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## Letter from the chair

# SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Hello and Welcome

As we begin a new season, I hope it finds you enjoying or looking forwards to your chosen interests - tried and tested or new-to-you ones. Please remember to let relevant Leaders know if you are not able to go to a session. I say that as much a reminder to me as anyone - it is easy to forget. Best wishes to all Groups including new ventures and adventurers.

We have three new Committee Members - Jan Boulding, Jeanne Hine and Brenda Pride. A big welcome to each. It is hoped next month to have some photographs in the next Newsletter. In the meantime we should be recognisable by the lanyards round our necks!

It cannot be too soon to say our Committee will necessarily be looking for new Members again next year - 2019/20. For some tasks, handover is normally, and has been arranged and appreciated, within Committee. However, it is particularly important to highlight new Officers - Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary together with other significant roles will become available next year. Please come and chat more with me or any of the Committee.

I heard on the radio that a rural area in Scotland was initiating a scheme whereby some were 'prescribed' activities including a walk in the countryside/outdoors, recognising the benefits to be gained. It struck me again that U3A offers such opportunities and more. We are ahead of the game, so to speak and maybe pleased and proud of that too. Perhaps we can turn our 'pride' into yet another reason to spread the word about Settle District U3A.

One of the things I enjoy is the opportunity to visit as many Groups as I can, so with your agreement, I look forwards to seeing you then.

As always - please keep an eye on our Website and/or Notice Board at monthly Meetings for events locally and regionally which may be just what you fancy joining, as well as, of course, the monthly Speaker Meetings themselves. We have a great programme ahead.

Kind Regards,

Jackie

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AWARENESS - SESSIONS ARE BEING OFFERED BY AGE UK FOR MEMBERS OF U3A - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 11.30 am or Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1pm – 2pm ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING AND LEARNING MORE, PLEASE CONTACT AGE UK JULIE DAVIES 01729 823066 as soon as possible.**

**November Meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the Victoria Hall**  
**‘WHAT IS GOING ON IN PALESTINE?’**  
**with ANNIE NELIGAN**  
**Coffee from 10am**



The Ribblesdale Area  
Moving Picture Show

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm Austwick Parish Hall  
**THE GUERNSEY AND LITERARY POTATO PIE SOCIETY (12A)**

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## **NEWS FROM AND FOR THE GROUPS**

### **GREAT LIVES**

At our September meeting Chris Petrie gave us a comprehensive review of the life and times of William Penn, one of the foremost Quaker preachers during the years of persecution in the second half of the 17th century. His father had been granted vast tracts of land in America by Charles 2nd, In the 1680s William recruited large numbers of settlers for the new territory, mainly but not exclusively of the Quaker faith, from England and the continent and sailed with them to found what became Pennsylvania. Penn was governor of the colony for two years, guaranteeing freedom of worship, trial by jury and a reformist prison structure. He returned to England to lend his efforts in the movement that resulted in the freeing of large numbers of Quakers from prison , followed by the 1690 Act of Toleration. The author of over 40 published works, he died in 1718.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th October (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Keith Bradshaw will talk about brother and sister Hans and Sophie Scholl, leaders of the anti Nazi movement in Germany-the White Rose.

**John Jebson**

### **LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS**

With 93 U3A members signed up for this group the attendance of 10 at last week's planning meeting was disappointing!

But more disappointing is that despite a long-standing appeal for a new Co-leader (Co-ordinator) to run this group with me, no-one has come forward.

I am not able for continuing health reasons to run this alone so regretfully the planning meeting closed without plans for any future activities.

I would just like to thank all those who would have been prepared to run individual visits and finally to Ruth Evans, our previous Co-ordinator who has also had to retire for health reasons but who came to the meeting anyway!

**Elizabeth Evans**

Please contact Debi Burrige if you feel you can help with this group in any way - [debi.burridge@gmail.com](mailto:debi.burridge@gmail.com), 825855

### **SPANISH CONVERSATION**

This group will meet fortnightly on Wednesday morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon on 10th and

24th October, 7th and 21st November. The first two meetings will be in the Scaleber Room (next to the kitchen) at Victoria Hall. The group will initially be working from 'Suenos'.

**Debi Burrige**

### **FAMILY HISTORY GROUP**

**Meeting – Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>** It was a real pleasure to see "old" members returning to the group and meeting new people.

Bob reminded us of the many ways Settle Library can assist with Family History Research and volunteered to organise a session for any members who would like an introduction to researching, in particular using the library computers for online web sites. A Big Thank You Bob for giving us so much information in a very short time.

Sarah shared with us the activities of the Holy Ascension, Graves Project Group over the Summer. A massive amount of work has been done by Sarah, Sally and helpers.

There is now a new display of some of the information in the church and if you haven't already visited you really should, it is fascinating. Please do encourage family and friends to take a look, particularly if they have family graves in the part of the church yard completed.

If you would like to be involved let me know and I will pass your name to her. We were pleased that Edith and John Diggles, representing the church, were able to join us. We can but hope that there are enthusiasts doing similar research in churches that we are interested in.

I think you will all agree that the huge amount of time Sarah has spent researching the families and people in the graves was very obvious. She spoke of them as though they were people she knew personally.

Through newspaper announcements and articles, we were able to discover so much more about the lives of those who ended their days in the church yard. Scandals, tragedies, court cases, everyday events and occasions. It's hard to believe that there was so much going on in 19th century Settle.

Sarah told us that her aim was to celebrate the lives of these people and I think she has certainly succeeded in doing that.

A massive Thank You Sarah and to Sally and the helpers.

**Eileen Bamford**