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Letter from the chair

Dear Fellow Members,

As this is my final Chairperson's contribution to the Newsletter before stepping down at the AGM on 14 September I would like to offer a few thoughts and impressions.

Firstly, I continue to be deeply impressed by the U3A as a movement which seeks to facilitate local older people, no longer in full-time employment, to keep their minds and bodies in good order through learning, exercise and enjoyment. Here in Settle and district we certainly achieve this objective by the range and scope of our activities.

Secondly, it is so good that our U3A is run by its members for its members. The more I get to know our members the more I realise that we have such a rich abundance of experience, talents and skills to call upon.

Thirdly, Settle District U3A needs a strong Committee to guide and to organise all its activities. Our Committee is talented and most willing to undertake tasks and I would like to pay tribute to and thank each and every one of our Committee Members for their valuable contribution to our U3A over the last two years (and longer in a number of instances).

Fourthly, as we say repeatedly, our interest groups would not function without firm and dedicated leadership. Without a leader there cannot be a group. Through this Newsletter may I recognise afresh the huge contribution that all our Group Leaders make to the running of our U3A. They prepare in advance, they deliver on the day (month in, month out), they maintain the energy of their group by their enthusiasm and verve and we are greatly indebted to them. A BIG THANK YOU to all our Group Leaders.

Fifthly, part of the beauty of our U3A is that a new interest group can be started by any member with a passion for a particular topic or activity. It is most encouraging that each year we have one or two new groups as members spot a deficiency and seek to fill it.

Finally, although we have a large number of members there must be many more people who would benefit by becoming members of Settle District U3A just as our U3A would benefit by receiving them as members. Each of us can act as an ambassador for the U3A so please explain the virtues and benefits of U3A membership to likely people you meet.

I sincerely wish Settle District well in all its future activities. May it continue to thrive, to grow, and to develop.

Ian Tennant.

From the Membership Secretary: at the September meeting there will further opportunity to sign up for groups and for new members to join or previous members to renew their membership.

Also, please remember Gift Aid is a very valuable source of income for us so fill in the form if you are a tax payer.

October Meeting: Thursday 12th October in **ST JOHN'S CHURCH**
***'The Secrets of Handwriting'* with Sylvia Ware**
Coffee served from 10.00 am in the Foyer

Next Film
Friday 15th September 2017 at 8.00pm Bentham Town Hall
Viceroy House (12A)

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

Friday 6th 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

GROUPS NEWS

Welcome to all group leaders and members. Check the timetable for when the groups start or contact the leader.

And a reminder of 2 taster sessions for Dance Exercise on Wednesday September 20th and 27th in the Victoria Hall from 2 to 3.30 pm.

The inaugural meeting of the Weekenders Group is in the Library meeting room on September 16th from 11.30 am to 1pm.

Spanish for Beginners may not run this year because not enough beginners are signed up!

Art Appreciation is having a planning session on Tuesday October 3rd at 2pm in the Castleberg room at Victoria Hall. However this group still has no leader so come prepared to help coordinate!

Debi Burridge

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

We were pleased to add a number of new members to this group at last month's Open Meeting and our first event is the Planning meeting to be held in the Castleberg room of the Victoria Hall on Thursday 28th September at 2.00pm. Please come armed with your membership card and suggestions for venues you might like to visit. You will not be obliged to organise anything you suggest yourself but we encourage all members to volunteer to organise (with help & advice if needed) the ones that get selected at this meeting. We look forward to seeing as many of our 75 members as can make it!

Ruth and Elizabeth

GREAT LIVES

Our new season commences on 20th September (Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Chris Petrie will give a presentation on the life of one of Yorkshire's greats-the 18th century navigator and explorer Captain James Cook. A warm welcome to members old and new.

John Jebson

WALKING GROUP - Reaching the Heights

Six of us headed for the highest point on the Pennine range on the last day of August. **Cross Fell** is 2930' high (893m) and is east of Penrith. It was raining as we left Settle but was much brighter by the time we arrived at Kirkland, our starting point for the walk. As we climbed out of the Eden valley we were able to watch showers passing up the valley but none of them came our way.



At the summit shelter there was another group from Coniston Cold who we chatted to for a while. The views in all directions were splendid. With very little wind and some sunny periods the walking was excellent, covering 9 miles and about 2500' of total ascent (and descent!) even though it was a little wet underfoot in parts. A thoroughly enjoyable walk - well I thought it was anyway.

Keith Waterson

Diary Date

10th November; a Celidh organised by WestNet at the Clarke Foley Centre, Ilkley. Bring your own drink but no food is provided. £7 pp. Contact Jackie Allott for further details and booking 01729 822524.