked as if a major crisis threatened our long term future and so we are very grateful to Jackie Pemberton for stepping into the breach. She was elected Treasurer unanimously to a huge collective sigh of relief! Also elected to the Committee was John

Flitcroft, one of the mainstays of the Thursday walking group.
A very warm welcome to both.

All our groups which restart in September each year inevitably have to contend with numerous absences, as members take advantage of the end of the school holidays to take that well-earned rest in the sun! This was evident on my visit to the Computer group. It will be interesting to see the longer term make up of this group in regard to the level of computing skills possessed by members. Initially approximately a quarter of members was either new to the subject or with limited working practice. Leaders Derek Hewitson and Keith Waterson are using the U3A produced "Computer Basics for Seniors" book and disc as the base, while being also alert to the needs of more advanced users. The group meets on a fortnightly basis. Further details may be found on the web site.

From the perspective of early October the Christmas season seems a long way off, but for U3A members it's just two monthly meetings away. I would love to see as many of our groups as possible, whether song, dance, instrumental or study show off their talents to the membership at the December "social". Last year's event was superb and the standard high. Can the French groups top their panto or will another group "steal the show"? I'm sure all Group Leaders would appreciate input and ideas from members in this as in all their work as planning starts now!

Best wishes
John Jebson

Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES: The group will meet on Wednesday 21st October at 10.30 am in the Victoria Hall and the subject will be Louis XIV – “The Sun King”.
JEAN IMRIE

HERALDRY: BEGINNERS: The first class of this group will be on November 5th at 10.30 am at the Victoria Hall. If you have coloured pens or pencils it may be helpful to bring them.

HERALDRY VISITS: Thursday October 15th. We will be visiting three churches in Lower Wharfedale. Please meet at the Cricket Club car park at 9.45.
HILARY BAKER

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: The next meeting will be on Thurs Oct 22 at 2pm in The Friends’ Meeting House. This will be an opportunity to organise the programme for the year. Please bring ideas for topics and/or visits.
DEBI BURRIDGE.

SCRABBLE GROUP: The next meeting will be at the Victoria Hall on Monday 12th. October at 2pm.
PAT LODGE

THURSDAY WALKING GROUP On 17 Sept 10 members enjoyed a challenging Lakeland climb, commencing in Grasmere, up to the summit of Helm Crag and its Lion & the Lamb rocks. From there the undulating ridge was followed taking in, more or less, the tops of little hills with names like Gibson’s Knot, Moment Crag and Pike of Carrs. We left the heights via the steep descent following the course of Far Easedale Gill and the dramatic dog legged valley back to Grasmere. A walk of more than five hours in glorious weather and with plenty of opportunity for lake and peak spotting!
JOHN JEBSON



It was another gloriously fine day for the circular walk to the summit of Pen y Ghent on 1st October, led by Keith Waterson. We met at the picnic site at Helwith Bridge and took the steep climb to the summit. The panoramic views were wonderful. After lunch we returned to Helwith Bridge via Horton using the Ribble Way footpath which followed the river.
SUE SIMPSON

MORE NEWS

WE WELCOME JACKIE AND JOHN TO THE COMMITTEE: Jackie Pemberton has now taken over from Shirley Wolfenden as treasurer. She has lived in Settle for the last 15 years and is a member of the Looking at Old Buildings, Geology and Exercise Groups.

John Flitcroft moved to Hellifield a few years ago from Lytham St Annes, where he had worked for the Civil Service. He and his wife Frances are members of the walking group. He is also a keen table tennis player and has set up a team in Hellifield which now plays in the Keighley League. Welcome aboard!

BOOKS AND SWEETS FOR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

The Chaplaincy of the Royal Marines is asking for books and sweets for the lads and lasses from supporters at home. If you would like to help, then parcels containing individually wrapped boiled sweets and paper-back books would be very welcome. Packets weighing less than 2kg may be posted free from any UK Post Office and should be addressed to Revd Peter Scott, Chaplain, Cdo Log Regt, Royal Marines Bastion BFPO792. **NB Do not write Afghanistan anywhere on the address.**

NEWSLETTERS

Your newsletter is available at the big meeting in the Victoria Hall on the second Thursday of each month. You can also see it on the web - www.settledistrictu3a.org.uk.

If you are not able to get to the meeting and want a paper copy, please either:

- ask someone to collect yours
- arrange to collect it from my house
- give me a stamped, addressed envelope.

My house, Quaker Garth, is opposite the Victoria Hall.

I usually manage to deliver to houses in Settle and Giggleswick. Langcliffe and Long Preston people usually get theirs as well and sometimes Hellifield, but not any others and we cannot **guarantee** to deliver any.

If a copy is not collected or delivered for 3 successive months, I stop naming one for you,

but I always have spares at the meeting. If you prefer to save paper and see it on the web, please let me know and I will cross you off my list.

Alison Tyas
(01729 822313)

We were sorry to learn of the death of Christine Rose, one of the original steering committee members who helped to launch Settle District U3A seven years ago. She and her husband John maintained a register of those with baby/toddler equipment available for loan to U3A members when family visits warrant it. She will be sadly missed and we offer our condolences to her family at this time.

John Jebson (*Chairman*)