

Reliving happy memories

Our picture shows u3a member Jeanette Wallace proudly holding a trophy she last held when producing the winning play at the Settle Drama Festival back in 1983.

Jeanette explains she produced the winning play performed by Keighley Playhouse at the Drama Festival in 1981 and again in 1983. This was a prestigious trophy competed for across the North of England. So it was a real surprise and joy to remember the past and link a 40 year old memory to present interests.

The festival ran from 1949 to 1984 at the Victoria Hall in Settle and it was on a recent u3a visit to the town that the group learnt that the trophy, along with others, were recently discovered in an attic and are now on display at the Victoria Hall.

The guided tour of Settle was organised by one of the many groups that comprise Ilkley and District u3a. . Who knew that the town has the oldest musical hall in the country opened on 11th October 1853 and still going strong?



To learn more about u3a, search Ilkley & District u3a and visit their website. With a membership now exceeding 2,000 it is an organisation that is clearly thriving, providing opportunities for lifelong learning for those no longer working full time in our community.