

High Lane U3A Newsletter

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January 2008

Your Chairman, John McCartney and the Committee
Wish to extend to you all

A Happy and Healthy New Year

Christmas Party December 2007

Another successful party.

Thank you to all the groups who entertained us, the volunteers who went early and helped to set out the room and kitchen and then stayed behind to help clear the room again.
Thanks also to all those who helped with the refreshments.

Annual Lunch

Do not forget your tickets for our first Annual Lunch on 23rd January.
If you have not yet bought your ticket please see Mike Snape, at this meeting, this will be your last chance.

Editor

Job vacancy for Newsletter Editor.

Qualifications :

A working knowledge of Word or Publisher or any other appropriate software.

Hours:

As necessary to produce a newsletter every other month.

Location

May work from home

Salary:

Negotiable around £00 p.a.

Job satisfaction:

Knowing that you have helped to keep members informed of the activities of High Lane U3A

Contact J. McCartney.

I have edited the Newsletter for over five years and my recent eye operation means that it would be the appropriate time to pass the job on to someone else. It is an enjoyable job that is of importance to our U3A. I hope someone will volunteer to take it forward.

Ken Bentley This one has had to be produced by the Assistant Editor .

**The closing date for copy for the next Newsletter is
Monday 25th February**

Temporary Editors - Ken & Edna Bentley, email - kenedna@aol.com

Discussion Group

At the last meeting of the year Marlene Brookes led an interesting discussion of euthanasia— for and against.
A very controversial subject indeed.

The dates for the next three meetings are:-

Wednesday 30th January

Wednesday 20th February

Wednesday 26th March

Jim McDermott

Theatre Group

There will be no further new theatre productions booked for the theatre as yet for 2008.

We are continuing to promote the ballet **Swan Lake** performed by The Birmingham Royal Ballet at the Lowry Theatre on 2nd April 2008 at 2pm. Tickets £25 plus £6 for coach if required. The last date for booking is **15th January**.

Roots a play by Arnold Wester at the Royal Exchange Theatre Manchester on Wednesday February 6th 2008 at 2.30pm.

Note this is not the same as the TV drama of the same name.

There will be no coach on this occasion.

June Gibbs

Needlework

We finished our Autumn term with a Christmas meal at the Lyme Arms, well deserved after weeks of stitching. Our next meeting is on Thursday 17th January. We hope to attend the 'Stitch and Creative Crafts Show' at **G-MEX** on Friday 1st February. We usually have some spare tickets, so if anyone is interested in going, please see me at the January meeting.

Marlene Brookes

Reading Group

In November we read 'Old Filth' by Jane Gardam. The story is about an international lawyer who made his money in the Far East.. ('Filth' stands for Failed in London try Hongkong)

It is the story of his life from being a Raj orphan whose mother died at his birth and his father rejected him. The book goes

forward and backwards through the glory days of the British Empire, first and second world wars to present times. It combines sadness, compassion and humour and is a very good read.

I have also read The Invisible Wall by Harold Bernstein, a 97 year old now living in the USA. It is a story of the Jewish and Christian community living in Brooke Street which is or was off King Street near Daw Bank. It is a story of his childhood and into his late teens. The story tells of the poverty, hardship and suspicions of both communities and also of the marriage of a Christian man to a Jewish woman. A very well written pieces of social history.

We are currently reading The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett - the uncommon reader being the Queen.

Come and join us for a good read and instructive discussion

June Gibbs

Crown Green Bowls

Happy New Year to all our bowlers.

I would like to clarify the position regarding Bowling passes. We are bowling on a Thursday as High Lane U3A so everyone should pay the £1.00 bowling fee.

Ken Bentley

German Group

We had an excellent pre-Christmas meal at the Bridge In Prestbury at the end of November and finished for Christmas on 24th December with Gluhwein and Lebkuchen. We meet again on Friday 11th January. A group of us are now planning our next trip to Germany, this time to Munich from 23rd—29th April.

Marlene Brookes

Music Appreciation

The group recommenced on Tuesday 8th January 2008 and the programme will be decided at a later date.

Contact Alan Leach for further details

The 2008 Annual General Meeting will be held as part of the General meeting on February 13th.

This year we are to elect a new Secretary as it is the end of Doreen Scotte's term of office. There will also be **Elections for committee members so it is important that you are there to have your say.** Remember the committee is elected by you. It is also time for the various groups to give their reports on the 2007 activities.

Bridge Improvers

The last meeting of the year was on 20th December and it was party time. We had an early start at 1.30pm and played Chicago singles, a lively afternoon. We then ended the afternoon with a party with members providing a marvellous array of food.

By the time you are able to read this we will have had our first meeting of 2008. Anyone wanting further details about this group can contact Chris Gibson..

Chris Gibson

Singing Group

The next meeting will be on Friday 11th January at 10.00am in the Village Hall.

We are, however, in need of re-enforcement by the introduction of more MALE voices to our group. If you can sing Tenor or Bass we would like you to join us and help to add that extra depth to our singing.

There must be more male talent within our U3A, if it is YOU then come and join us you will be made most welcome.

Tony & Margaret

If you came along to our Christmas party you will have heard the group and appreciate how much progress they have made. They were very good.

Editor.

Dancing Group

Ballroom dancing lessons start again on Friday 11th January at 2.00pm. The cost remains the same at £4 per session or £18 for the course.

Meanwhile if you enjoy Latin American dancing this starts on Wednesday January 16th at 2.00pm in the scouts hall in Marple when we will be learning the cha-cha.

Kath Taylor.

Dining Group

There obviously is no meal organised for January as we will be enjoying our first Annual Lunch at Marple Golf Club.

The meal has been confirmed at **The Dome in Buxton on the 28th February.**

Unfortunately the list is full and there is a waiting list, but we are hoping to book a date later in the year for those who were disappointed this time.

We have made dates for 2008 as follows. March & April are booked, remaining dates are all to be confirmed and booked.

Thursday March 27th— Alma Lodge.

Thursday April 24th— The Bridge Prestbury

May 27th.

June 24th

July 22nd

August—no meal

September 18th

October 21st

November 27th

December—no meal.

Edna Bentley

Heritage Group programme for 2008

Wednesday April 2nd. Salt Museum Northwich and Anderton Boat Lift.

Wednesday May 2nd Tissington Hall Ashbourne for the Well Dressing Festival.

Wednesday July 16th Harewood House.

Thursday September 25th—29th

Five day holiday in Ireland staying at The Royal Hotel Bray Co. Wicklow. Approximately £280.

Deposit £60 to be paid on or before March 12th.

Booking forms will be available at the AGM on February 13th.

Margaret McDermott

New Groups New Groups New Groups

We will be starting three possible new groups in the New Year

- **Table Tennis** This will meet in the Woodside Tennis Club on a TUESDAY morning there has been a great deal of interest shown to date in forming this group we expect it to be underway soon. Please see Mike Snape if you have any interest in this group.
- **Churches and Pubs** This group will be started by Steve Reynolds and will commence early in 2008. There are many interesting venues within a short travelling distance from High Lane, in the Derbyshire, Cheshire and Lancashire areas. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting in January although there is a concern that a group of this nature takes a little time to organise visits and tours. We hope that this group will be of interest and highlight the local history around us which we take for granted.
- **Travel** Margaret McDermott has advised that there was a large amount of interest in joining this group. At a recent committee meeting it was felt by some that we needed more investigation into how such a group would run, the main concern being that of Insurance. There is also a concern that a group of this nature takes some time to get off the ground. Watch this space.
- **Computer Awareness** John McCartney is organising a new course for those with no or little computer literacy, or to learn more about computer systems. Details will follow shortly. We hope to run an early evening course and one a little later in the evening. Contact John if you are interested.

Your 2008 programme

Date	Speaker	Subject
January 9th	Frank Pennington	Arrive Alive Classic
February 13th		A.G.M
March 12th	Kathleen Potts	Gentle Trekking in the Annapurna
April 9th	David Benson	Manchester Meander
May 14th	Margaret Curry	Every picture tells a story
June 11th	Roy Devereux	Special Branch
July 9th	Heather Coutie	Evolution of Garden Design
August 13th	Derek Slater	Oscar Wild
September 10th	Brian Hallworth	Down Forget-me-not - Lane Part 2.
October 8th	Ann Signol	Chinese Medicine
November 12th	Music Group	'Three of a Kind'
December 10th		Christmas meeting.