

# Newsletter

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## SETTLE DISTRICT

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### *FROM THE VICE-CHAIRMAN*

Dear Friends

As a “new boy” I am standing in for Janet this month.

At this month’s committee meeting we discussed progress in finding speakers for next year’s U3A monthly meetings, and I am pleased to say that 2007-8 looks like being another good vintage. The committee always welcomes ideas from members about potential speakers for the monthly meeting so, if you know of anyone you think would make a good speaker for 2008-9, please let us know (we still have one slot to fill for 2007-8). Financial considerations dictate that most speakers should live within reasonable travelling distance of Settle.

Last month Janet mentioned plans to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Settle District U3A in September. Please put the evening of Friday 31 August into your diaries for what promises to be a most enjoyable social evening—and watch this space for further details.



**Tony Stephens**

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**Book Group:** The group has got off to a good start with a wide variety of books chosen by individual members and an even wider variety of opinions freely aired. We started with *A Short History of Tractors in Ukranian* followed by *The Peoples' Act of Love* which wouldn't have been more different. We have also thoroughly enjoyed reading and discussing *The Kite Runner*, *My Sister's Keeper*, *Small Island*, and for our March meeting Doris Lessing's latest, *The Cleft*, is on the menu. On **23 April**, in honour of Shakespeare's birthday, (having survived the Ides of March) we have something completely different—*Julius Caesar*. The group normally meets at 2.00pm on the third Monday of each month but our April meeting is different because of the U3A Lowry trip. Twelve people are enrolled but if you are interested there's always room for one more. **Peggy Hewitt** (01729 840741)

**Circle Dancing:** The group will meet on the **first Friday** in May, June and July, at 10.00am in the Victoria Hall. **GW**

A new **Exercise** class starts on **Friday, 11 May** from 10.00 to 11.00am in the Victoria Hall. Gentle joint-loosening, muscle-toning exercises to music provide a fun way to keep fit and are suitable for all abilities. **NB** Classes will NOT be held on the first Friday of each month—see Circle Dancing above. **GW**

**Great Lives:** Having explored the astonishing life of Andrew Carnegie, and the division of Europe into five spheres of influence to meet the needs of the five Rothchild sons, we shall move into quite different territory on **Wednesday, 18 April**. The background to William Wilberforce's achievements, and the towering influence of Bess of Hardwick, will be our targets. Join us—Victoria Hall, 10.30am. **Frank Pedley**

**Heraldry:** On **19 April** we will be visiting Waddington Church, Mitton Church and a possibility of a visit to Stonehurst College. I suggest we meet in Booths car park at 10.00am.

On **3 May** the beginners group are going to look at the heraldry in Malham Church; if any of the other group would like to join in you will be very welcome. Again, we will meet in Booths car park at 10.00am. **Hilary Baker**

**Family History:** On 30 March we had a very interesting talk by Audrey Daykin. The next meeting, the last of the current session, is on **Friday 27 April**, when our speaker will be Charles Newbould.

Hilary Baker has told us of a study day in Liverpool of Tuesday 12 June, organised by U3A Merseyside & West Cheshire Region. This will cover a range of subjects, including Family History. Cost is £13.50 to include lunch. The closing date is 15 May.

**M & M Cullingworth**

**Looking at Old Buildings:** The next meeting will be on **Thursday 26 Aril**, when we will walk round Burton in Kendal with a local historian. There are some wonderful Georgian buildings. As parking is limited we have been asked to car share; meet at Settle Cricket Club car park at 1.00pm. If going independently, meet in the Memorial Hall car park at Burton on Kendal at 2.00pm. **Contact: M Cullingworth on 9729 823978**

**Singing for Pleasure:** Wednesdays 10.30am Victoria Hall with Sally Wright.

Over the past weeks we have been learning "How can I keep from singing" - instigated by Len Moody, who sadly died before we had completed learning three parts: he was the fourth. We do hope that somewhere he may be listening to us, and, possible, be singing his part.

**MH**

**Sunday Lunch:** Our next meeting is on **Sunday, 15 April**—a repeat visit to The Listers Arms, Malham, at 12.30pm for 1.00pm. If you are unable to attend, please ring Violet Yessan (823692) **EP**

**Walking Group—** 15 March: A seven mile walk round the villages of Wharfedale. We visited Linton, Thorpe (the hidden village undiscovered by Scots marauders—luckily for the villagers our

party contained no marauders—Scots or otherwise), Burnsall and Hebden, before returning to Grassington. A cup of tea and a scone in a café were most welcome, following the afternoon rainfall.

**John Jebson**

**Wine Appreciation Group 2 - March meeting:**

We started the evening with a nice medium dry wine from the Loire Valley—Domaine Brurd Vouvry (2004, 11.5%, £6.99). It was well received.

Next came an Italian, Pinot Grigio Ramato (2005, 12.5%, £6.44). A rose colour, fruity bouquet, soft and dry.

The third white, a Reisling, Lenz Moser Prestige (2004, 12.5%, £7.99) from Austria had a mixed reception.

Back to France for Curel Des Piernes Rouges (2005, 12.5%, £6.99). Some Macon reds are unremarkable.

Let's try a new area—Cata Mayor Merlot Tannat from Uruguay (2005, 12.5%). Lovely ruby tones with deep violet streaks.

Last of all, El Emperador Cabernet– Carmener Chile (2005, 13.5%, £6.99). Deep coloured with purple hues, dark berries and very smooth tannins. We enjoyed. **TM**

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*This space is for any urgent items that come too late for the copy date (see below). Please keep wording to a minimum.*

**Computer Groups:** “Beginners” are to have two further sessions (2.00pm) on **11 & 25 April**.

Self Help group (3.30pm) intends to meet on **11 & 25 April and 9 & 23 May**). Some of the time will be spent on aspects of digital photography. **GHP**

**Next month's Thursday meeting**

At next month's meeting, on 10 May, Geoffrey Queen will give a talk entitled

**“On Top of the World”**

Coffee at 10.00am in the Victoria Hall

***PLEASE NOTE:** the date for the August meeting is **9 August**, and that for September is **13 September**, and NOT as shown in your membership card*

The Ribblesdale Area  
Moving Picture Show

*presents*

The  
**QUEEN** (12A)

FRIDAY 20 APRIL—7.30PM—LANGLIFFE INSTITUTE  
SATURDAY 21 APRIL—7.30PM—CLAPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Tickets on the door

***A note from the Editor***

While we have a bit of space to spare this month I  
take the opportunity to remind everyone that  
this *Newsletter* is for the *members* of  
Settle District U3A.

So you may like to be reminded that you can put advertisements in it (eg things for sale or  
wanted), and we would love to have letters or short articles on topics of U3A interest from you—  
and of course any ideas that would improve the *Newsletter* would be very much welcomed by the  
committee.

Come on, don't be shy!

Pamela Servant

***Copy date for next issue of Newsletter***

*All copy for publication in the next issue needs to reach the editor  
(Pam Servant, Brayshaw Cottage, 23 Duke Street, Settle—e-mail pms@daelnet.co.uk)  
by **Thursday 26 April 2007.***

**The Line Dancing group in action**





*Old age is when your school-friends are so grey and wrinkled they don't recognise you.  
Old age is when you're always thinking that in a week or so you'll feel as good as ever..*