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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

Welcome to all our new members and welcome back everyone else to the start of another busy U3A year. My name is Alison Tyas and I am your chair for a year. I was on the committee from 2002 to 2008 and have come out of "retirement" to fill a gap which I gather not one of you was prepared to take on. The previous chair and vice chair have both already served 2 years each as chair, which is all they are allowed by our constitution to do. I am very glad to know that both Debi and Nita are staying on the committee. I will need their advice and guidance.

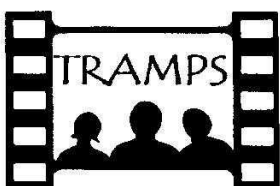
Many of you will know me because I have been handing out monthly newsletters since the beginning, (when everyone had a paper copy and they were laid out on two tables at the back of the hall). Hilary Baker will be doing this job now, so any problems with accessing it from the internet, see her for a paper copy. Don't miss out on our news. Hilary is also the person to see about anything regional or national. There is a notice board at the front at each speaker meeting which usually carries information about coming events.

You can still put the 50p money through my letter box for the treasurer but I shall not try to visit you in your groups, nor will I attend regional or national events. As someone said on hearing of my appointment, "*As if you don't do enough already.*" I do however, hope to welcome the group leaders to a lunch during the year when they can be thanked for all the hard work they put in to running the U3A. We are also planning a gathering of new members where they can ask questions and get to know the committee members. We are the ones wearing badges at the speaker meetings, second Thursday every month. Put in your diary now.

There is so much on offer at the U3A and I hope you all have a rewarding and enjoyable year. For those who may want to find me, I live opposite the Victoria Hall and look after the Friends Meeting House. You have probably seen me in the garden.

Alison

November Meeting: Thursday November 13th at 10.30 am in the Victoria Hall
'The Social and Political Satire of Gilbert and Sullivan' with Bernard Lockett
Coffee served from 10.00 am



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

**BOTH OCTOBER SHOWINGS
CANCELLED**

My Talks With Dean Spanley Vic Hall, Settle
The Deep Settle Catholic Church Hall

U3A NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES:

The subject of our September meeting was a revelation to most members present. Chris Petrie gave an excellent presentation on the life and work of Charles Parsons, inventor and engineer, whose great invention – the steam turbine-revolutionised shipbuilding, while the turbine generator he designed is still producing 90% of the electricity we use today. His ever-fertile mind turned to attempts to manufacture artificial diamonds, unsuccessfully, while his steam powered helicopter idea never caught on. He remains however one of the great Victorian-era inventor/engineers and died in 1931.

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th October** when I will be exploring the entwined lives of **Queen Victoria and her Consort Prince Albert**, whose legacy defined expectations for the conduct of the monarchy in the 20th century. We meet in Victoria Hall at 11.00am – all welcome. *John Jebson*

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

Our recent planning meeting marked an encouraging start to the new session when future visits to **Temple Newsam**, (currently being organised for 23rd October), **a Synagogue near Leeds**, (27th November), **Raikes Road Burial Ground** at Skipton, **The Masonic Lodge & Zion Chapel** Settle, **Heron Corn Mill** at Beetham, **Blackwell Arts & Crafts Centre** at Bowness, **Manchester Victorian Swimming Baths & The Town Hall**, a visit around **West Burton**, **Braithwaite Hall** in Coverdale, **Blackpool Tower Ballroom**, and **Thornton Cleveleys Windmill** were all up for discussion and adopted by various volunteers for investigation for the rest of this session. It was good to welcome some new U3A members too. *Ruth Evans & Elizabeth Evans*

Visit to Temple Newsam on 23rd October 2014.

This is a stunning stately home near Leeds with spectacular paintings, furniture, silver, textiles, Leeds Pottery, ceramics & wallpapers. With 1500 acres of beautiful parkland & gardens & a Home Farm it's worth a visit but we have also arranged a guided tour "Hidden Temple Newsam" (max 20 people) which takes in cellars, underground passages and servants' quarters. The actual house & farm visits are self-guided – the tour being separate & extra.

Group prices are: View House only £4.00, View House & Farm £6.50, Special Tour £1.50 on cost of House.

There are Tea Rooms open between 10.30 & 16.00 & at present also a Grayson Perry Exhibition which is free but we are advised that the light in the display area will not be good after our tour which is from 14.00 to 14.45 so anyone wishing to see this is advised to view earlier in the day.

A 24-seater coach (£10.50 including driver's tip) has been booked to accommodate those who have already indicated their intention to use it and **payment in advance for this and for the visit is required in cash now!**

I will start collecting this at Thursday's meeting. My contact details are 01729 825148 and eevans42@btinternet.com. *Elizabeth*

Visit to Synagogue in Shadwell, Leeds on 27th November.

A free guided tour has been arranged, though there may be some means of giving a small donation, and a coach organised at a cost of £10.00 per person. This will leave Settle Cricket Club at 12.30pm and return around 4.30pm. There are still a few places available. *Ruth*

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE TRIP **Keswick, October 30th**

The bus will leave Settle Cricket Club at 9.00am prompt. *Shirley Wolfenden*

**Please keep copy to approx. 150 words and
submit contributions by Friday 8th November to:
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