

## *News*

Hi Everyone.

Doesn't time fly, summer will soon be here; our committee are all working hard on your behalf organising courses and social events.

Last year's events were all very well received so I hope that we can come up with the goods this year.

Included in your newsletter this time are nomination forms for positions on our branch committee. Our committee is made up at the moment of seven dedicated members, all from differing schools and backgrounds. Sadly, after eight years on our committee, I am standing down as Chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a nice group of people who I now consider to be friends rather than work colleagues. It has been an honour to have been Chair for my last few years on the committee. Valerie Brett, from Tadcaster Grammar school is also standing down from the committee this year, so as you can see, we do need some of you to come forward and volunteer to give up a little of your time to help with the running of our branch.

Our last course on the impact of the Ofsted framework, teamed with Reading Groups held at Hallcross School in Doncaster was very well received. This was followed by a visit to the Stem Centre in York earlier this year. Visits are always popular, particularly when they are free!

On a lighter note, Sally is currently organising our summer social for this year. We always try to change venues in order to give everyone the opportunity to attend. This year is no exception, with our social being held in the stunning Bridge Hotel at Walshford, near Wetherby, a handy location for all being situated just off the A1 – see the booking form enclosed for all the details. As is our usual practice, we will be holding our AGM just prior to our evening's activities – if you would like to join us for this, please try to arrive about 30 minutes earlier. It's not a lengthy meeting, just a summary of what we have done and plan to do in the future and a breakdown of our financial situation. Voting for new committee members and members up for re-election will also take place at the AGM.

## *Training*

Plans are underway for a cataloguing and classification course to be held next March at the SLS Headquarters in Northallerton. This should appeal to everyone, especially as we are fortunate in securing Sheila Sylvester to lead the course for us. We have also been given the opportunity to purchase book stock at discounted rates from the Schools Library Service bookshop.

## *And finally*

In order to keep our branch going we need your support. We try to keep costs as low as possible; compared to other training events our courses offer tremendous value for money. Please try to join us – this is your branch.....

We look forward to seeing you in the future.

At this point, I'll sign off – my last newsletter as Chair.

*Lesley Cobb, Chair SLA – Y&H*