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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

This is my final letter to the U3A as I am handing over to Ian Tennant at the AGM. I have enjoyed my year as your chairperson but am glad to be able to hand the job on and take a back seat again. I shall still be at Quaker Garth taking in and banking your 50ps for another year and expect to be at all the speaker meetings on the 2nd Thursday each month.

The August meeting was as always very busy and we were pleased to welcome a number of new members as well as seeing the return of many regulars. The provisional list of people in each group has been sent out to the group leaders but we realize that some of you have not been able to sign up yet. You can still do it at the AGM (10 September) if you are there or are reading this before that. Otherwise to enroll for the U3A get in touch with Keith Waterson and, to add your name to a group you need to contact Debi Burrige or your group leader. There are still a few copies of the programme available if you need to check, especially if you are interested in the new groups and it is all on the website.

We now have 32 groups listed in the programme. Plenty to choose from and we are always looking for new ideas. If you are interested in a subject which is not available, please mention it to one of the committee because there may be other people with similar interests and before long you will find you have started another group, met more interesting people, and kept your own interest in the subject alive.

Wishing you all a good and fascinating U3A year

Alison

October Meeting: Thursday 8th October at 10.30 a.m. in the Victoria Hall

Ian Mulley "The Chinese Education System"

Coffee served from 10.00am



Friday 25th September 7.30pm Austwick Parish Hall
The Theory of Everything (12)

Please keep copy to approximately 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER (A LITTLE EARLIER THAN USUAL) to:

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

The group visited Leighton Hall in August and would definitely recommend an afternoon there to anyone who has never been. A report of our visit can be found on the LAOB page of our Settle U3A website.

Nita Hart

We were pleased to welcome 16 new members to this group at the very busy enrolment morning last month making this a very large group. If you were a member last year, but have not re-enrolled, you will need to do this before you join us for our next visit in October, which will be arranged after our Group Planning Meeting.

This will be on Thursday 24th September at 2.00pm in the Castleberg Room of the Victoria Hall to which you are all cordially invited.

We hope you will come with lots of suggestions as to where to go this year. Remember that all ideas are welcome even if we've been there before & while there is no obligation to feel that **you** must arrange what you suggest we would encourage anyone to have a go. Help & support will always be given.

Thanks for last years' visits go to Ruth Evans, Dorothy & Alan Hemsworth, Jim Woodward-Nutt, John & Linda Lister, Sally Edwards, Hilary Baker & Nita Hart.

Elizabeth Evans

GREAT LIVES

Our group reconvenes, with a warm welcome to long-standing or new members, on Wednesday 16th September in Victoria Hall 11.00am. Our first subject will be Caroline Norton- writer and reformer, concerned with rights for women in Victorian Britain. Our guide through her life and times will be John Parry.

John Jebson

CIRCLE DANCING

We originally planned to start Circle Dancing on Friday Sep11th, but we have postponed it so that the first Circle Dance session will now be Friday September 25th from 10.0 - 11.0am.

Pat and Gillian

POETRY APPRECIATION

We will begin at 2 pm on **THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER 2015** at Victoria Hall as usual.

Jean Stevens

PSYCHOLOGY

Our first meeting is in the Castleberg Room at Victoria Hall on Thursday 24th September at 10am - an opportunity to get to know each other.

Gill Rawlins

A BUSY DAY WAS HAD AT THE AUGUST MEETING WITH MEMBERS SIGNING UP FOR THE COMING YEAR!



This year we have signed up 270 members in total with 33 new names.

It is greatly satisfying that some groups now have 30-40 members which may become a problem! It is up to the individual groups to decide how to accommodate everyone. Have an excellent year!