

**MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING**  
Thursday 11th March at 10.30 am  
(Coffee from 10.0am)  
**"LIFE IN THE FIFTIES"**

**Mr Ian Dewhurst**  
Ian was formerly the Local History Librarian at Keighley and is an interesting and renowned speaker.



**TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES**  
(contributed by a U3A member)

**THINKING ABOUT 2010/11**

As Settle U3A emerges from the snows, and our groups are operating again as normal, we need to give a bit of thought to groups for next year 2010/11. At this stage, I would like to hear from people who have ideas for new groups, even if they do not feel that they want to lead a group. I am aware of two of our group leaders who are wondering if their group has gone on for long enough, and needs a fallow period. There may well be others. There may also be people who are thinking, "I do wish that there was a group on XXXXX". You make your choice of XXXXX. I have been approached about the viability of a chess group. We have 275 members, and 29 people who lead/run/co-ordinate groups. The style of operation of a group is determined entirely by the group itself and its leader, and the only stipulation in our constitution is that it should improve and/or entertain participants. You may be surprised to hear that when the philosophy group was meeting in the next room to the maths puzzles group, the philosophers complained that the loud laughter from next door undermined their philosophising. **David Holdsworth**  
**'Ask not what your U3A can do for you .....**

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Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm  
VICTORIA HALL LOW BENTHAM  
LOOKING FOR ERIC (15)

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm  
LOWER WESTHOUSE  
MAMA MIA (PG)

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm  
AUSTWICK VILLAGE HALL  
COCO BEFORE CHANEL (12)

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm  
LANGCLIFFE INSTITUTE  
JULIE AND JULIA (12A)

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30  
VICTORIA HALL LOW BENTHAM  
CHERI (15)  
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**Newsletter**

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Friends



Heraldry is defined as "the granting and designing of pictorial devices (arms) originally used on the shields of knights in armour to identify them in battle". Such martial goings-on are thankfully absent in our Heraldry Group led by Hilary Baker, who this month welcomed Peter Marshall to talk about "Heraldry in the Northern Dales". The heraldic devices of some famous families in English history were identified, eg Percy, Stewart and Fairfax, primarily as memorials in the churches of Coverham and Spennithorne, near Leyburn together with Moor Monkton and Nun Monkton near York. Peter had obviously done a wealth of research to identify the family trees of his subjects by the "quartering" on their

shields, in one example, as many as 14 "quarters" to identify family ancestors. The devices on display ranged from geometric shapes to almost the whole gamut of the animal kingdom, both natural and mythological. This year Hilary is running a beginners group in addition to her longer established group. Details of both are as usual on the website and also in the newsletter.

Another of our groups to stir "the little grey cells" is very definitely Philosophy. Led by Colin Scales the group is using as its guide, Warburton's "Philosophy-the basics" covering (up to press) the concepts of duty-based and virtue ethics, the ideas of Kant and the Utilitarianism of Bentham and J S Mill. In addition, on my visit, Colin had prepared 2 imaginary case scenarios to illustrate moral dilemmas and question the various responses in the group. The first involved the chance to save 19 South American villagers from a firing squad but only at the cost of personally shooting one other. The second involved a scientist considering whether to accept a job in a laboratory researching chemical and biological warfare, to which he is opposed in principle, but which would provide financial security for his distressed family. A discussion on the grounds for and against euthanasia followed to round off a very thought-provoking session. This group does not shy away from the big questions. Its next session on February 23<sup>rd</sup> examines the arguments that have been advanced for and against the existence of God.

Best wishes  
John Jebson

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### ART APPRECIATION

We had a very enjoyable visit in January to the Stanley and Audrey Burton Gallery at Leeds University to see the permanent collection and the current Wilhelmina Barns-Graham exhibition. The day's pleasure was further increased when we were able to see the Eric Gill War Memorial sculpture of 'Christ casting the moneylenders from the temple' as well. Many thanks go to David Holdsworth for making that possible for us.



Our next visit will be on Tuesday, February 16th to Abbot Hall, Kendal, meeting there at 2.00pm or so.

The exhibition is 'Basil Beattie: Paintings from the Janus series II 2010'. Beattie has been described as 'one of the most significant of bridges in the generations of contemporary abstract painters'. His career spans the emergence of Abstract Expressionism in the late 1950s to a more recent emphasis on the ambiguities of signification that have dominated visual art practice since the 1980s.'

Born in 1935, Beattie has been around for some time but is a new name to me all the same. I for one am looking forward to seeing the work of a painter who has spent a lifetime persevering with his own vision while the contemporary art scene in this country has been careering around from one fashion extreme to another. Full details at [www.abbothall.org.uk](http://www.abbothall.org.uk) and please contact me if anything further is needed.

**Frank Gordon**

**EXERCISE GROUP** We have been paying attention to winter well-being, banishing any traces of seasonal gloom by exercising to music from the movies and the shows.

There will be no session on February 16<sup>th</sup>

**Gillian Walton**

**GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE** The next meeting takes the form of a talk on "Fossils & Palaeontology". We will meet in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Theatre at 14:00 on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Hope to see you all there.

**Paul Cochrane**

**GREAT LIVES** The February Meeting will be held in Victoria Hall on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am when the subject will be 'QUEEN ELIZABETH I'. **Jean Imrie**

**HERALDRY** There will be no meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> (Half Term). The next meeting of the beginners group will take place on Wed March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. The next full group meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am when the subject will be: 'Heraldry of the London Guilds'. Both meetings will be in the Victoria Hall.

**Hilary Baker**

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS** At the January meeting Bill Mitchell gave us a lively and interesting talk on 'Outbarns in the Yorkshire Dales' prompting anecdotes and nostalgia from several members of the group. The February meeting will also be at the Victoria Hall when we will have a DVD and talk on 2 Willow Road, Hampstead, a NT property and an influential Modernist building.

The March meeting of the group will be an all-day trip to Morecambe for guided tours around The Winter Gardens Theatre and the Midland Hotel on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. The Winter Gardens tour will take place in the morning and will last approximately an hour. As the tour guides are also part of a fund raising group to restore the WG, they do ask for a **voluntary** contribution of about £2 per head for the visit. The Midland Hotel tour in the afternoon takes about 45 minutes and includes a cream tea at the end. **There is a charge of £10 for this.**

Any members who would like to go on the trip and who have not yet signed up, please contact one of the following by **February 20<sup>th</sup>**: Debi Burridge – 01729 823621, Joan Schofield – 01729 840319 or Kate Helm – 01729 823537.

It is proposed that those wishing to go meet at Giggleswick station in time for the 09.24 train to Morecambe and we will depart from Morecambe on the 16.19 train. Anyone who would prefer to travel by car please contact either **Debi** or **Joan** on one of the above phone numbers to make arrangements.

**Kate Helm**

**MADRIGAL GROUP** Since Christmas we have been working our way through a variety of musical styles. At our last meeting Victorian songs paved the way to more modern items - the highlight of which was an amusing close harmony jazzed-up version of 'Pick a Bale of Cotton'. Just the thing for a cold day! New singers are always welcome.

**Alan Hemsworth**

**WALKING** Tues 26th Jan - On a dull but dry day, 16 people enjoyed a 4 mile, leg-stretching walk along the Ribble Way towards the by-pass and up along the lanes to Lodge Farm and Lambert Lane and back via the Pinfold. It was good to get out together.

**Debi Burridge**

### TEDDIES FOR TRAGEDIES

In 1986 some knitted Teddies were sent with a consignment of medicines to a refugee camp in the Sudan. Doctors reported that the Teddies did more good than the medicines. They cheered the children up, gave them something to love and cuddle, gave them hope and helped their recovery.

The movement grew and now many groups knit Teddies which are sent to children anywhere in the world where there is a crisis, eg the Tsunami, and recently Haiti. If you would like a pattern or more information please phone Pat Smith 01729 823342 or see [www.teddiesfortragedies.org.uk](http://www.teddiesfortragedies.org.uk) (See picture overleaf)