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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

My visit this month was to one of our newest groups Geology, led by Paul Cochrane, for whom the subject has been a keen hobby for 25 years or more. Paul's theme this month related to geological map-making, from the earliest known map (Egypt circa 1150BC) to the superb modern day Geological Survey series in a variety of scales, many of which form Paul's personal collection. The most popular now are the 1:50000 scale, producing very detailed sheets for the whole of the UK, 560 in total! For our area, the fracture lines of the Mid and South Craven faults, where millstone grit meets limestone, are clearly visible. Paul intends to arrange a series of field trips to notable sites within a reasonable distance and April's talk will explore in more detail how the Settle area came to be as it is today. The Geology group meets in Victoria Hall on the third Wednesday in each month.



The Yorkshire Post in its issue of 23 March, carried what I thought was an excellent article on the U3A movement, aimed at those people who know nothing of it and are perhaps put off by the word "university" in the title. My one issue was that it featured only Sheffield U3A, explained I suppose by the fact that theirs is the biggest in the country, with a membership of more than 2600 and with 160 interest groups! The author of the article did make the further points that :-

- we are valued by Government as older people, active in mind and body, make fewer demands on the NHS!
- most people find out about about U3A by word of mouth.

Perhaps we can rectify the latter point a little as Chris Stephens, our Publicity Officer, is producing a super range of eye-catching posters for our activities, which merit the widest distribution. Suggestions for additional advertising sites, or other ideas for audience would be most welcome. Any any Committee member in time for a registration meeting.

With best wishes,
John Jebson



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promoting our services to a wider thoughts please to Chris, myself or indeed promotional push prior to our August

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION:

Please see March newsletter for details of the planned combined visit On Tuesday Aug 4th to the two related exhibitions at Abbot Hall and Blackwell Arts and Crafts House. Further details from **Frank Gordon**

CARD MAKING GROUP:

As the 3rd Thursday falls in the Easter holiday we have agreed to move the meeting to Thursday April 23rd. still 10.00-12.00. Thank you.

Wendy Newby

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE:

Our next meeting will be at Victoria Hall on Tue 21st April at 2:00pm. The topic will be "THE STORY OF SETTLE". Ever wondered what formed and underlies the fascinating landscape around Settle? Come along and hear something of the last 500 millions years or so of Settle's history. All welcome.

Paul Cochrane

GREAT LIVES

There will be no meeting in April. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May at 10.30am when the subject will be "**Marie Curie**".

Jean Imrie

HERALDRY

There will be no meeting in April. The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st May, meeting at the Cricket Club at 9.15 am to go to Richmond and Staindrop Churches.

On Thursday 18th June we will just do a couple of local churches as some will have visited Raby Castle the day before. Thursday 16th July will be the last trip for this year, when I hope we will make the trip to York!

Hilary Baker

LISTENING TO MUSIC

The next meeting of this group will be held at Brayshaw Cottage, Duke Street at 2pm on April 20th.

Shirley Wolfenden

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

Thursday 30th April - Walk Around Long Preston

Please note a change to the start details: Meet at the **station car park** at 1.45pm where I will wait for all group members. We will start the walk from there to avoid people having to cross the main road at a dangerous place. This walk will be based on the recently published booklet:

"Walk Around Long Preston", which will be available on the day (for anyone who is interested) price £2. Refreshments will be available in the village hall, partway round the walk, (a small charge will be made). For further information please telephone 0172984050. **Gillian Jones**

Thursday 28th May - Slaidburn

Meet at 2pm on the car park/bus stop next to the cafe on your right as you enter the village from Settle. Guided tour led by Jenny Bradley of Slaidburn followed by a talk in the museum.

Bus leaves Settle-Market Place 13.25 arrives Slaidburn 14.00 hrs.

Return 17.05 arrives Settle 17.40 (Please check in case of timetable changes)

Dora Tatterstall & Vanessa Stone

SCRABBLE GROUP

The next Scrabble group meeting will be at 2pm. on Monday 11th May, at the Victoria Hall.

Pat Lodge

WALKING GROUPS:

"Winterburn Wander" A really sunny day was very welcome indeed for this walk. We set off from Hetton, followed the beck to Flasby, crossed the fields to the beautiful 17th century house, Friars Head, then on to Winterburn reservoir where we turned back along Moor Lane to return to Hetton. Altogether a not-too-arduous

8 miles. Spring had arrived and the curlews were calling. We all enjoyed the physical exercise and the social chat - the U3A stimulus that gets us going.

Olwyn Bolger

"Downham Circular" 12 walkers travelled to Downham on a glorious spring day to tackle an 8 mile circular walk which began by passing over Downham Green then turning to pass Downham Mill before crossing pasture land to come out on the lane that took us to Rimington. Turning off just after the Black Bull Inn (now sadly closed) and having diverted the ladies attention away from Cosgroves, the group crossed fields parallel to the Clitheroe/ Hellifield railway line to pass Great Dudland farm and then cross over the A59 to Gisburn Cotes. We deviated down to the banks of the river Ribble where our picnic was enjoyed. After lunch we resumed the diverted Ribble Way to walk down to Sawley, back over the A59 to discover the delightful Packhorse Bridge over Smithies Brook and finally retracing our steps over the Green to a well earned cuppa at Downham Post Office.

John H Flitcroft



SETTLE U3A DONS A RED NOSE DANCING FOR COMIC RELIEF

BBC, eat your heart out! You missed a wonderful opportunity to film 24 Circle Dancers in Settle on Friday March 13th!

Our wardrobes provided shoes, hats, tops, skirts, trousers, ribbons and even the odd feather in every shade of red. Amidst much laughter, friendship and plenty of exercise we raised between us the princely sum of £72.00 for a wonderful cause and, as one person commented, "All so easily!" Plans are already afoot for next year, so save your pennies, borrow something red and think about joining us and doing something funny for money.

Wendy Newby

MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETINGS

Thursday 14th May –
Mr WR (Bill) Mitchell
'BEATRIX POTTER – THE LATER YEARS'

SUMMER OUTING

VISIT TO RABY CASTLE - Wed. June 17th
Leaving Settle Cricket Club car park at
8.30am. Please park on the gravel on
the left hand side.

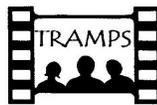
We hope to arrive by noon and lunch
can be pre ordered. Details in next
month's news- letter. The tour of the
castle is included in the cost and will
start at 1pm. There is a staircase half
way round with 41 steps which might
not suit people with mobility problems. Please
let me know in advance about this. The full
cost is £20 and this includes Gardens,
Castle and driver's tip. We will be
collecting money at the monthly
lectures or you can send to:
S Wolfenden, Smithy Croft, Rathmell
Settle. BD24 0LA.

**All monies must be paid by May 15th. Thank
you. - Shirley Wolfenden**

CUBA NEWS

Many, many thanks to those of you
who re- sponded to our appeal for
spectacles for Cuba. We collected
over 70 pairs, which are now well on
their way to Cuba where, I am sure,
they will be much appreciated by the
Cubans who will be able to see a little
more clearly!

Hilary, Vanessa and Gillian



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

TRAMPS presents –
Fri 24th April 7.30
Austwick Village Hall
QUANTUM OF SOLACE (12A)

Fri 1st May 7.30
Langcliffe Institute
THE DUCHESS (12)

Sat 2nd May
Victoria Institute Low
Bentham
IRON MAN (12A)
www.tramps.org.uk

BRAHMS REQUIEM

THE LANGCLIFFE SINGERS
and
SETTLE ORCHESTRA
in The Old Sports Hall
Giggleswick School,
Saturday 9th May
7.30 pm
Programme includes
Brahms Tragic Overture
(U3A member
recommendation)

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