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## Letter from the chair

# SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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### Dear Members

It is suddenly September! At this point we can look back to the things we enjoyed in the U3A year - as well as the glorious sunshine. If you are previous or new member, there is much to look forward to now as well - rain or shine. I hope you enjoy all you bring and take from your chosen Interest Groups. Never doubt - we all have some experience and expertise to share.

There are some really good monthly Speaker Meetings on offer too.

Thank you to Group Leaders, the 'back-bone' of our organisation. Special good wishes to Leaders of new Groups about to begin. We have such a wonderful and increasing range of topics and activities. If you have another interest you would like to develop then it is likely others feel the same - before you know it, you have a Group. Your ideas will be best for you but how about Astronomy, History of Films or Jazz? Do talk with Debi who will support you.

We are gradually increasing our membership. A warm welcome to all new Members.

Committee have developed links with other local organisations with a view to letting as many as possible know what we do and the multiple benefits of U3A. Increasingly physical and mental well-being and agility is acknowledged as important throughout our lives which is the drive behind current national and local initiatives. This leaves us well placed to contribute to these events in our own U3A way.

Our very particular method of helping each other through life-long learning can reduce loneliness and isolation as we know, whilst continuing to develop and have fun in the process, agile bodies, minds and humour!

Finally, I hope to see you at the **AGM on 13th SEPTEMBER AT 11AM, Coffee from 10am** when we receive Annual Reports and appoint new Committee Members. You also have another chance to renew membership, sign up for Groups, meet friends for coffee **AND** meet Sue Stokes, Regional Trustee.

Jackie

**October Meeting: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the Victoria Hall  
'MERCY SHIPS' with Duncan Hamlett  
Coffee from 10am**

**NB: PLEASE REALISE EVERYONE MUST SIGN UP ANNUALLY FOR GROUPS TO UPDATE THEM.**



The Ribblesdale Area  
Moving Picture Show

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 7.30 pm Austwick Parish Hall

**DARKEST HOUR (PG)**

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.45pm Settle Victoria Hall

**THE UNKNOWN GIRL (15)**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8pm Bentham Town Hall

**THE GUERNSEY AND LITERARY POTATO PIE SOCIETY (12A)**

*Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by  
FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> Oct 2018 to: Chris Taylor [christine@castlebergh.plus.com](mailto:christine@castlebergh.plus.com) Tel: 01729 823975  
Copy 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 AND FOR THE GROUPS WEEKENDERS' GROUP**

Members of this group recently enjoyed a coach trip to Sizergh Castle and Kendal. After a coffee stop at 'The Hideaway' we continued to Sizergh Castle, where we had time to view both the house and the grounds. Lunch was taken at 'The Barn', on the estate, before moving onto Kendal for a little shopping therapy. A most pleasant day out, for which we thank the organiser, Chris Benn.

*Dorothy Hemsworth*

## **ART APPRECIATION**

The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.00pm in the Castleberg Room. Please bring with you any news, pictures, catalogues etc from visits you have made during the summer break. We welcome new members, discuss plans for the coming year and share in each others' experiences.

*Sue Simpson*



## **LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)**

Welcome to all who have signed up for this group for the coming year.

This is a reminder of the Planning Meeting scheduled for Thursday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> in the Castleberg Room of the Victoria Hall at 2.00pm. Please come with your hopes and suggestions. I should add that I have not yet received an offer for a Co-ordinator to replace Ruth so this comes with hope too. Please don't be shy if you think you might be able to take on this role for this year. I regret I'm not able to fulfil this on my own!

*Elizabeth Evans*

**The Dry Stone Walling Group** is going to take place over several days in October. At the moment this group is **full**.

An initial meeting for the **Spanish Conversation Group** is being held in the cafe at Limestone View on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am to decide when and where it will meet in future. Let me know if you would like to come.

**Debi Burrige** [debi.burrige@gmail.com](mailto:debi.burrige@gmail.com) 825855

## **GREAT LIVES**

Our new season opens on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Chris Petrie will explore the life and times of William Penn, the 17<sup>th</sup> century Quaker reformer and colonialist-the founder of Pennsylvania.

*John Jebson*



## **BIRD WATCHING**

The aim of the Settle U3A Birdwatching Group is to give members the opportunity to enjoy the experience of looking for birds, both locally and further afield.

Enjoyment is the Group's primary objective but it's hoped that, at the same time members will develop both their understanding of how birds live and their skills in identifying individual species.

If you are interested in birds or just enjoy watching them this is the Group for you.

Contact: [1chandler52@gmail.com](mailto:1chandler52@gmail.com)

We welcome volunteers to help with coffee on Monthly Speaker Days. If you can help, please contact Jean Hall 01729 824325 [jean.hall1@btinternet.com](mailto:jean.hall1@btinternet.com)

## **AGM: Please take time to look at the AGENDA and MINUTES for the AGM.**

These are published on the front page of the website. They will also appear on the screen at the meeting and there will be site of printed copies available to peruse over coffee on Thursday.