

FEBRUARY SPEAKER MEETING

"A PARLIAMENTARY LIFE"
Mrs Anne Cryer JP

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2012
Victoria Hall 10.30am
Coffee from 10.00am

MADRIGAL GROUP'S 'CHRISTMAS SPECIAL'

*The reason we are here today's for friendship and good cheer.
We're here to entertain you, for Christmas is very near.*

*We're going to have a Jacob's Join, with sandwiches galore,
And cheese and biscuits, flans and cakes, and then we'll
Then we'll, then we'll,*

*And then we'll have some more, and then we'll have some more,
And then we'll have some more.*

*We are a group of singers who joined the U3A.
We meet on Tuesday mornings - a good start to the day.*

*We sing a lot of madrigals and hymns as you can tell.
We also sing some funny stuff, which makes us laugh as well.*

*We come from all round Settle. From Rathmell we have three;
From Ingleton and Stainforth, - a varied lot are we.*

*We've basses and contraltos, sopranos, tenors too,
But without our conductor, whatever would we do?*

*We all sing without a piano - 'A Capella' is our game,
And we all enjoy our music and we hope you'll feel the same.*

*Oh, we could go on forever, but our thank-yous we must say,
For the fun and for the friendship we all get from U3A.*

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

Don't forget we are not printing as many newsletters in January to save on costs because we have to be guardians of our finances. The electronic version will be available on the website and can be printed off at home or in the Library. If you experience problems with this some members of the committee have offered to help. Please do ask. Some paper copies will be printed for those with no internet access.

Copy for publication in the next issue **MUST** reach the editor Sue Simpson by **Friday 3rd FEBRUARY** e-mail: susanmsimpson@btinternet.com (Tel 01524241271) Copy received by e-mail will be acknowledged.



"JANE EYRE" (PG)
Fri 13th Jan 7.30pm
Austwick Village Hall

"WATER FOR ELEPHANTS" (12)
Fri 13th Jan 7.30
Bentham

"ONE DAY" (12A)
Fri 10th Feb 7.30
Austwick Village Hall

www.tramps.org.uk

SETTLE STORY TELLING FESTIVAL 2012

Open Meeting
on Thursday 26th January
7.30 - 9.0pm
at The Lion in Settle

This is an opportunity for you to put forward your views and share any ideas you may have for making the Storytelling Festival even better for Settle.

All welcome.
Sita Brand

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

'It'll be alright on the night', or in our case, on the morning, was certainly true of our Christmas review. It went very well; thank you very much to all who took part, and to those who helped out behind the scenes. We certainly have some hidden talents within our membership. It is also good to see what the groups get up to. The quiz seemed to be enjoyed (it never ceases to amaze me how competitive people become) and the food was delicious too.



I think I have mentioned before that we are part of a large region of the U3A – the Yorkshire and Humberside Region. Hilary Baker goes to their meetings as a committee member and reports back from these, as well as acting as our representative. A printed copy of the regional newsletter is available at our monthly meetings for your perusal or on-line. There are many and varied articles of interest showing what groups are doing all over the region. Do have a look sometime or maybe offer something for inclusion in a future issue. We may be on the very edge of the region but we could make our presence felt in one way or another!

Apparently lots of the regional members have been asking for a get-together. So the regional committee members are planning a Grand Day Out at Askham Bryan Agricultural College near York, on Wednesday 15th August 2012. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the U3A, ours included. I know that there will be a display of work from the Card-Making group and the Circle Dancers are going from Settle and District U3A.

The organisers are hoping for arts, crafts, music, drama, dancing, outdoor and indoor games, languages, science and technology, discussions, history projects, displays and demonstrations. Wow! It promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable day out. Do think about going to support this event. Volunteers to help on the day are needed as well as visitors! Look out for further information.

Hasn't it been a wild start to the New Year? I hope it has calmed down a little by the time you are reading this, whether on-line or on paper!

Best wishes, Debi BurrIDGE



NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION: The gallery visit for January will be to Abbot Hall where a new exhibition entitled 'Turner and his Contemporaries' opens on 12th. Our visit normally takes place on 17th January but I am unable to go on that day. The exhibition is on until 14th April so there is plenty of time to visit at another time. At our meeting on 7th February we will be looking at photographic art. Please bring along any photos (real or in books, on postcards or in any other form) that you consider to be artistic so that they can be shared and discussed with the group.

Kate Helm

CIRCLE DANCING: The first session in the New Year will be Friday January 13th at the usual time 10.00 - 11.00. Please note that for January 13th, 20th and 27th we are able to meet in the Victoria Hall.

Pat & Gillian

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th January at 14:00. The plan is to meet in Castleberg Room, Victoria Hall and will consist of two short talks. The first will be on the fascinating and varied "Geology of the Island of Aran" and will be given by Keith Waterson. The second, by me, is a look at a significant piece of the development of the science of geology "Hutton's Great Unconformity at Siccar Point". I will touch a little on the life of James Hutton (1726-1797), considered the father of modern geology.

Paul Cochrane

GREAT LIVES: We begin the January meeting on Wed. 18th. at 10.30 in the Victoria Hall. The subject will be "The Lords of Castle Bolton". Everyone is welcome to attend.

Jean Imrie

HERALDRY: The next meeting of the Heraldry class will be on Thursday January 19th at 10.30a.m. in the Victoria Hall when Peter Marshall will be giving his Annual talk, this year entitled "Heraldry - then and now" February's meeting will be on Thursday Feb. 16th.

Hilary Baker

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: *(Please note the change of date)*

Thursday 19th January We shall look at a DVD about "Charles Rennie Mackintosh" together with a display of photographs of 'Settle Then and Now'. 2pm. in Victoria Hall.

Thursday 23rd February – Mark Rand: "The Restoration of the Railway Water Tower" also at 2pm. In Victoria Hall. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

Debi Burridge

WALKING GROUP: My mystery walk scheduled for Jan 19th can now be revealed as the ascent of Beamsley Beacon with a start and finish at Bolton Abbey. The Beacon is an easy ascent of 1200ft or so and from there the walk descends to the swing bridge at Addingham, then following the Dales Way route back to the Abbey, a distance of approximately 7 miles. Parking is free in the YDNP car park on weekdays in winter!!

John Jebson

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

I am still marvelling at the talent displayed in the Entertainment provided by members – and what fun we had watching and taking part!



The annual Wolfenden Quiz was the usual enjoyable co-operative effort then the Recorder Group played and it was certainly not the squeaky school performance we had to listen to in our children's



Primary school years. Edward Longton's



monologue was very funny but was he advocating drinking a little too much or the opposite? The French Groups showed rather novel ways to plant cabbages and also sang a beautiful French carol. Circle Dancing was graceful, Family History



decidedly different and Singing for Pleasure pleased them as well as us – a credit to their leader. Arthur Owens again delighted us with his singing and accordian playing and the Exercise Class showed what can be done to stay fit. Alan Hemsworth at the Victoria Hall piano with his Madrigal



Group rounded off the show and invited us in song to partake of the delicious Jacob's Join waiting for us. (By the way - does anyone know the origin of that name? I called such meals Pot Luck or Faith Teas



before coming to live in Settle.) U3A keeps our grey cells and bodies active but, most of all, as was evident from the hum of conversation that accompanied the eating, it fosters friendship and that is, perhaps, in my opinion, its greatest achievement.

Olwyn Bolger

U3A EXPLORES SCIENCE AT THE ROYAL INSTITUTE

To remind you of the Study Day at the Royal Institution of Great Britain on Tuesday 27 March 2.00 – 5.00 pm. The cost is £18 and tickets must be purchased in advance. If you are interested in going, please contact me for further details on how to apply. Contact Kate Helm 823537 or kate.helm1@btinternet.com