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SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the chair

Dear Fellow Members,

We now look forward to the new U3A year with enthusiasm and expectation. Our membership in 2015/16 comfortably exceeded the 300 mark of whom 50 people were new members. We welcome them most warmly in the knowledge that they will find stimulation, new friendships, some challenge, and much interest whilst participating in our range of activities. To have passed the 300 membership mark demonstrates the vibrancy of Settle District U3A.

Our new Sociology Group is about to start as is Spanish for Beginners and a Ukulele Group. We wish these groups well. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all continuing group leaders for their dedication, commitment, and hard work in running their groups through the next year. Your work is greatly valued.

Of course, Settle U3A is a self-help organisation which relies on the participation of its members. It's an old saying that the more effort and energy that you put into an organisation the more benefit you are likely to get out. We are always on the look-out for the possibility of developing new interest groups. Please do not be reticent or backward at coming forward. If, on our list of groups, there is, in your opinion, an omission please contact Debi Burrige. For example, where are our astronomers, our archers, our cyclists, our photographers, or our military historians? There are always opportunities for the development of new groups. You may be surprised that if you put forward an idea for a new group then others may quickly want to join you.

Finally, do please support our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 8 September at 10.30 am in the Victoria Hall when the membership receives annual reports and appoints a new Committee.

Ian Tennant

**October Meeting: Thursday 13th October in the Victoria Hall
'Charles Dickens' with Isobel Stirk
(Coffee from 10am)**



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

**Wednesday 28th September 7.45 pm
Settle Victoria Hall
Tabu (15)**

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by

Friday 7th October 2016 to: Chris Taylor

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

Wherever possible, the full account is used but occasionally it is necessary to edit the piece for the printed copy. The full submissions will be used on the website version.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

NB – Please in future will all members bring their membership cards to the first session in the year of all groups attending.

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

All the places for the October 27th visit to Leeds are now filled. I have started a reserve list in case anyone has to drop out.

We shall travel from Settle to Leeds on the 10.32 train and return on the 18.06. (There is a later one for anyone who wishes to stay longer in Leeds.) The fare with a rail card is approximately £10. Please meet on the station and get you own ticket.

Please let me have the £12.50 before September 30th, preferably cash, otherwise a cheque payable to me. I shall be at the AGM on Thursday September 8th. Any queries to me on 01729 823108

Saida Simmons

I have arranged an 'extra' visit for the group. This will be to Lawkland Hall, meeting there at 2.30p.m. on Thursday, 29th September. We will be given a conducted tour of the house by the owner, Giles Bowring, and we will be given chance to look round the garden if the weather is fine. The cost will be £5, to be paid to me before the visit, preferably at the A.G.M. Priority will be given to group members, who should contact me if interested. **Dorothy Hemsworth (Tel. 823902)**

There is full up-to-date information about the LAOB group & the forthcoming Planning Meeting on 22nd September on the main Settle District U3A website (Group Web pages menu on LHS). If you are unable to access this, please contact Ruth or myself for details on 01729 825454 or 01729 825148. Thank you.

Elizabeth Evans

AUTISM

Are you interested in Autism? This is a wonderful opportunity to hear Phoebe Caldwell, international expert, speak on how to engage with children and adults on the Autistic spectrum.

A two session course will be held on Thursday 17th and 24th November between 10am and 12.30pm at the Friends Meeting House, Settle. It is essential to attend both days. Cost £5.

Settle U3A is offering these two days as open meetings from which the wider community benefit. **Contact Gill Rawlings on 01729 825512 or gillrawlings186@btinternet.com**

POETRY APPRECIATION

Please note **change of start date** to Thursday 27 October 2016.

Jean Stevens

GREAT LIVES

Our first meeting of the new session is on Wednesday 21st September (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Chris Petrie will talk about Captain William Bligh (of Mutiny on the Bounty fame)- a fascinating character. Everyone welcome.

John Jebson

LUNCH GROUP

A very enjoyable lunch was enjoyed at Holden Clough Country Kitchen, Bolton by Bowland in July.

Please note that the next lunch will be on Friday, 16 September at Town End Farm Shop and Cafe, Airton. Please meet at 12.15 at Settle Cricket Club for car sharing. If you would like to come along please let me know as soon as possible as numbers are limited. Tel: 01729 824 844 or amw.1@btinternet.com

Anne Webster

ART APPRECIATION

We start again on 4th October in the Castleberg Room at the Victoria Hall. We will be reviewing any exhibitions visited over the summer and discussing the programme.

Debi Burridge

NEW GROUPS

The Card Group membership is now full and has a waiting list.

The Ukulele Group is going ahead meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons in the Castleberg Room at the Victoria Hall from 2pm to 3.30 pm starting Tuesday 13th September. Contact **Cate Holland** for further details 01729 825107 cmholland468@btinternet.com

There are enough people wanting to play **Mahjong** so the group will go ahead on Mondays at the same time and place as the Scrabble Group.

Yoga There's a distinct possibility that this group will continue - watch this space or look on the website.

Anyone interested in **Swedish Conversation?**
Contact Debi Burridge Tel : 01729/825922

WEST/NET SEPTEMBER QUIZ NIGHT

Following the great success at Gargrave it has been decided to hold another on September 20th September at Ilkley, Clarke Foley Centre, Cunliffe Road LS29 9DZ at 6.30pm for any member of the West/Net group of U3As. Contact **Jackie Allott on 01729/822524 or Mike Richings, Craven U3A at mick.richings@btinternet.com**