

“What a wonderful day out we had at the YAHR Askham Bryan event. All kinds of activities from A to Z were represented, including motor biking! “Z?” I hear you ask – yes, there was even a display of zumba dancing after which we were all invited to have a go. Hundreds of U3A members attended the event including a sizeable contingent from our own U3A representing our Card Making, Circle Dancing, Line Dancing and Singing for Pleasure activities. Whilst supporting our own demonstrations it was great fun to learn about and enjoy a short game of croquet and receive a serious promise of support should our U3A have enough interest to start a “class”. There was so much to see and do and such a friendly atmosphere that the musical finale at the close of the day was quite an emotional experience. A really well organised event – I can’t wait for the next one!”

Nita Hart

Below: Line Dancing Group

Right: In action!



Above: Singing for Pleasure

Left: Circle Dancers



APOLOGY As Newsletter space is limited this month September's programme may be found instead at www.tramps.org.uk



NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR WALKERS

The Royal Geographical Society (with Institute of British Geographers) is holding a competition to inspire people to learn about the landscape they walk in (part of the Discovering Britain walks). Can you design a walk in your local area that tells a story? The competition is open to all U3A members, individually or as a group, and entries must be in by 30th September. Full details from Kate Helm e-mail kate.helm1@btinternet.com).

MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING - Thursday 11th October - 10.30am

“THE BAND OF HOPE & THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT”

Dr Annemarie McAllister

Coffee available from 10.00am. NB New admission cost is £2 for all!

AUTUMN TRIP TO KESWICK'S THEATRE BY THE LAKE TO SEE GREAT EXPECTATIONS

We will leave Settle Cricket Club at 9 am on Wednesday 24th October. The total cost is £26.00 and our seats are all in the stalls. Payment is due ASAP and cheques can be sent, if necessary, to Janet Stafford at 1 Birchwood Close, Settle, BD24 9RJ (Tel 825449)

Janet Stafford

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

A large group of us had a good day out at the Askham Bryan event mid August as reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

And it wasn't just our members who appreciated it.

We have had a lovely thank you from Anne Firth, Chairman of the Regional Committee, for taking part and making the event such a success whilst Hilary Baker, our own Regional Representative, said

“I would really like to give a heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Circle Dance, Line Dance and Singing for Pleasure groups and to Wendy with her wonderful cards, for all the support you gave to the Regional Day at Askham Bryan. And thank you too to those lovely ‘Groupies’ who came to give THEM support! I do hope you all enjoyed yourselves in the lovely sunshine. I know I had a wonderful day and I thought it was a superb example of co-operation from North, South, East and West of the region even if we did have to drive home in a cloudburst! I say - roll on the next one! But seriously, I do think that Settle made a great contribution to the success of the day. THANK YOU!”

Next year the Yorkshire and The Humber Region hopes to run a Summer School in the middle of August, from Monday to Thursday. This will be residential, somewhere in the region, costing approximately £250 including meals, with about 5-6 courses or interest groups, and some social events. Keep a look out for further details.

At the moment we have some vacant posts on our committee: - Chairman and Vice-Chairman. And next year the Membership Secretary and Magazine Editor and Printer will finish their time.

For the last year there has been no-one officially overseeing the Speaker programme or acting as Publicity Officer. As you read this we hope some of these issues will be resolved but if not..... where will Settle District U3A be in 2013?

I leave that thought with you all.

Best wishes, Debi Burridge



NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

CIRCLE DANCING: The first session will be Friday Sep 28th 10.00am - 11.00am in the Victoria Hall. The Oct 5th session will also be in the Victoria Hall but Oct 12th will be at Langcliffe. We look forward to meeting up with everyone again and welcoming any new dancers. Our programme at Askham Bryan went very well and we received many complimentary remarks. **Pat & Gillian**

EXERCISE: The first session will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 9.45 am in the Victoria Hall. Please note the change of day, time and venue. **Gillian**

GREAT LIVES: The new season starts on Wed. 19th Sept. at 10.30a.m., when the subject will be "Lady Anne Clifford". I look forward to seeing you all then.

Jean Imrie

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: The September meeting is on Thursday 27 to Shibden Hall, Lister's Rd, Halifax HX3 6XG about an hour away. Shibden Hall is a wonderful, 600 year old timber framed house, surrounded by stunning gardens, cascades and historic parkland, including the Mereside Cafe, visitor facilities, play area, boating lake, miniature railway and pitch and putt course. Meet at the Cricket Club at 9am to share cars or at the Hall at approx. 10.00am. There is no guided tour booked but there are self-guided trails available. Cost of entry is £3.50 plus parking £1. Halifax itself also has the Piece Hall and the Minster that would warrant a visit at some future date. Further details from Debi (Tel 825922) **Debi Burridge**

LaOB October Meeting

The Looking at Old Buildings group will be visiting the Midland Hotel at Bradford on Thursday 25th October. I have timed the tour to fit in with train times from Settle to Bradford Forster Square. The 10.32 from Settle arrives at Forster Square (change at Skipton) at 11.38 and the Hotel is next door to the station. I have booked a guided tour for 11.45. I understand that the tour will take just over an hour and there will be an opportunity for questions or discussion. The Hotel manager has kindly offered to arrange for us to have a lunch afterwards at a cost of £5 per person. The return train from Forster Square leaves at 14.46 (change at Shipley) to arrive at Settle at 15.44. Of course some of you may prefer to travel by car and there is a car park at the rear of the Hotel.

I need to know how many people will be coming for the tour and how many will want a lunch so I can let the manager know the week before. Please email me on kate.helm1@btinternet.com or give your name to **Debi Burridge** (825922) by the speaker meeting on Thursday 11th October. **Kate Helm**

SINGING FOR PLEASURE: On 25th August fifteen members of the group set off at 8.00am for a workshop in Leeds Town Hall. I think I can speak for all the group when I say it was an awesome experience. Our tutor for the morning was Ken Burton. It was fantastic to join with over a hundred and thirty singers and sing in harmony. Ken certainly knew how to bring the best out in people and his magnetic personality made the morning workshop speed by. We were all left with the feeling of wanting more and were just sad that we weren't able to take part in the evening performance. **Catherine Holland**

Visit to Browsholme Hall, nr Clitheroe, Wednesday 29th August

Browsholme Hall, pronounced 'Brusom', lies in the Forest of Bowland four miles north-west of Clitheroe overlooking the Hodder Valley. Built in 1507 by Edmund Parker, the red sandstone house has a genuine claim to be the oldest surviving family home in Lancashire. Browsholme is an historic house unique in so many ways - not least for its remarkable antiquarian collection representing the accumulation of the personal possessions of fourteen generations of continuous occupation. Origins of the Parker family can be traced to 1381 when, soon after the Black Death, Peter de Alcantotes accepted the office of park keeper for the Forest of Bowland from John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster. The family motto 'neither wind nor wave shall move us' perhaps bears witness to the survival of Browsholme through the Reformation, the turbulence of the Civil Wars, the extravagance of the Regency period and through the Napoleonic, Boer and World Wars. Each period has left its trace ... a skull from the Pilgrimage of Grace, a royalist coat worn by Capt. Thomas Whittingham, furniture by Gillow and Hepplewhite, even a fragment of a Zeppelin.

Browsholme Hall is not a museum and the guided tour brought alive the history of the house as well as the lifestyle and the survival of one family in Lancashire. There are some wonderful pieces of furniture, fabulous wood panelling and impressive pictures. Above all the visitor is aware that this is a house that is lived in and they are privileged to be allowed in there. 24 members of our group enjoyed this visit on a (eventually) sunny afternoon, and also the lovely views of the surrounding countryside.

Debi Burridge



The wonderful entrance showing the different styles of columns - Ionic, Doric & Corinthian

And some members experiences of

A GRAND DAY OUT!

My visit to the Askham Bryan event for the North Yorkshire and Humber U3A started when I was picked up at 10.30, so I knew I would not have a full day. Little did I realise how large Askham Bryan is, or how many displays and shows there would be.

We did not arrive until after 12.30 having been held up in Harrogate because of roadworks. It was very pleasant to join those eating lunch outside, of whom there were many. Then it was off to hear and see our own Settle's Singing for Pleasure group. It was lovely to join in with the opening number 'Oh what a Beautiful Morning'. This set the mood. It was evident that the participants and those listening were enjoying this relaxed approach and it really was Singing for Pleasure.

I had hoped to get to see the Craft over near the entrance but some heavy drops of rain meant I made straight for the Sports Hall to be ready for our Circle Dancing. Meanwhile the Folk Dancing kept us entertained whilst we waited for our turn. Having taken part in last year's Christmas Entertainment on stage in the Victoria Hall, I found this occasion less daunting. Hopefully those watching enjoyed the dances as much as we did taking part. Unfortunately afterwards the groups were packing up their displays so I did not get to see the Craft. Nevertheless I enjoyed our time at Askham Bryan and I was very impressed with the numbers that came and the organisation that had gone into making a very successful event. **Gill Rawlings**