

FRIENDSHIP AND CARING:

U3A in Settle and district has a scheme for sending best wishes when a member is ill or in some distress. 3 members take responsibility for sending cards (prepared by Frank Woodhams - delightful reproductions of photographs). For Settle and up the Ribblesdale valley, the members involved are Janet Stafford, 01729 825449 and Margaret Cullingworth, 01729 823978 and for Giggleswick and Rathmell, Olwyn Bolger, 01729 823525. We currently need a new representative for Austwick, Clapham and Ingleton. If you know of a member who is ill, please ring and leave a message on the relevant answer phone of these three. Receivers of cards have expressed pleasure at being kept in touch and sometimes visits or phone calls reinforce the friendliness and caring of our organisation.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER MEETING

"HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE"

Thursday 11th November at 10.30am
VICTORIA HALL

Coffee and biscuits available from 10.00am

OCTOBER THEATRE TRIP

Our annual trip to The Theatre by the Lake at Keswick has been booked for **Wednesday 27th October** to see:

WHAT THE BUTLER SAW

by Joe Orton.

We shall leave the Cricket Club at 8.30 am.

Janet Stafford.

LONG PRESTON HERITAGE GROUP

'A SIGN OF THE TIMES'

a talk on the origin of inn and pub names by Alan Hemsworth

Wednesday 3 Nov. 7.45pm

Long Preston Village Hall

Entrance £2 adults, £1 children, refreshments included.

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 7.30pm
(Contributed by a U3A member)



'CONVERSATIONS WITH MY GARDENER' (12A)

Thurs 14th Oct 7.30pm
Victoria Hall Settle

'IT'S COMPLICATED' (15)

Fri 15th Oct 7.30pm
Austwick Village Hall
Sat 16th Oct 7.30pm

Bentham Victoria Institute

'SHERLOCK HOLMES' (12A)

Fri 12th Nov 7.30pm
Langcliffe Institute
Sat 13th Nov 7.30pm

Bentham Victoria Institute

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,
NEWS!

Welcome to a new U3A year, a new chairman and new vice-chairman, new people on the committee and new members, as well as two new groups. I'm also trying two *new-to-me* events, the first of which was the get-together meal at The Falcon Manor held at the end of September.



Debi (Chairman)

This was a super evening with excellent food. It was good to chat to friends and meet some new ones. At the end of October I shall be going to Keswick for the Theatre visit – I'm really looking forward to that.

Some of you know me from the Walking, Looking at Old Buildings and Circle-Dancing Groups. In a past life I was a Librarian and a Lip-Reading Tutor. Now on the rare occasions I do some paid work, it's as a Disability Awareness Trainer. I spend a lot of my time driving along the A1/M1 on Fridays and Mondays for weekends with my husband, Roy Gillson, who lives in St Albans. BUT he's retiring from full-time employment at the end of December and will join me here in Giggleswick, and hopefully in the U3A.

Many 'new' things, changes all good I hope. I'm moving house too, though only across the road!

When I was asked to consider being Chairman, I said I could only do the the job with lots of help. I know the committee and all our members will support me. So I'm starting as I mean to go on and delegating the job this month to the Vice-Chairman, John Flitcroft, because I shall be on holiday! However I shall be back in November and the talk at the monthly meeting then is by someone from a charity dear to my heart – Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. I look forward to that.

Best wishes
Debi Burrige

(There will be more about John in next month's newsletter when he will introduce himself. ed)

John Flitcroft



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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION: Just a reminder that this group is continuing. The pattern will be as previously, with a talk on the first Tuesday of each month (2.00 to 3.30pm.) in the Victoria Hall and a visit on the third Tuesday. The three talks this term will be given by Tony Barringer on Renaissance Art in Italy.

On **Tuesday 19th October** we shall meet at the **Midland Hotel in Morecambe** for a guided tour starting at 2.00pm, followed by a cream tea at 2.45pm. The inclusive cost of this will be £10. Travel to Morecambe is possible by train from Giggleswick station at 11.25am returning on the 16.19pm from Morecambe. Day return tickets and concessions are available.

John Geale

CIRCLE DANCING: A reminder that we start this Friday (Oct 15th) at Langcliffe Institute from 10 - 11 am. New dancers are welcome.

Pat and Gillian

FRENCH: Continuing French met for the first session of this term on Monday Oct. 4th and we started straight away to practise our French by introducing ourselves to each other. We then read a delightful story about a rather memorable return to class at the beginning of a new school year in France. All this is good for keeping our grey cells active! The hour and a half went very quickly.

Anne Richer and Olwyn Bolger

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 19th October** at 14:00 in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall. The main part of the meeting will take a look at **ICE AGES** – their causes and why they eventually end. Also we will take a brief run through the major historic Ice Ages plus we will examine the major effects of the last ice age on our local landscape here in Settle.

Paul Cochrane

GREAT LIVES: Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday October 20th** when the subject will be 'Lloyd George'. Please meet at 10.30 at the Victoria Hall.

Jean Imrie

Woodbine Willie was the subject of Gillian Coventry's fascinating talk to U3A's 'Great Lives' group in September. Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, to use his proper name, was an extraordinary character, a minister who spent most of the 1st World War as a padre supporting the troops at the front.

Born in 1883 in Quarry Hill, one of the poorest parts of Leeds, he won a scholarship to Leeds Grammar and Trinity College, Dublin (his father was Irish), returning to Quarry Hill in 1912 to become Vicar of St Mary's, one of the poorest parishes in the country. Then came the war and Geoffrey volunteered to serve as a chaplain.

Gillian explained how he lived and suffered with the soldiers, mostly working class lads like himself. How he encouraged, supported and prayed with them through the most horrific times, often going into battle with them to administer to the dead and dying. Wherever he went, in the trenches, troop trains, hospitals and casualty stations he handed out cigarettes, 'Woodbines' of course, and bibles to whoever wanted them. The soldiers grew to love him, christening him 'Woodbine Willie'. When the nightmare was finally over in 1919 thousands of the survivors remembered and honoured him in his years as a minister and renowned preacher until his premature death in 1929.

Thank you Gillian – a great start to the new U3A year.

Eddie Runswick

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: I can certainly recommend Clitheroe Castle museum and cafe for an outing. Those of us who went last month really enjoyed it. Our visit this month, on **Thurs 28th October**, is to Burnsall Church. We hope for a drier afternoon than last November when we gave up the attempt to reach the village because of flooded roads! Meet at the Cricket Club at 1.15pm to share transport, or ring me on 823621. Revd Fiona Jenkins will meet us there at 2pm. There is parking in the village at the bottom of the hill, or at the vicarage, down a lane at the side of the church.

The next meeting will be on **Thurs 25th November** and will be a planning session. Please come along with lots of ideas for visits/talks. Time and venue to be confirmed.

Debi Burridge

NEEDLEWORK AND NATTER: We have had very few people attending this group since September, partly because previous members still think it is held on a Wednesday. It is now **EVERY MONDAY** at 2.00pm in the Victoria Hall. We are a friendly group, open to any U3A member to attend. Just bring something to knit, crochet, sew etc or come and ask for help in learning a new method. I have plenty of spare needles, cottons, wools and bits of material to practise on. For more information telephone Alison on: 822313.

Alison Tyas

The **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** this year will take place on Thursday 9th December. Groups and individuals willing to contribute to the entertainment should get in touch with John Flitcroft. **(Tel 851358)**

IT IS WITH SADNESS that we report the deaths of two members since the last newsletter.

SALLY WRIGHT the much-loved, inspirational leader of the Singing for Pleasure group commonly known as the 'Wednesday Warblers' and JEREMY FISHER.

Our sincere condolences are extended to the families and friends of both in their loss.