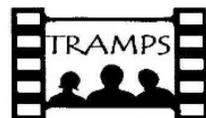


MARCH MEETING

Thursday 13th March 2014
Victoria Hall 10.30am
"Mountains of Peace in the
Balkans"
Richard Hargreaves

Coffee served from 10.00am



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 28th February 8pm
Bentham Town Hall
PHILOMENA 12A
www.tramps.org.uk

GREAT LIVES

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th February at Victoria Hall, 11.00am, when Vanessa Stone will talk about a local great life-Richard Frankland. Everyone very welcome.

John Jebson

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS – Our next meeting is on Thursday 27th March at 2 pm. Please meet at the venue. Phone 01729/825057 if you can offer or need a lift: we have arranged a guided tour around the **Church of St John the Evangelist in Lancaster**. Our guide, Mandy Holten, works for The Churches' Conservation Trust and has a wealth of knowledge about Lancaster as well as St John's. There is no set charge but a contribution to the work of CCT would be much appreciated. St John's can be found on the junction of North Road and Chapel Street, LA1 1PA for those with satnav. It is a very short walk from Cable Street Car Park and about half a mile from the railway station. *Wendy and Clive Newby*

GEOLOGY GROUP

The next meeting is on Tuesday 18th February at 14:00 in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall. The plan is to talk about "**Fossils and Palaeontology**". We will discuss some of the history of how people worked out what fossils were, then how they form - plus how unlikely is their preservation. Next we will cover what fossils say of ancient environments and finally fossil classification systems

Paul Cochrane

ROMAN HISTORY - The next meeting on Feb 24th, Castleberg Room, 2pm will be 'Back to Basics - the basis of Roman roads and the northern network.' *Tony Burnett*

PHILOSOPHY - Our next meeting will be on Thurs. 20th February and the topic will be 'Discrimination and Sexual Justice' *Roy Anderson*

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Dear friends,

Surprise! I am happy to report that I have kept my New Year resolution! I resolved to visit some of our groups to which I am not signed up and in January I managed to drop in on both Art Appreciation and Scrabble. At Art Appreciation we watched a DVD promoting the work of the National Arts Collections Fund and showing a selection of paintings and sculptures saved for the Nation. The art shown was very diverse in nature, definitely something for everyone I would have thought. I loved the enthusiasm of the group, everyone demonstrating a keen interest in art and a willingness to share their knowledge and experience. My visit to the Scrabble group was quite challenging as I have not played for years but it was certainly good fun. It would be nice to see more members joining this group as we were a bit thin on the ground when I dropped in. I hope to visit a couple more groups in February but, being a shorter month, this may require more organisation and determination on my part as I see the calendar filling up and the house spring cleaning bug bites! Please remember new groups can start at any time and be of any duration. Somebody asked me the other day about a Tai Chi group. Well, what do you think? Are you interested, could you lead it? Please let me know. Suggestions for new groups and volunteers to lead or facilitate them are always welcome.

I wonder if anyone else is taking advantage of the Future Learn courses being run by various universities for free on the internet? I am coming to the end of Strathclyde University's 6 week forensic science course. The course has covered crime scene management and the investigation of crime; finger marks; blood pattern analysis and DNA; footwear and tool mark impressions, firearms and tyre marks and drugs. The science involved is really interesting and well explained. Perhaps if several people could agree on following one of the courses a discussion group could be created to share the learning experience and help each other with any of the more difficult or technical aspects.

The rain may be restricting my walking and gardening activities but with these courses to hand I have not been bored!

Nita

News from The Groups

Great Lives

January's meeting saw Alan Hemsworth give an excellent presentation on the life and career of one of Bradford's greatest sons- J.B.Priestley - author of 32 novels, including "Angel Pavement" and "Good Companions", together with 44 plays, including the haunting "An Inspector Calls" and arguably his most famous work "When We Are Married", the latter memorably recalled by Alan in respect of the 1996 performance in Settle, with himself and Audrey Daley in leading roles.

With his left-wing political views together with a colourful (and prolific) love life, Priestley was not well regarded by many establishment figures (Churchill helped to curtail his wartime BBC broadcasts). His work was finally recognised by his native Bradford in making him a Freeman of the City in 1973 and erecting a statue of him. He died in 1984 and his ashes are buried at Hubberholme in Upper Wharfedale.

John Jebson

Planned Dance Group

The rescheduled Inaugural Meeting will be at 14:00 on 17th February, 2014 at Victoria Hall. 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. Sorry for having to rescheduling this session. Looking forward to meeting you all there.

Marjorie Walker

Philosophy

The discussion was introduced by Keith Hyde who outlined the case given by Ronald Dworkin for and against censorship and augmented it with his own observations. The group then added even more material until just about every reason for and against had been presented but did not arrive at a solution.

Keith then introduced Jonathan Wolff's account of Marx's Rejection of the market economy, clarifying the meaning of 'alienation', 'materialism' and the relationship of 'capitalism' to both of these things. We also tried to reconcile Marx's view of society with that of our contemporary society. We had a thoroughly good discussion in which everyone took part and came away being better informed about both problems.

Roy Anderson

The History of Settle U3A

After finally working through all of the historical material I have been given -mostly committee minutes - I now have a basic plan. This, however will make very boring reading. While I know dates of events and who went to conferences, regional meetings and summer schools, I have no reports of what happened. If members of various groups could let me have notes about interesting events or accounts to be directly included I would be grateful and the history might become worth reading. Thank you.

Roy Anderson

Art Appreciation - What you missed!

'Romantic Moderns' - Frank Gordon talked enthusiastically to the group on February 4th about some members of the Bloomsbury Group, carefully explaining the very tangled relationships. He focused on Roger Fry, outlining his influence on art in the early part of the 20th century.

Don't miss!

On March 4th we are going to look at Portraits. Please bring along an illustration of one that interests you. And we are having an extra session on Tuesday 1st April (yes, really!) - Pat Taylor on Art Nouveau.

Debi Burridge

The Walking Group - A walk around Crummackdale.

Finding a dry day for a day's walk is a bit of a lottery these days but on 6th February we were fortunate to get one. We did see a bit of sunshine, the wind was decreasing and it was not too cold. Seven members set off from Austwick and took the lane and clapper bridge over the beck towards Wharfe and then on the bridleway up Crummackdale. At Studrigg we climbed on to the top of the scars and followed the path to the head of the dale and round the cliff edge to the bridleway to the north of the dale. We followed this back towards Austwick, finishing down a short stretch of footpath rather than the road. Despite all the rain recently we had quite a dry walk along the limestone scars but off the limestone the paths and tracks were very wet and muddy. The springs from the junction of the limestone and the impervious Silurian rocks at the unconformity were very evident and many more than normal were flowing. Overall it was a pleasant day's walk, finishing with light refreshment at the 'Game Cock'.

Keith Waterson

Regional News – Hot news

Please see the website for full details of other on line courses to sign up for before the end of March including:

Introduction to Debating Study April 9th and free in London

A seminar to publishing your own books 24th April in London £35