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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

It's an honour and a privilege to be appointed as Chairperson for Settle District U3A and I'm hoping to bring energy and enthusiasm to the task to emulate the work of dedicated predecessors in the role.

Three people left the Committee at the September AGM. They were Alison Tyas (Chairperson), Paul Cochrane (Groups Co-ordinator), and Hilary Baker (Regional Representative). All three have made very significant contributions to the smooth-running of Settle U3A and are deserving of our warmest thanks. We now welcome Jean Hall, Kath Mason, and Sue Simpson to the Committee. A full listing of your new Committee is on our Website.

At the Open Meeting on 13 August last many people found that the event was too crowded and too noisy and made this clear. Acting on this we intend next August to use the Friends' Meeting House for membership purposes with the Victoria Hall being used for the signing-up process for the groups. This division of functions should produce a calmer and less hectic atmosphere.

Some of our groups have now started for the 2015/16 year; some are just gathering momentum. Whichever group(s) you have joined I hope that you will derive much pleasure from participating. Also if you feel that there is a topic or activity missing from our list then please feel free to come forward with a proposal for a new group. It may well be that others are of a like mind.

We are also continuing the regular Thursday monthly meetings throughout the year. As you will see from your membership card there is a fine variety of speakers and I hope that you will be able to get to as many of these monthly meetings as possible.

Ian Tennant

**November Meeting: Thursday 12 November at 10.30
a.m.**

in the Victoria Hall, Settle

ALAN HEMSWORTH "A SIGN OF THE TIMES"



Friday 16th October at 7.00 pm
Ingleton Community Centre
PADDINGTON (PG)

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

BADMINTON AND TABLE TENNIS FOR RECREATION

The groups have been meeting weekly 10.00 - 12.00 every Friday at Langcliffe Village Hall. Both groups are progressing well with lots of chuckles as we try to revive the days 'when we could move a little quicker'!
Badminton is 10.00 -11.00 (£1.00) and Table Tennis 11.00 - 12.00 (£1)

Tony Carroll



STUDY DAY: RAILWAYS AND THE ARTS

Ilkley U3A are having 2 study days to which we have been invited. The first date is Thursday November 5th in Ben Rhydding. The 2nd date, a visit to National Railway Museum to see behind the scenes, archives etc. (date not yet confirmed). Cost £12 including refreshments and a buffet style lunch.

If you are at all interested I have the details. Phone no. **01729 840609** or ring **Angie Green** of Ilkley U3A on **01943 465059** or email **groups@ilkleyu3a.org**.

Hilary Baker

BRIDGE GROUP

Over the last year some members have gravitated to the Settle Bridge Club so there are now spaces available. If you would like to play or to learn to play bridge please come to the Castleberg Room of the Victoria Hall any Wednesday for a prompt 1.30pm start.

Gordon Higginson

GREAT LIVES

At our September meeting John Parry gave us an excellent presentation on the life and work of Caroline Norton, an accomplished poet who in a messy divorce in the Victorian era fought for her right for custody of her children and rights of ownership of property and other assets independently of her husband. Her successful battles led to improvements to the legal status of women in that male-dominated society, enshrined in the legislation on custody of infants (1839) and marriage/divorce (1857).

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st October (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when I will explore the life of Horatio Nelson - the real man behind the heroic legend - and his infatuation with Emma Hamilton.

John Jebson

PAINTING GROUP

The first meeting of the Painting Group on 16 September saw 15 members applying their pencils and paint-brushes to good effect. The centre-piece was a pair of size 11 Walking Boots which were drawn by a group of the artists. Others undertook their own work using water-colours or acrylics or crayons. A number of group members were absent on holiday so a larger attendance is expected at the second meeting on Wednesday, 7 October at 10.15 am in the main hall of the Victoria Hall. New members are also welcome if you feel that you would like to awaken your dormant artistic skills.

Ian Tennant

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL U3A

There are many and varied events throughout the country over the coming year that may interest you. See our website for details.