

**OCTOBER SPEAKER MEETING**  
**'JOHN HARRISON CLOCKS'**  
by Don Metcalfe

**THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER**  
**VICTORIA HALL 10.30am**

*Coffee from 10.00am*



**'LOOSE CANNONS'**  
*(Italian with English sub-titles)*  
Tuesday 11th Oct 7.30pm  
Settle Victoria Hall  
[www.tramps.org.uk](http://www.tramps.org.uk)

**Did you know...**

...that you can do your bit for the environment by helping to keep much of your unwanted 'stuff' out of landfill sites completely **free of charge?**

There is an international organisation called **Freecycle** which has given birth to the UK organisation called **Freegle** (Free & Legal!)

The group for this area is called Skipton & Craven Freegle and its web address is

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/skiptoncraven-freegle/>

Why pay for someone to take away your junk which may just be someone else's treasure? *Elizabeth Evans*

**Treasure Chest Appeal**



Envelopes are available at the September meeting and may be returned filled with unwanted jewellery at the October meeting.

**U3A Annual Dinner**  
**Fri 16th Sept - 7 for 7.30**  
**Falcon Manor**

**KESWICK THEATRE TRIP** to The Theatre by the Lake October 12th  
**"Hayfever"**

The coach leaves from Settle Cricket Club at 8.30am prompt.

Tickets for this trip have now been booked and are therefore 'non-returnable' as I have to pay for them by 14th September. Please let me have your payment before that date.

(Cheques payable to Settle U3A Social Account and sent to **Shirley Wolfenden**,  
*Smithy Croft, Rathmell, Settle BD24 0LA* **Shirley**)

**SETTLE STORY TELLING FESTIVAL**

Following last year's very successful story-telling festival, there's going to be another from 6th - 9th October. There's something for everyone from 3 to 103: bedtime tales for under 6s, tea-time tales and late night ghost stories. There'll also be international story-tellers from Japan and the Caribbean. Of particular interest because of the local link, will be the opening event on 6th Oct. Full details can be found in the programme or online at

[www.settlestories.org.uk](http://www.settlestories.org.uk). Tickets can be booked at Victoria Hall box office or online with an early bird discount for bookings before 15th Sept.

*(Contributed by member Pat Smith)*

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Dear Friends,  
"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"...well, it's definitely that as I write this on 1st September.

And back to the grindstone.....no, I don't really mean that! Roy and I have yet to go holiday. We have enjoyed more Shakespeare. The Globe touring company presented 'As You Like It' at Storrs Hall

Hotel, near Bowness towards the end of August. Again, a different, but we thought very authentic, 'take' on the play. And this year it didn't rain on us, although it was chilly.

I have been told it was very busy with long queues at the August meeting. Every year we try and refine the way we do things. Unfortunately some committee members were elsewhere and of course having to have the Gift Aid forms signed meant more people had to actually attend in person instead of doing everything online. Next year will be easier.

All the committee were encouraged by the enthusiastic response to our suggestion that members might pay more than the £15 yearly fee. On average the amount paid per person was just under our target of £18. **A very big thank you to all of you.** Membership numbers are healthy which is also reassuring. Now we have to see how we go on with Gift Aid! The bulk of this for 2011/12 will be in after the AGM, and an initial claim could be submitted straight away. Claims for back years can also be made, provided we have reasonable records to back them up. That sounds promising.

The national conference and AGM takes place at Nottingham's Conference Centre 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September. The national membership is 250,000 and the main topic of concern is how to face the future. Our regional representative, Hilary Baker, is going. Our committee is busy preparing for the AGM and how we face our future. I feel very optimistic about this. I would encourage as many of you to attend as are able. The annual reports are short and informative – a good chance to review the year. The business part is quite quickly over and there is another chance to chat to friends and join if you haven't already. Of course you can't vote if you haven't joined! We are still looking for a Publicity Officer – have you had any thoughts about a possible candidate?

Best wishes  
Debi Burridge



## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**ART APPRECIATION:** I have arranged a visit to the **Hepworth Gallery** at Wakefield on **Tuesday 18th October** at a cost of £10.50 per person. The coach will leave Settle Cricket Club at 9.30 am and leave the Hepworth at 3.00 pm, which will give us plenty of time to look around the gallery and have time for lunch there. Money will be required when booking, the last date for which is 4th October. You will be able to pay at the September U3A meeting or contact me on 823537.

**This trip is open to any U3A member, not just members of the Art Appreciation Group.** *Kate Helm*

**GEOLOGY GROUP:** Our first meeting for this new year will be on **Tuesday 20th September at 14:00**. My intention is to go to look at the geology around Settle to try and understand the contrast between the rocks, of a similar age, from the Dales area and those of the Craven Basin. The plan is to meet in the Cricket Club Car Park. If the weather is inclement we will be in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall. The topic for the wet weather session will be "Volcanism and Volcanic Rocks". *Paul Cochrane*

**GREAT LIVES:** Welcome to the new series of talks, and especially to all new members. We begin on Wed 21st Sept at 10.30 am. Please note that we shall be meeting in the lecture room at Quaker Garth this month. Our first subject will be Sir Francis Drake. *Jean Imrie*

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:** On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September a visit has been arranged to Queen Street Textile Mill Museum (used in the television production of "North and South") at Harl Syke, Burnley. A tour has been arranged which will commence at 2.30 p.m, lasting about 90 minutes. The cost is £4.50, which includes admission. The mill opens at 12 noon and there is a cafe serving light meals, drinks and cakes. Please let us know if you would like to go, as we need to confirm the number attending. Please also let us know if you can offer lifts or need a lift. For those attending here are the directions, starting from Barrowford (most of you will know the Pendle Heritage Centre). The journey to Queen Street will take approximately an hour from Settle: Continue along the A682 through Barrowford towards Nelson and Burnley. Follow the signs for the M65, join the motorway and come off at Junction 12. Take the first left, following signs for Brierfield and at the next roundabout keep left. At next roundabout turn right following signs for Brierfield and Burnley. Keep on this road through Brierfield, passing the Courts and the Oaks Hotel on the left. When you reach the traffic lights turn left (here you pick up the signs for Queen Street Mill Museum – if they haven't been removed by some of the local vandals). Keep straight on this road, passing the hospital on the right and then turning left at the roundabout which is about 200 yards further on. Carry straight on this road to Harle Syke, passing the Commercial pub and a large mill on the left. Turn right into Queen Street (shop on the corner called Andy Jackson - or was when we went)) and the mill is at the end on the right, with plenty of parking. The mill entrance is down a path at the far end, past the chimney. Unfortunately we are not able to attend. (Further information Tel: 01729 823978 )

*Margaret & Michael Cullingworth*

## LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS - AUGUST VISIT

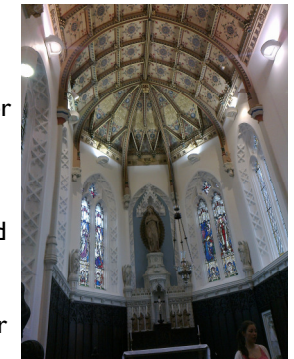


On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August we visited Stonyhurst College. We were welcomed and taken on a tour of Stonyhurst by our Tour Guide, a Rhetoric pupil. We were given an excellent introduction to the college and its history, then spent the afternoon being shown the chapels and playrooms and libraries.

Stonyhurst College has a distinguished history as one of Britain's leading Catholic boarding schools. It was founded in St Omer in 1593 by Fr Robert Persons SJ. The school arrived at its current location in Lancashire on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1794. Since then, Stonyhurst has continued to expand, evolve and thrive. Young men and women at Stonyhurst receive an education which equips them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in a setting steeped in history. The estate and

college buildings are beautiful.

The college and boarding accommodation is all under one roof, so the atmosphere of the building is felt as you are shown around. The Jesuit origins are reflected throughout the college. The academic year groups are known as 'Playrooms', from the early Jesuits. Each year is named after an aspect of language, starting with Lower Grammar, then Grammar, Syntax, Poetry and finally Rhetoric. Pupils are taught about the history of the college, and are proud of their school's heritage. One of our members, as we walked around said, " You feel this is a happy place." I then read a quote from a Rhetoric student on my return home. "Staff and pupils form a family. We can turn to almost anyone for support..." This 'openness' to peoples' differences allows pupils to flourish in what they want to do in a comfortable and loving environment. If you can visit please do. Or visit via the internet (Stonyhurst College) for full story and photos.



**WALKING GROUP:** The next walks will be: Tuesday - 13 September - Keasdon Circular (5 miles) led by Maureen Ellis and Thursday - 15 September - Elterwater (7+ miles) led by Kate Helm. The planning meeting will be on 20 October at 11.30 a.m. at the Quaker Meeting House. Please come along and, if you have any, offer your suggestions for walks and enjoy the Jacob's join lunch and chat afterwards.

*Margaret Cullingworth*

## REGISTRATION FOR U3A GROUPS:

You can either sign up on-line (top LH of the website home-page for a link to the form), or on a paper sheet at the AGM. Please remember to include your membership number when putting your name on the sheet. Your membership number is on your membership card. If you have changed your e-mail address or phone number in the last year, please let Pat Smith have the new information. We can then get lists of contact information to group leaders the day after the AGM.

*David Holdsworth*