



SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

As I retire as Chairman I am happy to report that [Alison Tyas](#) has volunteered to stand for election as Chairman for one year and Ian Tennant is offering himself for election as Vice-Chairman at this year's AGM. There will be the opportunity to enrol or renew your membership before the AGM commences if you have not already done so, – if you are not a paid up member you cannot vote at the AGM, – and of course there is always time to have a chat with friends over coffee.

Our AGM will be held in the Victoria Hall, Settle as usual. We are very lucky to have such a facility in which to hold our monthly meetings and at my annual meeting with Alan Martingell (Chairman of Victoria Hall) I was concerned to hear about the loss of £9,500 funding from Craven District Council. Alan asked me to advise you about the re-launch of the Friends of Victoria and its Membership Scheme as a way of raising additional funds. Details and application forms are available from the box office

It has been suggested that in 2015 the enrolment meeting should be held in September and the AGM moved into October. All this is for discussion in committee but as always please voice your own opinion to any committee member so that it can be taken into account.

As Shirley Wolfenden and Janet Stafford retire from organising the social events, theatre trips, outings and meals that they have done so well for many years, I am sure I speak for us all in offering our sincere thanks and appreciation for their dedication and hard work over the years. Shirley and Janet would be the first to say how challenging their work has been but I am hopeful that within our membership we have some willing volunteers who would enjoy the opportunity to step into Shirley and Janet's shoes. If you feel you could take on this role please speak to a committee member, Shirley or Janet.

Nita

October Meeting: Thursday October 9th at 10.30 am in the Victoria Hall
'Fountains Abbey, Desolation to Dissolution' with Glenda Hunter
Coffee served from 10.00 am



Wednesday 24th September Victoria Hall Settle, 7.45pm

Monsieur Lazhar (12)

U3A NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES: Our first session of the new season will be on Wed 17th September when Chris Petrie will give a presentation on the life and work of British engineer and inventor Charles Parsons, best known as the inventor of the steam turbine but also a pioneer for many other projects. As usual 11.00am at Victoria Hall - everyone welcome.

John Jebson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE : We have 2 theatre seats available for the Keswick outing on October 30th to see "Comedy of Errors" by Shakespeare" at a cost of £25 per person and leaving Settle Cricket Ground at 9am, arriving home in the early evening. Also available are seats on the bus at a rate of £12 per person.

Janet and I would like to announce that, as from the end of September, we are resigning as organisers of the Social activities of the Settle District U3A. We have organised theatre outing, dinners, lunches and visits to numerous places throughout the North of England for more than ten years and feel now is the time to hand over to new blood with fresh ideas. Thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout this period, and in turn we hope to support whoever takes over.

Cheques are now due and should be made payable to Settle District U3A Social Account and sent to me **Shirley Wolfenden at Smithy Croft, Rathmell, Settle** BD24 0LA. Thanks to everyone.

Shirley Wolfenden

SINGING FOR PLEASURE: Wednesday, August 27th saw the Settle U3A Singing for Pleasure group leading a large audience provided by Age UK in a cornucopia of songs old and new at St John's Church Hall. The whole event had a seaside theme. We started with "I do like to be beside the seaside" and "Day Trip to Bangor" and voyaged as far as "The Skye Boat Song" and even across the Atlantic for "She'll be Coming Round the Mountain". To add to our seaside fun we had ice creams and other refreshments, competitions and a wonderful performance of not only "Albert and the Lion" but also "The Return of Albert", the latter in no way diminished by the loss of one sheet of the script.

John Rose

EXERCISE GROUP: Unfortunately the main hall at the Victoria Hall is no longer available on Wednesday mornings. Consequently I have been obliged to change our arrangement. The exercise group will now meet EVERY Monday morning from 10 am until 11 am beginning September 15th. I am sorry if this means that some of you who have already signed up for the group will now be unable to attend.

Gillian Walton

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS : A most interesting visit to Dale End Mill in Lothersdale by a group of twenty, some of whom had visited previously and reported that not much seems to have been achieved in its restoration. This was originally a corn mill which was converted to textiles by Thomas Parker of Appletreewick in 1792 and eventually to worsted spinning in the 1930's, when the cottages were built in the mill yard.

Margaret Cullingworth

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the next meeting of this group will be in the Victoria Hall at 2.00pm on Thursday 25th September to which **all** members old **&** new are invited. We look forward to receiving lots of **your** suggestions for places to visit even if some may already have been on previous programmes.

Ruth & Elizabeth

WALKING GROUP: The walks continue and the current programme is on the website – look out for any changes that may occur and any e-mails from Frank Woodhams. There is a hard copy in the Library and TIC.

Margaret Cullingworth

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit next by Wednesday 1st October to: Chris Taylor
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