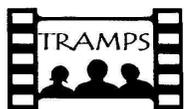


**NOSTELL PRIORY
AND THE YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK**

Wednesday July 14th

The coach will leave Settle Cricket club car park at 8.30am prompt. We will go to the Sculpture Park first and after lunch go on to Nostell Priory. If you have any queries please contact me on 840882. **Shirley Wolfenden**



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Wed 14th July
Settle Victoria Hall
THE GROCER'S SON
(15)
www.tramps.org.uk

Make the most of the Summer
- why not join one of the
planned walks?

**AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING
(FREE) COFFEE & CHAT**

Come along, renew your membership
and see what interest groups are on offer.

**Victoria Hall
Thursday 12th August 2010
from 10.00am**

*A chance to offer yourself for nomination to the
committee - forms available..*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 9th September**

Coffee served from 10.00 am
*Another chance to nominate committee members
and to sign up for groups.*

Tuesday Walks	Thursday Walks
<p>July 13 Kirkby Malham-Weets Top-Hanlith 5.5 miles Margaret Cullingworth – 823978 Mobile: 07857 858528</p>	<p>July 15 Banks of the Middle Hodder – 7 miles John & Frances Flitcroft – 851358 Mobile: 07949 355706</p>
<p>July 27 Sizergh – 5 miles Mary & Derek Hewitson - 824471</p>	<p>August 5 Yorke's Folly – 7 miles John & Frances Flitcroft – 851358 Mobile: 07949 355706</p>
<p>August 10 Holme and Clawthorpe Fell – 5 miles Debi Burrige – 823621 Mobile: 07763 973379</p>	<p>August 19 Wensleydale – 5 miles Nita Hart – 830299 Mobile: 07989 625667</p>

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



On a recent holiday in Dumfries & Galloway we came across a little exhibition of work by Wigtownshire U3A. This was in the museum at Whithorn Priory, one of the most important early Christian sites in Scotland. Much of the exhibition by U3A members was taken up with its family history/local history groups but generally it put the whole U3A movement with its community and volunteer basis firmly in the spotlight. With only 32 U3A groups in Scotland, enthusiasts certainly have to be prepared to travel!

“Community” and “volunteers” certainly seem to be approved buzzwords for the new government, and if the politicians are serious in their regard for local initiatives then the U3A movement must have a bright future, providing of course that the strength of voluntary commitment does not weaken. Here in Settle District we have an enthusiastic and talented team of group leaders with 30 thriving groups and my only concern is the reluctance of members to become involved in the work of the Management Committee, the essential support tool for all our groups. This coming year sees the need for a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, each of whose work need not require a commitment of more than 2 hours per week on average. I find it difficult to believe that the majority of our members could not spare the time! There is also the requirement for a new Committee member each year. Please, please help us whichever way you can.

Our August meeting traditionally takes a different form from the usual speaker format and in my view is one of our most important in the year. This is the chance for group leaders (and others) to show off the activities they lead and provide information to prospective new members. Subscriptions for the 2010/2011 year become due at this meeting and it is the major re-registration forum for existing members as well as newcomers. Most group activities traditionally recommence in September, so this meeting presents the ideal opportunity for us to extol the opportunities in our organisation to anyone who we think might benefit from membership. See you all there!

With best wishes
John Jebson

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION: Although we don't normally meet in July, Mary Gavagan at the **Linton Court Gallery** in Settle has kindly agreed to give a short talk on the work of Norman Adams, whose work is currently being exhibited there. She also has a short, recently-discovered video of Norman talking about his work. If anyone from the group would like to attend the talk and exhibition, please meet at the Gallery at **2pm on Tuesday 20th July**. Please be aware that there are a number of steps up to the gallery. It would be helpful if people could let me know if they are going to attend so that I can give Mary some idea of numbers.

Reminder: We will be meeting at the **Abbot Hall Art Gallery at 2pm on Tuesday 10th August** to view the Lowry landscapes exhibition.

Further information Tel: 01729 823537

Kate Helm

CIRCLE DANCING: Gillian & I have arranged a Circle Dance afternoon at Langcliffe Institute on Saturday 24 July from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The cost will be £3. This will be an open session and everyone will be welcome, so bring a friend if you wish and spread the word. If you could let either of us know you'll be coming, that would be very helpful. Gillian 822781 and Pat 823342

Pat Smith

GREAT LIVES: At our May meeting Alan Hemsworth gave us not one, but three Great Lives. We were first introduced to George Frederic Handel who was born in Germany, became a British citizen, spent most of his life in England and is one of our most famous composers. He composed for both Kings George 1st & 2nd and is buried in Westminster Abbey. Our next Great Life was William Hogarth, the English painter, printmaker and cartoonist, who produced series of pictures telling stories such as The Rakes Progress, Beer Street and Gin Lane. Alan outlined the darker side of 18th C city life leading us on to the third Great Life, that of Thomas Coram who saw the terrible living conditions, in London which were responsible for high childhood mortality. Thomas founded a hospital to rescue such children and the Foundling Hospital was the first such home for abandoned & destitute children. This hospital linked our three Great Lives, as Handel and Hogarth both became benefactors. There is now a museum on the site which I for one can't wait to visit. The session ended with a lively discussion. This was the last session of this term. The group will continue next September.

Vanessa Stone

HERALDRY: There will be a Heraldry visit on Thursday July 15th when we will visit Knaresborough, Allerton Mauleverer and Cowthorpe Churches. We will meet at the Cricket Club at 9.45 am. Hopefully we will not have any accidents this time!

For those who have not heard on the grapevine, our last visit was cut short when one of our group, Shirley Macawley, tripped on a step entailing a hasty ride to hospital where she was found to have dislocated her shoulder. Fortunately she is now recovering. However, as you see, Heraldry can be a dangerous pastime.

NB There will be no further meetings until the new session begins again in the Autumn.

Hilary Baker

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

Visit to Burton-in-Lonsdale, Thursday 29th July. Please meet at the Cricket Club car park at 2pm to share cars for the 30 min drive to the village. Parking in the village can be found on the left hand side, as the road widens, through the village towards the school. Further information Tel: 823621

Debi Burridge

Visit to Ingleborough Hall in Clapham, Thursday, 19th August.

Starting at 2.0pm with an introductory talk, conducted tour of hall and time to explore the gardens. An opportunity, as Ingleborough Hall is rarely open to the public. There is an admission charge of £2.50 (to include tea/biscuits). Please meet at the Cricket Club to sort transport ready for 1.30pm departure. The staff would like to know approximately how many to expect, so I will take names of intending participants at the July and August meetings.

Alan Hemsworth

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS – VISIT TO SEDBERGH IN JUNE



Mr R Cann from the local history society gave our group a fascinating glimpse into the long history of this town as we strolled round. In the past the town developed mainly along two parallel streets. Sedbergh, mentioned in the Domesday Book, was named by the Norsemen as 'Setberg' or 'flat topped hill' and the mounds of a motte and bailey fortification can be viewed near Castleshaw farm. It has been a market town since 1251, and a centre for hand-knitting. The remains of one house with a spinning gallery can be seen in Railton's Yard. Sedbergh School was founded in 1525 by Roger Lupton, as a chantry school, then a free grammar school, before it developed into the public school of today. Most of the school buildings to be seen date

from the mid 1800s, grouped around sports fields. Like Giggleswick, the school also seems to use a great many other buildings around the town. After a quick look at the Church, we went along the main street looking at a variety of interesting buildings of different ages and then into the yard behind what had been the chemist's shop, one of the oldest buildings and featured in the TV programme 'The House Detectives' several years ago.

(Photos by Michael Cullingworth)



Debi Burridge

WALKING: On a beautiful sunny morning, 17 walkers set off from Kirkby Malham for a very pleasant walk to Airton. The uphill start got our legs going and we were rewarded by wonderful views. Two of our members had walked over from Hellifield and met us on the climb. Following the descent into Airton, we were able to admire some of the beautiful gardens, before walking down the road to join the riverside path. Lunch was taken by a conveniently placed bridge over a (dry) stream by the river and the walk continued through meadowland to Hanlith and back on the road to Kirkby Malham.

Margaret Cullingworth