

FALCON MANOR GET-TOGETHER

If you would like to join us for a £12 two course meal on September 24th at the Falcon Manor, please let me know as soon as possible and no later than September 10th.

We are meeting at 6.30pm and eating at 7pm.

The menu is on our web site. Please fill it in and let me have it as soon as you can. I will also be taking names at this meeting and I have forms for those who are not on the web. I can be contacted at 01729 840882.

Shirley Wolfenden

OCTOBER SPEAKER MEETING

Thursday 14th October at 10.30am

“USELESS LATIN”

John Harrop

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.

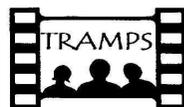
The cost is £25 per person. We shall have our usual 1/2 hour Coffee Stop in Grasmere and there will be time to have lunch in Keswick before the performance. We shall leave the Cricket Club at 8.30 am. Janet Stafford will be taking names at today's meeting. (Cheques to be made payable to Settle District U3A Social A/C). Or contact Janet Tel: 825449, 1 Birchwood Close, Settle BD24 9RJ **Janet Stafford.**

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



According to Ian Searle, Chairman of the Third Age Trust, there is a growing interest within the U3A movement in developing closer links with colleges, universities or other centres of research (and their staff). National HQ would like to know of any links, however informal, which might already exist within each U3A's sphere of activity. Of particular interest would be any activities involving groups or individuals in research work under the aegis of, or in partnership (coalition?!) with universities. Apparently there are still substantial grants available for research work into subjects which go to the heart of the U3A objectives e.g. Lifelong Health and Wellbeing. I am personally unaware of any current projects with relevance for Settle District U3A, but if anyone knows differently or has plans for the near future, please contact our secretary, Gillian Walton, as soon as possible.

This is my final newsletter contribution as chairman. During the past two years I have been able to see for myself the fascinating range of subjects we cover in our groups and to meet so many enthusiastic participants. My particular thanks to the group leaders for their hospitality, welcome and patience at my attempts to grapple with their subjects or emulate their moves in the dance and exercise groups! Hopefully by taking part myself I have been able to publicise the group activities in a more meaningful way to people who may not have considered them, or as novices debating whether to join. I would urge group leaders to make more use of our newsletter to publicise their activities. After all lots of people join our organisation after the August meeting and so may be unaware of exactly what we do offer.

My very best wishes to my successor and thanks for all the support given to me by our first-class Committee. I'll still be very much round and about as a member of three of our groups and hopefully a regular attendee at the monthly speaker meetings.

With best wishes
John Jebson

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Please note, our first meeting will be on **Thursday 16th September** at 14:30 in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Theatre. I do apologise for this change of date caused by my holiday commitments. Subsequent sessions will be on the third Tuesday of the month as per the schedule.

This first meeting is to collect and discuss ideas for the program for the year. Lots of proposals have already been tabled. After this we will look at photographs of interesting and unusual geological features and try to ascertain how they were fashioned.

Paul Cochran

GREAT LIVES: This Group's first meeting will be on **Wed Sept 15th at 10.30 am** in the Victoria Hall. The subject will be "WOODBINE WILLY".

Jean Imrie

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: On the 19th August, 23 members had a conducted tour of Ingleborough Hall in Clapham - the former home of the Farrer family. Building to extend the original 18th Century hunting lodge was begun in 1807. When completed in 1841 the estate comprised the main hall, stables, tunnels, lake and most of the village.

After touring the house, and being plied with refreshments, we were ushered into one of the tunnels (now blocked off at the Thwaite Lane end) which the Farrers had installed to give themselves privacy. Staff, tradesmen and even the local doctor were not allowed to use the main drive!

The most famous of the Farrers was the revered botanist and plant collector, Reginald, who was born in London in 1880 and died in Burma in 1920.

During WW2 the Hall received evacuees from a prep school in Kent and has since been owned by various public authorities. It is currently owned by Bradford City Council and is used as an Outdoor Education Centre for children. It is only open to the public on rare occasions.

Alan Hemsworth

VISIT TO CLITHEROE CASTLE MUSEUM Thurs 23rd Sept.

This will be a fairly informal outing, not a tour. I thought it might be good to visit after the talk we had at our June meeting. Meet at the castle at **2pm**. There is a cafe on-site and disabled parking. Entry costs are £3.50/£2.50. If anyone would like a lift contact Debi on 823621.

Debi Burridge

U3A POTHOLING GROUP: Sadly this group has ended before it could begin. Obviously we had to start 'small' and the two potholes I had in mind for beginners were located in the approach road to Greenfoot Car Park - outside Liverpool House - I had, in fact, marked them with yellow paint.

However, when I returned at a later date to do a 'risk assessment' I was dismayed to find that someone (probably the local authority) had filled the potholes with tarmac - which had set solid! Not too many people had signed up for this group so disappointment is at a minimum. Those who would have watched our progress with interest must now find other avenues of excitements like.....? *AH*

WALKING: Thursday Walk on September 16th at Ullswater

Please note that we will leave the Settle Cricket Club car park at 9.15am (NOT the usual time) to get to Glenridding for the lake steamer, which departs at 11.15am. There is parking at the Pier (cost £6.50 - change needed) & the ticket to Howtown is £5.60. The walk back to Patterdale & Glenridding follows the shore line. It is slightly more strenuous than you might expect as there is quite a lot of 'up & down'. Return to Settle between 5.30 & 6.00pm. More details on the web.

Frank Woodhams

WALKS PLANNING MEETING: Thursday September 30th at 11.30am in the Quaker Meeting House to be followed by a Jacob's Join Lunch.

PAT DEWEY AND PAMELA SERVANT

The two sisters have moved away.

I met Pat at the first Steering Committee meeting when we were planning the Settle U3A. She offered to be membership secretary as she had a computer and could make lists easily. Our meetings were held round the big table in the front entrance of their shared house. Right at the beginning we needed someone who could produce a professional-looking newsletter and Pam offered to do it. She was very particular about correct procedure and would not join the committee until voted on properly, which is why she did not attend our meetings round the table, but sat on the stairs to listen and take notes. Before long we were meeting in Pat's sitting room and Pam was a full member of the committee, keeping us on our toes if we were lax about business proceedings.

Although they each had a computer, the two sisters could not communicate with each other on them, but could each apparently communicate with anyone else. Living in the same house, messages did however get from one to the other.

I had offered to co-ordinate the classes as, like Pat, I enjoy making lists and organising things. We worked very well together as the membership grew. We were in communication with each other at least once a week as we each needed to know the names and numbers of every new member. Pat used an alphabetical list on her computer and I had a numerical one on paper and we spent quite a while, saying 'who have you got for number x or can I have a number for Mrs. y.' The ones we particularly remembered were numbers 100 and 200. The latter, being a member whom we didn't know, we referred to as Mr. 200.

Pam very soon changed the newsletter from a typed A4 sheet to an attractive folded one and later introduced pictures. She also instigated an interview with a different member each month. At the end of each committee meeting she would ask how many copies I needed and then go straight upstairs to her flat to start printing them. It was a matter of pride I think to get them to me as soon as possible although she knew I didn't need them for another 2 days.

We continued to meet in Pat's sitting room and Pam continued to produce a monthly newsletter until we had served 6 years on the committee and felt it was time for others to have a go. Without the generosity of those two, the Settle District U3A would have had a very different start.

Alison Tyas