



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 over 350 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 some 35 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
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 - Debi Burrige, Groups Organiser
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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

1st 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

Times and dates TBA

Book Group - Leader Jackie Allott

3rd Mondays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

Bridge Group - Leader Frank Rhodes

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

Card Making - Leader Wendy Newby

3rd Thursdays — 10.00am-12.00noon

3rd Thursdays — 1.00pm- 3.00pm

Circle Dancing - Leader Gillian Walton

2nd & 4th Fridays — 10.30am-11.30am

Creative Writing - Leader Jean Stevens

2nd Thursdays — 2pm-4.00pm

Crime Novel Book Group - Leader Sue Bennedik

Times and dates TBA

Dance - Leader Marjorie Walker

3rd Mondays — 2pm-3.30pm

Dance Exercise - Leader Janet Rougvie

Each Wednesday — 2pm-3pm

Dry Stone Walling - Leader Rob Watson

Times and dates TBA

Exercise - Leader Gillian Walton

Every Monday — 10:30am-11.30am

Family History - Leaders Eileen Bamford & Margaret Brenchley

4th Fridays — 10.15am - 12.15pm

French (Continuing) - Leader Colin Coleman

Every Monday — 10.00am-11.30am

French (Intermediate) - Leader Raymond Jones

2nd & 4th Wednesdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

Geology - Leader Keith Waterson

3rd Tuesdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

German - Leader Alison Tyas

1st & 3rd Wednesdays — 10.00am-11.30am

German (Conversation) - Leaders Sheila Goodall
2nd & 4th Wednesdays — 10.00am-11.30am

Great Lives - Leader John Jebson
3rd Wednesdays — 11:00am-12.15

Line Dancing - Leader Eileen Bamford and Janet Woods
1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursdays — 10.30am-12.00noon

Looking at Old Buildings - Leader Elizabeth Evans
Mostly 4th Thursdays, occasionally other times — mostly pm

Lunch Group – Leader Joan Scholfield
3rd Fridays ---- 12.30pm

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

Painting - Leader Ian Tennant
1st & 3rd Wednesdays — 10.15am-12.15pm

Philosophy - Leader Colin Scales
1st & 3rd Thursdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

Play Reading - Leader Jackie Allott
3rd Tuesdays — 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Poetry Appreciation - Leader Jean Stevens.
4th Thursdays — 2.00pm-3.30pm

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

Scrabble – Leader Brenda Pearce
2nd 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
2nd & 4th Tuesdays --- 10.00am-11.30am

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

Walking - Leader Nita Hart

2nd & 4th Tuesdays — 9.30am — walks (approx. 5 miles)
1st & 3rd 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