



Newsletter

Spring 2017

Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education

A Visit To
The William Merritt Disabled Living Centre

Thursday, 10 May, 1:30 – 3:45
Aire House, Town Street, Rodley

Forest Hill Garden Party

Thursday, 8 June, 2:00

Executive Committee Meetings (5 per annum)

Monday 26 June 2017

Monday 25 September 2017

Monday 27 November – Annual Meeting

Monday 29 January 2018

Monday 26 March 2018

Awards Committee Meetings (3 per annum)

Friday, 10 days prior to Executive meetings in
March, June and September

Projects Committee Meetings (2-3 per annum)

The next: Monday, 20 November 2017

Social Committee Meetings (2-3 per annum)

The next: Thursday, 28 September 2017

Forest Hill House Committee Meetings (11 per annum)

First Wednesday monthly, excluding August

Letter from our Chairman

To our members

I'm writing this just after a meeting of the Executive Committee; we had a full agenda and I think we earned our keep on this particular Monday morning. For example, we discussed "Events" in detail and pondered on what you would want and what you would be likely to support by turning out. We noted happily that attendance at the AGM was somewhat up on previous years but that we still have a way to go. A queue out of the door would be much appreciated We keep adding to our traditional events at St Chad's and Forest Hill and would be delighted to be able to include suggestions from members. Any member (or member plus friend/s) getting in touch with anything from an idea to a fully formed plan will be welcomed with open arms; we all know that a strong programme of events informs, entertains and provides a platform for fundraising and recruitment - especially if Social Committee is feeding the inner woman. Please do approach us directly with any ideas by contacting Rosemary, Phillida or myself (contact details are in the Newsletter) and do bring a friend to our events so we can double the attendance at one fell swoop and maybe gain new members We may occasionally have to limit numbers for practical reasons, of course, but usually, the more the merrier.

Since I last wrote, we have enjoyed the Social Committee's Christmas Fayre and Sandwich Lunch, Ad Hoc Baroque's glorious music together with their elegant Samuel Pepys (we hope to hear them again later in the year) and the Projects Committee's Coffee Morning. In the pipeline, as you'll see, are a visit to the William Merritt Centre in Rodley on May 10th and a visit to York Gate Garden on July 20th (interesting lecture by a landscape architect and designer plus strawberries and fizz). Thanks go to all Chairs of Committees and Events Organisers - Peggy Pullan, Gill Milner, Gillie Andrews, Rosemary Ward, Joanne de Pennington.

One of our members, Carole Tabbron, has responded to the call/ been gently persuaded to become the Editor of our Newsletter, taking over from Phillida, Gillie and Valerie Wood-Robinson, who have kept this going in the interim. As Editor, she becomes a member of the Executive Committee and we will enjoy welcoming her to our next meeting.

Our new website is up and running for your consideration. Gillie, Kathy Hart and our Secretary, Phillida have done a grand job; they have put a lot of work into this, small snags are being ironed out, some tweaking is taking place and you can read all about it elsewhere in this Newsletter. As you will learn, Phillida has now been relieved of many mundane time-wasting tasks and we are lucky that she has agreed to become our new Webmaster. The website is a resource for us all - our "shop window" - so please do go online, the more "hits" the site has the better and, as always, please do get in touch if you have any comments/suggestions.

My best regards to you all

and may we continue to live in interesting times!

Gill

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YLCE gets a new shop window

Members often comment how incredible it is that YLCE, established 141 years ago is still so relevant to today's society, the causes that we support still reflecting the Memorandum and Article items that state our purpose. Indeed, as society has changed and the further education funding system has become more of a barrier, YLCE as a whole and the Awards Committee's work in particular are as important as ever.

And with all the changes in society, the way the Charity works and interacts with its supporters and those it supports has seen the biggest transformation. Very aware of the speed of technological advance, Gillie Andrews and Kathy Hart took up the reins in November to drive forward a project to create a new website for YLCE and make our communication slicker.

The most complicated and most pressing part of the project was to automate the Awards process. The old system was cumbersome. Students sent in their four-page application by post; Gillie checked on the suitability of each case for consideration at the meeting of the Awards Committee; the successful applications were then photo-copied and sent to all members of the Committee; after the decision-making meeting, letters of refusal or acceptance as appropriate were sent to all applicants.

The new online interactive system is slick and in the main paperless. Students go to the website, fill in their application and submit it electronically. The Committee members meanwhile have (password protected) access to a section of the website where they can view the applications, read any comments Gillie might have made and enter any of their own they might have. The Committee still meets three times a year to review the applications together round the table, but they now have tablets and laptops rather than reams of paper. Their decisions are then emailed to applicants. The cost savings are immense.

The March committee meeting was the first using the new system (together with some paper applications from pre-website days). It was

not without teething problems, but the overall verdict was that the electronic system was a great success and going forward will be a very efficient, seamless process.

But the website is in no way just about Awards. It is, in modern parlance, our new shop window. The website is an opportunity for all the Committees to let people know what they do and what they intend to do as they develop their work. It is also the principal portal for the Charity to grow and raise funds. With our new website we hope to attract more members who will take the Charity forward to the next challenges that society throws at us and it will be, of course, a vital tool in fundraising.

Kathy Hart, who created most of the text on the website said, “The new website is the start of an on-going exciting project to develop YLCE. We need to be using social media to increase awareness of our work and most importantly we need to develop our fundraising capacity and increase our member numbers. This is all taking shape: for example, we are considering an area on the site where people can choose YLCE as their beneficiary when they run marathons, go trekking in the Himalayas, or compete in a Tough Mudder run. We are also looking at the options for a page where people can donate directly (for example through ‘Just Giving’), and how we engage more effectively with past Award recipients and the charities, which the Project and Social Committees support. Our new shop window is representative of very exciting times for YLCE, with the challenge now being to keep it current, interesting and relevant.”

***Phillida Richardson,
YLCE Secretary and Webmaster***

*If any member has comments or ideas for the new website,
either now or in the future, please get in touch with Phillida.*

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New Website, New Branding

As part of the discussions around the new website, it was agreed that YLCE needed a new look to modernise the image of the charity. 6Bdigital, as part of their website work, created this new logo for us.

The brief was to continue to convey the substance of the YLCE tradition whilst giving it a more modern look. It was also important that the logo worked well in black and white as well as in colour and could be used in all the different channels we now use – from letterheads to electronic communications.

6Bdigital came up with various versions which they trialled amongst their employees, displaying them around the main office for a whole week: which one do you prefer? which one looks best? They then presented to us their top five.

After much deliberation we agreed on the logo above – the one on the front cover of this Newsletter, too. (It was the one that had come first in the 6B office stakes!)

We hope you like it!

New Contact Details

With the new website we have updated the email addresses for the office. Please make a note of the following:

prichardson@ylce.org - to contact Phillida

(Administrative Secretary)

There is also a general email address (info@ylce.org). This also goes into the office but is intended for use by people who come to us via email or for general external purposes.

Members should use the prichardson@ylce.org address.

Social Committee

Our annual Christmas Fayre and Sandwich Lunch was held in November last year at St. Chad's Parish Centre. It was a successful well-attended event and we were able to donate £500 to the charity we were supporting: Lineham Farm Children's Centre, based near Eccup in Leeds.

Lineham Farm
Children's Centre



Set up in 1993, it gives underprivileged and disabled children a break in 120 acres of beautiful Yorkshire countryside; it is residential and the children stay for a week. During their stay they are provided with a warm homely environment in a seventeenth century farmhouse and nearby cottages. They are helped to develop their potential, learning skills and acquiring qualities that enable them to thrive in life both now and in the future. Over 1,500 children between the ages of eight and twelve are welcomed every year. More than half of them live in the most deprived areas of Leeds. Their needs and daily challenges are very real. Many face severe problems: they may witness domestic violence; they may suffer neglect. A significant number of them are taken into care.

The Social Committee was also busy providing the Buffet Lunch at the AGM in February. We received letters of appreciation from Mrs Gill Lydon and Mrs Margaret Bradbury, Chairman and Treasurer respectively of the YLCE Executive Committee. We also received many compliments on the day.

A note for your diary: the annual Christmas Fayre and Sandwich Lunch will be held again this year at St. Chad's Parish Centre in Headingley from 11:30 to 2:00pm on 9th November.

Gill Milner

Projects Committee

This year the Projects Committee has continued to support the extra needs teacher at The Inside Outside Club, St Gregory's, Seacroft. Seacroft is one of the most deprived areas of Leeds and Inside Outside Childcare offers valuable educational and practical support for children of school age as well as their parents.

At our Coffee Morning on 23rd March, Carole O'Connor told us more about the club - for the newer members amongst us - and was able to reiterate to us all that we have been supporting Inside Outside now for 24 years. Many of us are only too aware of the fact that funding is tight, but the need is great in the area and the staff and volunteers are determined that the club will continue to give its support to the community.

We have also supported Riding for the Disabled Association in Wakefield, a joint venture with the Camphill Project. **Wakefield RDA provides horse riding to improve the health and well-being of people with disabilities in the Wakefield District. Carolyn Brown, the manager of Wakefield RDA introduced the club to us. We learned that they were established in 1990 and** work with small children, young people and adults with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities, mental health and behavioural problems. They have over 80 riders and learners each week and a very large number of volunteers. Our donation will help to keep this important establishment up and running.

At the Coffee Morning held at St Chad's Parish Centre, Headingley, our guests enjoyed coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to browse and purchase cakes and home-made produce, bulbs and plants, cards, CDs and good quality second hand books. The raffle was well-supported as was the popular "Guess the Weight of the Cake" competition. Many thanks to our cake bakers, our jam makers and our plant propagators and all our stall holders. In all, the morning raised £538 for our selected charities. Grateful thanks are due to the caretaking staff of St Chad's Parish Centre and all the kind volunteers from outside our Committee who helped to make the morning such a success.

Margaret Pullan

Forest Hill



At the Annual General Meeting held in December Mrs Cynthia Edwards retired from the Board of Directors as she had moved to Lincoln. She was thanked for her many years of service to Forest Hill. Also in December Mrs Christine Naylor resigned from the House Committee but remains on the Board. At the Board meeting in February Mrs Katia Barber and Mrs Lindsay Taylor were welcomed as directors.

The members of the Board and House Committee express their great sadness at the death of Barbara Neale in January. She had been an enthusiastic supporter of Forest Hill and had always been there to help in very many ways. She will be missed by so many.

There are three flats vacant at the moment but it is hoped they will be filled before too long.

During the autumn the communal parts of the house were decorated and two new gas fires were installed in the lounge and dining room. At the request of the residents a charging point for mobility vehicles has been installed in the laundry with access from the courtyard.

Various activities were organised for the residents over the winter period and in March the House Committee gave a tea party which was enjoyed by both residents and committee members.



The annual Garden Party will be held on Thursday 8 June at 2:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Tricia Hollis

AGM 6 February 2017

This year's AGM was held as usual at St Chad's Parish Centre. We had decided last year to be frugal with our funds and to hold the business meeting, the lunch and the afternoon talk all in the main hall, rather than spreading the proceedings into two rooms. That had proved a successful arrangement and we repeated it this year.

Lady Halifax, as our President, chaired the meeting and it was obvious from her remarks that the visit on 6 July 2016 to Garrowby Hall had been as memorable to her and Lord Halifax as it had been to those members who had had the pleasure of attending (see the glowing reports in the Autumn 2016 Newsletter).

Forty five members and guests were in attendance. This was the first AGM for the new Chairman of Executive, Gill Lydon, who was keen to acknowledge how much she had appreciated the support she had received during her first full year, not only from the Executive but also from members generally.

Our thanks go to members of Executive for their hard work and the Social Committee for that splendid lunch. I know at least two or three ladies who can never wait for the business meeting to be over so that they can tuck into the mouth-watering spread they know will follow.



Your editor cheekily invites captions for the above.
Or the complete dialogue? No prizes.

It was a great spread, wasn't it!

We raised our glasses to the Social Committee.



We chatted and ate.





And we ate and chatted.



And members of the Social Committee toasted us in return.



And after that excellent lunch.....



..... Gillie Andrews, as Chairman of the Awards Committee, gave us a fascinating insight into the history and practice of YLCE's work in offering grants to young women who are keen to pursue further educational studies but are in need of financial support. Our attention was held by some suitably chosen slides, some to make us smile.

For those members new to YLCE history Gillie explained that the Awards Committee was originally set up in 1989 by Jill Rennie, Doreen Marsden and Isobel Jenkins, with awards initially going to local institutions for them to disburse. The money for the awards was and continues to be primarily income from investments following the sale of the Blenheim Terrace property, which had previously housed the Secretarial College.

The awards are for women who are UK citizens over 21: they go towards course fees only, are in the region of £300-£400 and are paid directly to their institutions. Applicants therefore must already have a confirmed place at a UK educational institution. The nine members of the Awards Committee meet three times a year to select the very best candidates: in the previous year there had been 205 applications with 86 candidates being successful and £20,900 being disbursed. Paper applications were already about to become a thing of the past as applications from March 2017 onwards are to be made online through the excellent new YLCE website. 'There will no longer be that deafening thud on the doormat of Committee members as the postman delivers the latest batch of paper applications,' we were told. 'And our secretary, Phillida Richardson will not have to spend time, patience, ink, paper and postage on the whole process. She will have better things to do.'

Gillie ended her presentation by giving us three case studies. We were invited to make our own judgements: yes or no? would we award a grant? We saw for ourselves just how difficult a task committee members have to ensure that grants go to those who most warrant our support, be they artists, vets or social workers. And the number of recipients who take the trouble to express their gratitude for their awards is evidence that YLCE's support is deeply appreciated, and also quite humbling, confessed Gillie.

Our thanks go to her and the Awards team for their assiduous hard work and their interest and involvement in this major aspect of the work of YLCE.

Gillian Roche

The Committee (not their real selves) ponder, consider, agonise and finally make the right decision:



Awards

There's been enough in this Newsletter already about the Awards Committee and the new technology now at our disposal. We would like to extend to Phillida our most grateful thanks for all the essential but boringly repetitive work she had to put in on the Committee's behalf. She still has to field enquiries, of course, but the photocopying days are over. And she now has the joy of being Webmaster and keeping our website up to date.

This will be the first year when we will have met only three times instead of four. It had become clear that the number of applications we had been reviewing in January and March taken together in the last four years didn't add up to as many as we regularly look at in our June meetings. So although work in March would be a little heavier than in the past, having a free January was a welcome compensation. And our March meeting was exciting in all sorts of ways – as you'll have read. On the day we reviewed 47 applications, and accepted 23 of them, awarding altogether £6,400. We're expecting a lot more for consideration in June, now that the interactive application form is easily accessible.

We continue to receive sometimes embarrassingly fulsome thanks from our Award recipients. I thought you might like to have a taste:

I can't say how grateful I am to the Trustees for their generous support for this Scottish lass you don't know.

Many people can fulfil their dreams thanks to your support, and as soon as I am earning enough I will be sure to donate some money to your organisation so others can benefit, too.

I couldn't have completed the MSc course without your generosity. Whilst completing my course I managed to secure a PhD scholarship. If it weren't for my MSc I would never have got the scholarship. Without you I would never have got my MSc.

Once again, thank you so much. It means the world to me that there are people out there willing and able to help others.

Gillie Andrews

Education, education, education

Before sitting down to scrutinise the latest batch of Awards applications, (yes, I am a member of the Awards Committee), I spent a couple of weeks in Kolkata, or Calcutta, as we know it, and, fittingly enough, visited an establishment supporting girls' education.

I was with my friend Bula. It was quite by chance that we met. It was in 1975; she was a student at High Melton College, then a teacher-training college for mature students; I was one of her lecturers. We have been friends ever since. She had had several years' teaching experience in India, including at the prestigious St Joseph's College in Darjeeling, but now wanted an English qualification so that she could teach in England. She subsequently taught History at Crofton High School near Wakefield, until she retired.

Bula and her late husband, Suchura, a consultant anaesthetist in Pontefract, decided some 30 years ago, with the support of their two daughters, to create the Chakraborty Family Trust. The charity's object was to assist girls and young women from poor families in Kolkata to obtain a good education. This they have done through the Ramakrishna Mission in Howrah, Kolkata's twin city over the Ganges. The Mission is affiliated to the Ramakrishna Foundation, which enjoys a certain amount of independence from the main body of the organisation.

During my recent visit I went with Bula to the Mission and met some of the beneficiaries.

Almost all the girls live locally and in impoverished conditions. They come to the centre after school, which is free and compulsory in India for children between the ages of 6 and 14. The centre offers facilities denied the girls at home: there is a playground, a dining room where they get a daily meal; there's a quiet place for them to do their homework, a well-stocked library and a computer room giving them access to the internet. There is also a collection of textbooks, which the students can borrow - the shortage of these in state schools means that students are often expected to buy their own. Other practical support is given by the Chakraborty Trust in the form of money for bus fares to get to school, or even a bicycle in one case. My donation last year went to

provide better nutrition for a 13-year girl whose size was that of an 8-year old. She needed to be fit and healthy if she was to benefit from her education.

Bula spends two winter months in Kolkata and visits the centre each year. This time I went with her. 25 girls and young women had assembled to give Bula an update, in Bengali, on their progress at school and in further and higher education. They were 'her girls'. Many of them were planning careers in nursing or nutrition, many were learning IT skills, and one was about to embark on a PhD in Sanskrit, intending to make a career in academia. All come from very poor backgrounds where, if women work outside the home, they can only think in terms of low paid domestic work. Some women struggle successfully against the odds; one young woman was a widow, the sole supporter not only of her 14-year old son, but also of her mother-in-law. Another, from a distant village, was employed as live-in carer to an elderly local woman and was studying at the same time. These young people were incredibly respectful: they stood as we entered the room and only sat when invited to; afterwards I was surrounded by young girls kneeling and touching my feet – the traditional Indian mark of respect for one's elders.

School, though free, is not easily supported at home by low-income families. They certainly cannot provide the out-of-school learning environment offered by the Mission. This scheme throws a lifeline to girls from such families and is giving them something that will change their circumstances forever, in a country which puts such great emphasis on education. So many of the over-sized roadside adverts one sees in India are for private schools that claim to offer your child an incredibly successful future. The Mission can hold out just such a promise to Bula's girls. Education, Education, Education.

Alison Harris



Meet two of our new members

Sheila Wainwright



I was born in Surrey, lived in London, then Sunderland for several years and came to Yorkshire in 1970. I became a Head Teacher at the age of 35 after the sudden death of my first husband. I remarried 5 years later to John, a textile designer in Dewsbury. I took up a second Headship in a challenging school in Dewsbury until I retired at the age of 60.

I then set up a business providing quality Inservice Training across Yorkshire for the Yorkshire Region National Association of Head Teachers. I am still doing this 15 years later but now with a team of 2 more retired Head Teachers! After my second husband was diagnosed with Alzheimers I spent most of my time as his carer until he died in 2011.

Having become very aware of a big gap in the Health Service for supporting carers of people with dementia, I began fund raising and campaigning for an Admiral Nurse in Wakefield. After 4 years, one was finally appointed in September, with promises from the NHS to part fund another. I am an Ambassador for Dementia UK and give talks about Admiral Nurses. I am passionate about raising awareness of the work they do.

I joined the local Rotary Club 3 years ago and have become the Chair of the Fund Raising Committee, actively raising money through local events, both for Dementia UK and other local charities. I will be the Rotary President in 2017

I enjoy walking, travelling, entertaining and spending time with my family. I have a daughter who is a writer and journalist and a son who has set up his own business. I am hugely proud of both of them.

Katia Barber



Born in Cyprus, I came to Yorkshire to study at university and I am still here more than 40 years later!

Professionally, I became a Chartered Accountant and a Chartered Tax Advisor, working in accountancy firms for a number of years before setting up my own practice. Latterly I was a Finance Director for a business in the energy saving sector.

I have been involved at different times in The Prince's Trust, UNICEF and the Yorkshire branch of Women In Management. Now retired, my husband Graham and I love to travel, not least because two sons live in New Zealand. I have always been keenly aware of the value of education, particularly for women. Our travels have simply reinforced my belief that this is the way to break the circle of poverty in so many places.

I am delighted to join YLCE and look forward to working with the group.

We have another new member since our last Newsletter and welcome Jenny Beverley.

Cynthia Edwards and Christine Hopkins have resigned.

We extend our condolences to Dilys Welch on the death of her husband, Brian.

Barbara Neale 1940-2017



Born in Chesterfield, Barbara was educated at St. Helena's Girls High School, where she became Head Girl. She then went on to read Botany and Zoology at the University of London.

On completion of her degree, Barbara taught Biology at St. Mary's College in Leeds where she became Head of Biology, then Head of Science. In 1982 she became Deputy Head. In 1993 she took early retirement, partly due to her mother's deteriorating health.

In her retirement, Barbara got herself involved in many and various organisations. She became a governor of Leeds Girls' High School, and was engaged in its move to Alwoodley Gates where it became part of the Grammar School at Leeds.

She also played a leading role in Yorkshire Ladies. She served on the Awards Committee, the Forest Hill House Committee, was a member of the Executive and became its Deputy Chairman. She was also a director of Forest Hill Sheltered Housing.

She was a keen supporter of Opera North, the West Yorkshire Playhouse, St. Gemma's Hospice, the NSPCC; she was a member of Leeds Art Society and of the Leeds Women's Luncheon Club. She also served on the Committee of the Friends of the Leeds International Piano Competition, and officiated at the Leeds Town Hall over many years, supporting the sometimes nervous contestants in the final stages of the competition.

Music had always played a very important part in Barbara's life. Whilst studying in London, she joined the Imperial College Choir and performed with them at the Royal Albert Hall and at St. Paul's. In 1964 she joined Headingley Amateur Operatic Society, and for over 40 years performed as a leading soprano in many productions and concerts. She sang not only with the Headingley, but also as a principal with West Riding Opera and with Pocket Opera. She was not a stranger to the Leeds Town Hall platform either, performing in many concerts, including singing the soprano solo role in Messiah.

Barbara was a very active member of St. Andrew's United Reformed Church in Roundhay, Leeds, over many years. She was a member of the Choir, of course, and took part in musical productions. She was convenor of the Flower Group, and a valued member of the Pastoral Care Group, offering support, comfort and friendship to many. Barbara was a very dear talented lady, a wonderful friend, who will be very sorely missed by her family and her wide and devoted circle of friends.

Gill Milner April 2017

Sheila Gosden 1928-2017

An appreciation of a proud *Yorkshire Lady*;
a pioneer and a kind friend

On a glorious April afternoon many Yorkshire Ladies were able to join Sheila's other friends and former colleagues in St Giles Church, Bramhope to say goodbye to her. We shared many happy memories of Sheila. I am privileged to have been asked to draw together some of these to add to my own.



Sheila was a proud *Yorkshire Lady* in several senses. She was proud of her Yorkshire Heritage having been born and brought up in Hull. She did venture to London and to Cambridge to study; she did spend some fruitful years in Nottingham teaching in Nottingham High School for Girls - but most of her professional and married life was spent in Leeds. The Dales and the Wolds as well as Hull (later European Capital of Culture) were nearby.

She was also intensely proud of being a member of the Yorkshire Ladies Council of Education which she joined soon after her retirement almost thirty years ago. She was for about fifteen years an active member of the Awards Committee and, for some of that time, was its minutes secretary. She never mastered word-processing but her handwriting was the neatest I have ever seen.

Sheila knew how tough it can be for women to make their way in their chosen career. She believed passionately in the provision of education opportunities for boys as well as girls but wholeheartedly supported the work of the Yorkshire Ladies Council in providing targeted provision to allow women to be able to fulfill their career aims.

In many ways Sheila was a pioneer. By 1939-40 when she was aged 11 she was one of a relatively small number of girls eligible for a place at a grammar school. In the University of London in the late 1940s she would find that men outnumbered women by 7:2. During her professional life, as a woman lecturer in the University of Leeds, she was also in a minority. She worked hard to further her career in the Department of Education and in addition completed her doctorate in Paleobotany through part-time study. Sheila soon became well known in the university and her intellectual clarity, sound judgement and good sense meant that she was in demand as chairman of many prestigious university committees. She would never allow herself to be patronized and would deal with 'offenders' pointedly but with good humour.

Sheila was a woman with many interests. She was an enthusiastic gardener – her Alpines being her pride and joy. She was a singer and a keen member of Otley Choral society. She also loved walking in the Dales and was a keen knitter. Her friends' children looked forward to receiving new mittens or gloves at Christmas each year and she and Peter always wore smart, hand-knitted cardigans or sweaters.

Above all Sheila was a kind, loving and thoughtful wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, aunt and friend. She was great fun and great company. We will miss her.

Isobel Jenkins April 2017

(Thank-yous to Rosemary Stephens, Valerie Wood-Robinson, Helen Owens, Edgar Jenkins and Bill Griffiths)

Events Diary

Wednesday 10 May **1:30 – 3:45 pm**
Visit to the William Merritt Disabled Living Centre
at Aire House, Town St, Rodley, Leeds LS13 1HP
with Professor Anne Chamberlain

Thursday 8 June **2:30 pm**
Forest Hill Garden Party
at Forest Hill, 11 Park Crescent, Leeds LS8 1DH

Thursday 20 July
Visit to York Gate Garden, Adel
Talk by Fleure Gethin, landscape architect & designer
with strawberries and fizz
Further details to follow

Thursday 9 November **11:30 – 2:00 pm**
Christmas Fayre and Sandwich Lunch
at St. Chad's Parish Centre

December 2017
A concert by Ad Hoc Baroque
Details to follow

Further details of all these events and any others that may be added will appear on the website: www.ylce.org (or just google YLCE)
So keep checking.

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