



# About Settle District

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## Our aim is to:

- Encourage and facilitate local older people no longer in full time employment to keep their minds and bodies in good order through learning, exercise and enjoyment.

## Who we are:

- Settle U3A is a charity, number 1095635, which invites people to join on an annual basis.
- The charity is administered by a committee elected at its AGM and has nearly 400 members.
- Settle U3A is affiliated to the Third Age Trust (TAT), an umbrella organisation bringing together all autonomous U3As from around the country so that Settle can gain from the experience of others.

## What we do:

- We hold meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Victoria Hall in Settle when members are encouraged to mix with others over refreshments from 10.00am. Nine times a year there are outside speakers who talk on a wide variety of subjects. On the other three months there is group registration, the AGM and a Christmas social. Dates and details of speakers are shown on membership cards.
- We have over 30 cultural, physical and fun interest groups from walking to dancing and singing to geology. All groups are “self help” and their number and variety depends on the willingness of members to contribute by facilitating, sharing, leading, etc.

## What it costs:

- The annual subscription is £15 for a single person or £29 for joint membership. Members who pay tax generally gift aid their payment. Additionally members are encouraged to make a small donation which averages about £3 per member.
- Members are charged £1 for each monthly speaker meeting and 50p for each group meeting with exceptional extra charges.

## **How we keep in touch:**

- We produce a monthly newsletter which keeps members up to date with what is going on. It is distributed free of charge at the monthly meetings to people who are unable to download it from the Settle U3A website (<http://www.settledistrictu3a.org.uk/u3a/>) where it is normally available on the evening before the monthly meeting. It can be posted to members who provide SAE's.
- The website itself is a mine of information, particularly Group and historic information.
- U3A Matters is a journal produced by TAT five times a year and is mailed to members.

## **How to contact us:**

- All committee members are happy to help in any way. Their details are available on the website and they can be recognised by the name badges worn at monthly meetings.
- Some people you may wish to contact are listed below:
  - Jackie Allott, Chair  
01729 822524 - 1jab2jal@gmail.com
  - Keith Waterson, Membership Secretary  
01729 822311 - keith@thewatersons.org
  - Debi Burrige, Groups Organiser  
01729 825855 - debi.burridge@gmail.com

## **What members can do for Settle U3A:**

- Make suggestions to any committee member for improvements to the organisation.
- Consider standing for the committee, or any office on the committee, at the AGM.
- And, most importantly, offer to facilitate a new or existing Group.

## **The premises does Settle U3A use:**

- Monthly speaker meetings are held from 10.00am on the second Thursday of the month at the Victoria Hall, Kirkgate, Settle.
- Group activities are held at a variety of locations in and around Settle. Information is on the website or can be found by talking to the Group Leader or any committee member.

**New groups, shown in red, will go ahead if there is sufficient interest.**

**Art Appreciation** - Leader Sue Simpson

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

**Badminton and/or Table Tennis for Recreation** - Leader Kath Hamflett

Every Friday — 10.00am B & 11.00am TT

**Bird Watching** - Leader Les Chandler

Monthly, usually on Tuesdays as arranged by the leader

**Book Group** - Leader Jackie Allott

3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

**Bridge Group** - Leaders Frank Rhodes & John Parry

Each Thursday (except 2nd Thursdays) - 10.30am - noon

**Card Making** - Leader Wendy Newby

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays — 10.00am-12.00noon

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays — 1.00pm- 3.00pm

**Circle Dancing** - Leader Democracy!

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays — 10.30am-11.30am

**Creative Writing** - Leader Jean Stevens

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays — 2pm-4.00pm

**Crime Novel Book Group** - Leader Sue Bennedik

1<sup>st</sup> Fridays - 3.00pm-4.30pm

**Dance** - Leader Marjorie Walker

3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays — 2pm-3.30pm

**Dance Exercise** - Leader Janet Rougvie

Each Wednesday — 2pm-3pm

**Exercise** - Leader Democracy!

Every Monday — 10:30am-11.30am

**Family History** - Leaders Eileen Bamford & Margaret Brenchley

4<sup>th</sup> Fridays — 10.15am - 12.15pm

**French (Continuing)** - Leader Colin Coleman

Every Monday — 10.00am-11.30am

**French (Intermediate)** - Leader Raymond Jones

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

**Geology** - Leader Keith Waterson

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

**German (Conversation)** - Leader Sheila Goodall

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays — 10.00am-11.30am

**Great Lives** - Leader John Jebson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays — 11:00am-12.15

**Line Dancing** - Leaders Eileen Bamford and Janet Woods  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays — 10.30am-12.00noon

**Lunch Group** – Leader Joan Scholfield  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays ---- 12.30pm

**Needlework and Natter** - Leader Alison Tyas  
Every Monday — 2.00pm-3.30pm

**Painting** - Leader Ian Tennant  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays — 10.15am-12.15pm

**Philosophy** - Leader Colin Scales  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

**Play Reading** - Leader Jackie Allott  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays — 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

**Poetry Appreciation** - Leader Jean Stevens.  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

**Recorders (Intermediate level)** - Leader Lizz Cooke  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays — 11.15am-12.00pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Scrabble** – Leader Brenda Pearce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays --- 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Singing for Pleasure** - Leaders Catherine Holland and Pauline Langford  
Every Tuesday — 10.00am-11.30am

**Sociology and Current Issues** – Leader Jennifer Warner  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays --- 10.00am-11.30am

**Spanish (Conversation)** - Leader Ian Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays — 10.15am-12.15pm

**Spanish (Intermediate Conversation)** - Leader Tamsin Candeland  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays — mornings

**Ukulele** - Leaders Helen Thwaite and Catherine Holland  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm — Victoria Hall, Castleberg

**Walking** - Leader Nita Hart  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays — 9.30am — walks (approx. 5 miles)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays — 9.30am — walks (6 - 10 miles)

**Weekender Group** - Leader Chris Benn  
Variety of activities each month on a Saturday or Sunday arranged by the Group.

**Wine Appreciation Group** - Leader Anne Webster  
Times and dates TBA