

## **News from the Chair, October 2013**

Hello everyone,

I trust you are all now settled in to the autumn term, with lazy, hazy summer days a distant memory!

My name is Sally Dring and I'd like to introduce myself as the new Chair of the SLA Yorkshire & Humberside branch. My day job is as Learning Resources Centre Manager at Ripon Grammar School, but I've been involved with the Yorks & Humber branch since its inception in 2004.

First of all I'd like to say a massive thank you to Lesley Cobb who has stepped down as our Chair and has been involved with the committee for the last 8 years. We'll miss her hugely.

### **Summer AGM & Social Event**

We held our annual get-together on 7 June at the Bridge Hotel, Walshford, near Wetherby ([www.thebridgewetherby.co.uk](http://www.thebridgewetherby.co.uk)). It was a glorious evening and we were very fortunate to hold our meeting and meal in the Byron Suite which was a beautiful and elegant setting.



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The AGM kicked off the evening with a round up of the year's activities and plans for the future. This was followed by a superb meal, provided by The Bridge Hotel and giving us all chance to unwind, catch up and meet new school librarians from the region.

To round off we divided into groups for a literary quiz! This was hosted by Dave Cryer, who runs drama and creative writing workshops in schools around the country (see [www.davecryer.co.uk](http://www.davecryer.co.uk) for more details). Dave was also kind enough to run a draw on the evening for a free half day workshop!

The evening was such a success, and the venue so lovely, that we intend to use it again next year (see below for more details).

### **Training Plans**

#### ***Research and Study Skills for Sixth Formers: Supporting the Transition to University***

You should all be receiving details of this training event which will be held at York St John University, York, on Friday 15 November, 1.30-4.00pm, and costs only £10. It will be very useful for anyone dealing with sixth form in general, as well as those supporting EPQ students. Details are on the **Courses/Events** section of this website.

### ***Cataloguing and Classification***

A training course on basic cataloguing and classification will be delivered by the North Yorkshire Schools Library Service on 21 March 2014 at School Library HQ in Northallerton. Watch out for further details nearer the time!

### ***10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Social Event***

2014 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the setting up of the Yorkshire & Humberside branch of the School Library Association, so we can't let that pass without a celebration! We will hold a social event on a Friday evening in early June, probably near Wetherby again. We are hoping to arrange to have at least one guest speaker to join us on the evening, so keep your eyes peeled...

Finally, a welcome to our new committee member, Sam Wasilewski, who works at Ryburn Valley High School. Welcome to the team, Sam!

### **And finally...**

I look forward to meeting some of you during the course of the year; it is your support at our events which keeps us going and enables us to bring relevant training to our region.

See you soon,

*Sally Dring, Chair SLA-Y&H*