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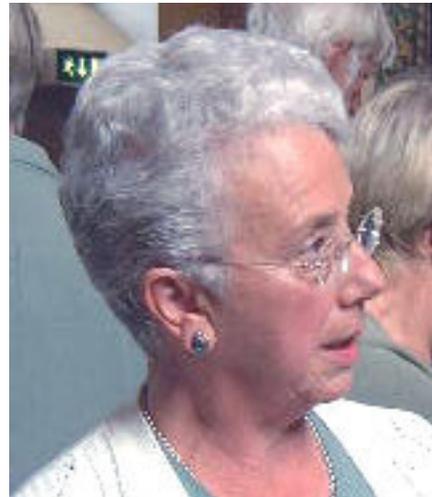
FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

I hope you all have had an enjoyable summer with friends, relatives and those grandchildren. May I extend a warm welcome to new members at the start of this our fifth year.

As a committee we have been looking at and discussing the changes being proposed to the structure of the Third Age Trust as outlined in the U3A News summer edition. We are lucky in the fact that our President, Frank Pedley, is on the Working Party discussing these proposed changes, and he came to our August committee meeting to explain the proposals to us. As I write this Frank is at the national AGM in Chester, with our voting delegate Hilary Baker, where there will be further debate on this matter. We are asked to consult our membership and send in our response to the proposals by the end of October. We plan to have the subject on the Agenda for the new committee in early October and questions at our Thursday meeting in October. A final decision will be voted on at a national General Meeting next year in time to be implemented at the national AGM in 2007.

Sincerely, Janet



FROM THE GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

If you have not renewed your membership of the U3A this will be your last *Newsletter*. You can re-enrol with either Pat Dewey (823855) or me (822313).

If you cannot get to the monthly Thursday lecture meetings, **please** see if you can find someone to collect your *Newsletter* for you. Janet and I usually deliver them round Settle and Giggleswick eventually, but all the others sit in my house until someone collects theirs—or I put it in with next month's. By that time the news is old and you may have missed the deadline for a trip.

It is not too late to sign up (with me please) for most of the groups. If you can't see me, put a note through my door or ring me up to let me know which groups you want to join.

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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Line Dancing: the group will resume on Thursday **21 September. PLD**

Listening to Music: The next meeting, on Monday **18 September**, will be at 23 DukeStreet **PLD**

Looking at Old Buildings: The September meeting has been arranged to Wycoller Country Park, near Colne. The village is interesting for a number of reasons, one of which is its connections to the Brontes. The visit will be on **Tuesday 19 September** (not the usual second Thursday) as arrangements have been made to fit in with the Wycoller Warden, Peter Short, who will give us a guided tour of the most important buildings in the centre of Wycoller. We will meet the warden at 2.30pm at Peddar Barn, the Field Studies Centre. The tour is expected to last about one hour. Will members please note that, because of restricted vehicular access, visitors need to leave their cars in the public car park on the approach to Wycoller, and walk into the village (a distance of about a quarter of a mile). Members living in Settle may like to meet at Settle Swimming Pool car park to share cars; to have time to travel to Wycoller, park and walk into the village, a departure time of 1.15pm would be appropriate. Any queries, ring me on 01729 842505. **Gillian Jones**

Wine Appreciation—Group 2, August meeting: We started with a Sicilian wine, a Grille Chardonnay 13% at £5.99, dry with tropical fruit flavours. We had mixed feeling about this white. The second white Sandy Lane Californian 2004 12.5% Limited Release, again did not raise much enthusiasm, despite its limey flavour and fresh dryness.

The third wine, an Italian Canti Puglia Negro amoro Zinfandel 2005 12.5% was smooth and fruity and well-structured. A most enjoyable wine that everyone liked, and at £4.99 a nice buy. Our fourth, again a red, NXG 2004 13.5% Australian Stockmais Post Shiraz Cabernet Merlot, full-bodied with intense flavours. It was the same price, £4.99. **TM**

The bells! The bells!

Would anybody be interested in a touch of campanology?

There's a possibility of forming a hand-bell ringing group, and we should like to hear from anyone who would like to join it.

Contact Alison Tyas (822313) if you think you might like to give it a try.

Nature Walk

Members who joined John Osborne of English Nature for a walk on Ingleborough National Nature Reserve were rewarded with the sight of the magnificent limestone pavement clad in the late summer purple hues of heather, knapweed and scabious. We ate our lunch sitting on the older part of the pavement surrounded by ferns and shrubs which clung to, and sprang from, deep grikes. The protected environment of the Reserve allows Nature's own garden to flourish amidst the sheep-made landscape—the contrast was very evident.

A fine sunny day enabled us to appreciate clear views of Ingleborough, Penyghent and Wherside and the Ribbleshead Viaduct whilst tiny flowers of white eyebright and yellow tormentil carpeted the ground. The route through the disused quarry donated by Hanson is becoming re-colonised by nature and is now host to nesting ravens and peregrine falcons. Further up the moor we saw the remains of an

early Viking settlement. This was the second of John's nature walks this summer, following his talk in February.

We look forward to more - **Gillian Walton**

Next month's Thursday meeting

Next month's speaker, on 12 October, will be

Phil Bamford :

“The Mystery of Magnets”

As usual, coffee from 10.00 am in

St John's Church Hall

****** (NB change of usual venue) ******

Scenes from the recent Coffee and Chat morning





Copy date for next issue of Newsletter

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Loquacity—A disorder which renders the sufferer unable to curb his tongue when you wish to talk..