

## OCTOBER MEETING

### Kids at school in Nepal

#### ARTHUR BENBOW

10th October 2013 at 10.30am  
(Coffee from 10.00am)



'THE QUARTET' (15)  
Austwick Village Hall  
Fri 13th Sept 7.30 pm  
'A ROYAL AFFAIR' (15)  
Settle Victoria Hall  
Wed 25th Sept 7.45pm  
[www.tramps.org.uk](http://www.tramps.org.uk)

### BBC Documentary - The Gift

A television production company (Wall to Wall) is interested in talking to anyone who is "desperate" to locate an important person from their past to finally say the "sorry" or "thank you" they have wanted to say for years. If you are interested in taking part or would like more details, please contact Rachael Ozers on Tel: 020 7241 9310.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 16th - Theatre trip  
October 22nd - Jane Austen study day

### REGIONAL NEWS - from Kate Helm

The latest Regional newsletter is now on the **YAHR** website (<http://www.yahru3a.co.uk>) which can be reached via the link from our own website. If you wish to be alerted to future events by e-mail, please visit this website and select the 'Subscribe' tab. You will then be added to our growing list.

#### Short Story Competition

Here's a chance for all you budding writers to put your skills to the test! Stories should be no more than 500 words and can be on any topic. John & Jenny Dixon of Ilkley U3A, both experienced in this field, have agreed to be the judges and entries should be sent to them at [johnjennyd@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:johnjennyd@tiscali.co.uk) by **15th November 2013**. The winning entry will be announced in the February 2014 edition of YHAR News and, subject to the author's consent, will appear on the regional website.

If you wish to make a contribution to the website, Frank Woodhams is the **WEBMASTER** and the person to contact on: [f.woodhams@uea.ac.uk](mailto:f.woodhams@uea.ac.uk). Please check the website regularly for updates and new information.

Copy for publication in the next issue should reach **Sue Simpson** by **Friday 4th October** e-mail: [susanmsimpson@btinternet.com](mailto:susanmsimpson@btinternet.com) (Tel : 015242 41271). Copy received by e-mail will be acknowledged.

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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends

The August social meeting was a lovely and busy occasion with several new members joining and many others re-enrolling and signing up to the many different interest groups. Group leaders had put on displays of photographs, books, artefacts and even a slide show to entice members to try something new and the Singing for Pleasure group actually burst into song in order to encourage new participants in the group as well as entertain us. I know that five members were unable to join us as



they were away at the regional summer school. Paul Cochrane was leading the geology group and four other members were attending the Monasteries in Yorkshire group - you can read the report of one participant in this newsletter.

Our congratulations go to Paul for taking on the challenge of leading a group at summer school and carrying it out so successfully. It is good to know that members are taking part in some of the study opportunities offered by our region and several have already signed up for the Jane Austen study day in October.

Following a desperate plea at the August social for someone to volunteer to take on the role of Secretary, two people stepped forward. The committee is grateful for both offers and assuming the members at the AGM approve, we will have a new Secretary in place by the end of the meeting. I would like to voice my personal thanks to our current Secretary, Kate Helm, for her unswerving support, commitment and enthusiasm during her time with us as both a participant in Settle District U3A and as a committee member.

So, as autumn begins to edge its way in, here's to another active and interesting U3A year.

Nita

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ROMANS:** The first meeting of the Roman Group will take place in the Castleberg Room of the Victoria Hall on Monday September 23rd at 2.00pm. It will take the form of an illustrated talk on the Stanwick Fortifications. **Tony Burnett**

**PHILOSOPHY GROUP:** Sorry we did not have much of a presence on registration day - philosophy is difficult to display. This does not mean the group is dead. A small group of dedicated philosophers meet on the afternoons of the first and third Thursdays of each month in Victoria Hall. The first meeting of next term will be on 19th September when we will begin by discussing why God allows evil and the difference between right and wrong. Anyone concerned about such matters will be welcome. Discussion will be informed by readings from Richard Swinburne and Immanuel Kant amongst others. More information is on the philosophy page of the website. I look forward to meeting you all.

**Roy Anderson**

**CIRCLE DANCING:** The sign up list indicates that Circle Dancing is proving very popular again. Most of the regulars are there along with some new names. The first session is at the Victoria Hall on Friday September 20th from 10.00 - 11.00am but on September 27th we will be dancing at Langcliffe Institute as Victoria Hall is hosting an event as part of the Puppet Festival. All other meetings should be at the Victoria Hall. **Pat & Gillian**

**GREAT LIVES:** Our first meeting of the new season will be on Wednesday September 18th at 11.00am in Victoria Hall when Chris Petrie will revisit the subject of Sir Stamford Raffles. A warm welcome to old and new members of this fascinating group and Settle District U3A generally. **John Jebson**

**BRIDGE GROUP:** Begins on 25th Sept then Wednesdays between 1 & 3 in the Castleberg Room at Victoria Hall. This year there will be a short tuition/discussion time before playing prepared & random hands. **Gordon Higginson**

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:** September visit

This month we have arranged a tour of Hoghton Tower in Lancashire, the ancestral home of the de Hoghton Family. Over the years this fortified manor house has remained virtually unchanged. Apart from ourselves, there have been many distinguished visitors including Dickens, Turner and even William Shakespeare. Not to mention James I, William III and George V. In the Banqueting Hall King James I knighted the loin of beef "Sir Loin". This should be a very interesting afternoon. We are meeting at Settle Cricket Club on Thursday 26th September at 11.30am which should give ample time to get there. Please arrange your own transport. The cost of the tour is £6 per person and a Restaurant is available for either a hot meal or sandwiches.

If you wish to go, please let me know as soon as possible - Tel: 01729 840882 or e-mail [shirley.wolfenden@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.wolfenden@gmail.com) . **Shirley Wolfenden**

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**Visit to Undercliffe Cemetery** 14 members of the group enjoyed an interesting walk around the Undercliffe Cemetery at Bradford with our guide Andrew Barker on a lovely warm afternoon. The views were good and the variety of styles of monuments fascinating as were the inscriptions. These gave us wonderful insight into the history of Bradford. Well worth a further visit. **Debi Burrige**



A "true son of Bradford" - Alfred Angus Scott. 1874 - 1923. Inventor of the Scott motorcycle.

**GEOLOGY GROUP:** The first meeting this year will be on Tuesday September 17th in the Castleberg Room of Victoria Hall when we are going back to the basics with an overview of "what is Geology?". We will then move on to look at the basic principles of how rocks are classified and identified. Through the rest of the year we will build on this to look at the minerals that make up the rocks, plate tectonics, physical & structural geology (faults, folds etc.), geological time, fossils - before next summer looking at what we will have already learnt of the fascinating story of the geology around Settle.

**Paul Cochrane**

### YAHR SUMMER SCHOOL at Wentworth Castle

From 5th to 8th August four of our members attended the first summer school organised by the Yorkshire & Humberside Region at Wentworth Castle, a magnificent stately house near Barnsley, now used by the Northern College for Adult Education. We stayed in student accommodation spread widely over the campus, coming together for excellent meals in the main house and going to class in a separate teaching block. We were agreed that had we not enjoyed good weather, rain would have blighted our experience.

66 students (17men) covered the courses on offer including history, geology, photography, life drawing and the intriguing 'thinking fast and slow'. We had all chosen Monasteries in Yorkshire, the most popular course with 18 members. Our tutor was a highly articulate, hugely knowledgeable elderly lady who had taken enormous pains preparing many handouts, plans and maps so we had no need to take copious notes and could listen to her information. Not using powerpoint she had many sheets of photographs on her subject to pass amongst us leading to much interaction and lively discussion.

We learnt about the foundations of the many Yorkshire monastic sites by the Benedictine, Cistercian, Augustinian and other brothers from 1070 - 1398 including the amazing history of Fountains Abbey from a small group of breakaway monks wanting a simpler style of life than the prevailing customs, settling in a wild valley with nothing, living in caves and makeshift shelters to the beautiful buildings and great riches they achieved before the dissolution. Our course culminated in an afternoon visit to nearby Monk Bretton Priory and Roche Abbey where we used our newfound knowledge to make sense of the ruins. A fitting end to a very enjoyable summer school. **Beryl Slann**