

**JANUARY MEETING  
"BIG GAME"**

**TONY AND CAROL DILGER  
PHOTOGRAPHERS IN AFRICA**

Thursday 9th January 2014  
Victoria Hall  
Coffee served from 10.00am



Thurs 9th Jan 7.45 pm  
**'LA SOURCE DES FEMMES' (15)**  
Victoria Hall, Settle

**PLANNED NEW DANCE GROUP**

To all you wanna be dancers, my name is Marjorie. I have danced all my life and taught for more years than I care to remember. At present I teach adult ballet and tap. I believe everyone has the right to dance to their ability. The new classes will be friendly, relaxed and the art of dance will be taught with, hopefully, some fun. So please come along and try our ballet & tap class.

**An Inaugural Meeting will be held on 20th January 2014 at 2.00pm in the Victoria Hall.**

**FROM THE NOVEMBER  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Charities Commission return has been submitted. The Gift Aid return covering years 2012/13 and 2013/14 has been prepared. A review of members and attendees at group meetings has been carried out. A meeting with Marjorie Walker will be arranged to discuss her proposal of starting up a new dance group (tap /ballet/jazz) in the New Year. The lack of scientific (science/ computer/ photography) groups was discussed but needs further time to consider interest and how to progress if appropriate. Would an "open day" event be useful?  
**Nita**

**THEATRE TRIP  
TO ILKLEY PLAYHOUSE**

to see  
**THE UNEXPECTED GUEST**  
by Agatha Christie,  
on Thursday 30th January.  
Cost including driver's tip £17. We will be taking bookings and payment at the January meeting but not at the December meeting. Alternatively contact Shirley Wolfenden on 840882. Cheques to be made payable to Settle District U3A Social A/C. We shall be leaving the Cricket Club at 6pm for the performance at 7-30pm.  
**Janet Stafford**

**EXTRA FROM THE EDITOR**

This is just to let you all know that as from the beginning of the New Year Christine Taylor will be taking over as Newsletter Editor. I have enjoyed my time in the job and getting to know so many of you via e-mail etc, but it will be good to have a change. Thank you all for your support, patience and sense of humour and every good wish to Christine from me. (See details below)  
**Sue Simpson**

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**NEW YEAR**

Dear Friends,

As I was making some mince pies the other day I started wondering about their origin. Looking them up on Wikipedia, the ingredients are apparently, traceable to the 13th when returning European crusaders brought with them Middle Eastern recipes containing meats, fruits and spices. Early mince pies were known by several names including mutton pie, shred pie and Christmas pie. They were originally oblong shaped and much larger than the mince pies we make today. I thought that was interesting anyway!



At the November meeting Michael Cullingworth, on behalf of Settle Rotary Club, invited donation towards disaster relief in the Philippines. In case you have not seen the article in the Craven Herald, you will be pleased to know that your generosity raised £523 and this has gone towards setting up soup kitchens and buying a Shelter Box for the victims of the typhoon. On behalf of Settle Rotary, a huge thank you to everyone.

In anticipation of our December meeting, I joined the Singing for Pleasure group at one of their regular meetings last week. What a thriving, enthusiastic group you are! We sang a lovely mixture of songs and I enjoyed swaying along to the nautical ones. Thank you for your warm and friendly welcome. It is clearly a well organised yet informal group, you don't have to be able to read music, and if you were thinking of trying a new group this is one that both provides exercise (yes, singing is good exercise) and lifts the spirits. I hope to drop in on some of our other groups in the New Year.

At a recent seminar for U3A chairmen held by the Yorkshire and Humberside Region (YAHR), it was recommended that a brief summary of discussions and decisions made in committee meetings should be provided for all members to read. So, starting from this month, I shall attempt to put this suggestion into practice. A brief resume of the November and December meetings appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. It only remains for me to say that I hope all members attending our December meeting enjoy themselves and to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas.

**Nita**



## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**ART APPRECIATION:** For all members of this group (including those we haven't seen yet!) please note that we are going to have a look at 'Art saved for the Nation' on Tuesday 7th January at 2pm in the Castleberg room at the Victoria Hall.

*Debi Burridge*

**GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP:** The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th December at 14:00 in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall. The idea is to have a short talk about "**William Smith and Mary Anning**" two of the great geologists of bygone times. This is a rather salutary tale of "man's inhumanity to man", contrasting their lives with other biographic talks we have had, ie James Hutton and Charles Lyell.

This will be followed by a "Jacob's Join" Christmas do. Please bring savoury or sweet "finger food" or a little something to drink.

*Paul Cochran*

**GREAT LIVES:** Our next meeting will be on Wed 18 Dec. at Victoria Hall at 11.00am when I will be exploring the life and work of Josiah Wedgwood, that great 18th century entrepreneur whose legacy is still appreciated today. Have a break from all that Christmas shopping and come and join us-everyone welcome!

*John Jebson*

### ALFRED WAINWRIGHT

On 20<sup>th</sup> November Dorothy Hemsforth delivered a delightful bitter-sweet presentation about that solitary, pipe smoking, self driven, energetic North Country Fell Walker & Journal Keeper, Alfred W. Wainwright. From his humble beginnings in Blackburn with a caring mother & a drunken father his drive to a better life started at school, through Night School eventually leading to him becoming the Borough Treasurer of Kendal Council. Well placed to follow his obsession with the Lake District, he was first introduced to the area by his cousin Eric Beardsall who took him to Orrest Head in 1930. He was captivated by what he saw & from that day determined to find out more.

With the aid of Public Transport he spent his weekends exploring the Lakeland Fells making notes & taking photographs and his evenings writing & sketching in his journals. His wife Ruth & son Peter saw little of him & after Peter had left home Ruth left also. Knowing little about housekeeping, Alfred could barely feed himself, so came to rely on fish & chips, a diet of choice that remained with him for the rest of his life.

He married again having contrived a meeting with Betty McNally & they were inseparable until his death in 1991 age 84. Inseparable maybe. She was not allowed to walk with him but as a car owner & driver she was able to give him lifts! They were both active supporters of several animal charities & together went on motoring holidays to Scotland - nothing would persuade Alfred to travel South! When he was chosen for "Desert Island Discs" Sue Lawley had to travel to Manchester to record the programme.

Wainwright produced 50 guide books & sketch books including his "Pennine Way Companion" & his very own concept "The Coast to Coast Walk"

The talk was sweet in that we could relate to Wainwright, most of us having used his guides on the fells in the past, but bitter in that few of us still possess the leg power to continue to follow in his footsteps. Alfred Wainwright was a great choice by Dorothy. His was a Great Life to all those who love the Lakeland Fells.

*Ron Stone*



**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:** At the recent planning meeting it was decided to keep the same name. Because no-one has come forward to act as co-ordinator there will be no meetings in January and February 2014.

**March:** The Newbys hope to arrange a visit to St John's Church in Lancaster.

**April:** To be arranged

**May:** A walk around Burnsall with James Innerdale organised by Hilary Baker

**June:** A visit to Holgate Mill in York with Jim Woodward-Nutt

**July:** Michael Cullingworth is arranging a visit to Astley Hall

**August:** Margaret Cullingworth is arranging a visit to Lothersdale Mill

**September:** Ann Sadaghiani is looking at a trip to see various buildings in Hawes

So far nothing for October, but the usual planning meeting will take place in November.

**NB** the list above is provisional!

If you are interested in any of these, look out for further information in the newsletter, on the website or at the monthly speaker meeting. Or maybe someone will offer to become the co-ordinator! Please will visit organisers collect 50p from everyone who attends and deliver the collection to John Parry, the Treasurer.

*Debi Burridge*

**PHILOSOPHY:** The philosophy group to discuss ethics was well attended on Thurs 21st Nov. The first session on this topic was used to loosely cover the whole area and inform ourselves about various ideas and attitudes involved in 'being good' and the practical difficulties in acting rightly. More information about our activities can be found on our web page. The discussion on the 5th Nov. moved very quickly to the issue of abortion, a subject on which there was much strong feeling. Any attempt to establish a moral standpoint failed. The freedom of the mother to murder the unborn child was both supported and challenged. The feelings of the child, the father, the doctor and the community were all considered without forming a coherent view. We did however establish the complexity of the situation. The next meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> January when we will move on to political philosophy.

*Roy Anderson*

### ROMANS IN THE NORTH:

**Jan 27th 2014** in the Castleberg Room, a talk with a difference:

'THE YEAR OF THE 4 EMPERORS'. An afternoon of matricide, murder, torture and all the terrible things that happened in AD69 during the civil war that racked the Roman Empire. Not to be missed !

*Tony Burnett*

**SCRABBLE GROUP:** For some months in 2014 the Scrabble group will be moved to the third Monday instead of the second. This is because there is a Games Club in Clapham, to which most of the U3A Scrabble group belong and which meets fortnightly. As we have no choice about which Mondays the Games Club meets there is a clash in 2014. Meetings will take place on Monday 20th January, Monday 17th February, Monday 17th March, Monday 16th June and Monday 15th September, all at 1.30 pm. If anybody is interested in joining the Clapham Group as well as U3A I will be very happy to give them the details. We play lots of games including Scrabble.

My telephone number is 015242 51816.

*Brenda Pearce*