

AUGUST MEETING SOCIAL EVENT

An opportunity to sign up for next year's programme. Please bring your current membership card.

THURSDAY 8th AUGUST 2013
Victoria Hall 10.30-12.00



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"JEAN DE FLORETTE" (PG)
Settle Victoria Hall
Wed 31st July 7.45pm

THE JURASSIC COAST AT WHITBY

Paul Cochrane organised another excellent geology field trip this time to the East coast around Whitby. This part of the coast has some of the same age rocks as Dorset coastline but a bit nearer. To link the geology to that around Settle we stopped at Knaresborough Gorge, close to the cafes, to look at the Carboniferous/Permian disconformity before travelling on to Sneaton Castle, Whitby, our base for the three nights. Our trips out along the coast viewed the Jurassic rocks from the oldest Lias mudstones at Boggle Hole through the middle deltaic sandstones at Ravenscar and Whitby, and on up to Runswick Bay and Staithes to the upper oolitic limestones inland at Forge Valley on our route home. Plenty of fossils were found on the shelving rocks on the beaches, mainly ammonites and broken shell beds. No jet was found unfortunately – although some was bought! Paul also gave two informative evening talks to cover the geological history of the area from the formation of the rocks 200+ million years ago, to the effects of the last Ice Age about 10,000 years ago. Overall a very successful visit helped by very good weather and excellent accommodation.

Thanks Paul (and Kath).

Keith Waterson

DATES FOR YOUR SOCIAL DIARY

The Summer Lunch has been booked for Wednesday 17th July at The Plough at Wigglesworth at 12-30 for 1pm and names are now being taken. This is a two course meal plus tea or filter coffee at £15-50 per person. Contact me, Janet Stafford, at today's meeting or telephone 825449 to book and choose your meal. Cheques should be made payable to Settle District U3A Social A/C and sent to me at 1 Birchwood Close, Settle, BD24 9RJ. Special diets are available.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Keswick Theatre trip on Wednesday 16th October to see 'She Stoops to Conquer' by Oliver Goldsmith. Bookings to be taken at today's meeting.

Janet Stafford

If you wish to make a contribution to the Website, Frank Woodhams is the **WEBMASTER** and the person to contact on: f.woodhams@uea.ac.uk.

Please check the website regularly for up dates and new information.

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Dear Friends

I know not all of you will be tennis fans, I confess that over the years I have not always watched Wimbledon avidly but this letter almost didn't get written due to the tennis this year! I have been so absorbed by it – well, we all have our double faults!

At the end of June our Groups Co-ordinator and Geology group leader, Paul Cochrane, demonstrated the depth of knowledge of his subject during the four day trip to Whitby. I understand the "field trips" were both very interesting and varied and certainly the after dinner lectures were excellent. Several non-geology students

also went to Whitby, most of us to enjoy the coastal walks (see photo) but one member took the opportunity to get in some golf tuition and practice. What a busy summer for Paul, who will also be leading the Geology course at the Yorkshire and Humberside Regional (YAHR) four-day residential summer school in Wentworth Castle



Walkers at Whitby

near Barnsley in August. I am sure we all wish Paul good luck with that and hope he enjoys the experience.

Talking of August, please remember that our August meeting is a social get-together, an opportunity to join or renew your membership of our U3A and put your name down for any groups in which you would like to participate.

If you have a suggestion for a new group, or would like to facilitate one yourself, please drop a note into the suggestions box or have a word with a committee member.

You might be interested to know that YAHR is holding a Study Day in York on Tuesday 22nd October; "Jane Austen – Fact and Fiction".

Further details are on page 3.

In the meantime, whilst most groups have broken up for the summer I hope you all manage to find the time to relax and enjoy some sunshine.

Best Wishes

Nita



The Geology Group in Whitby

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

THE ROMANS IN THE NORTH: We look forward, hopefully, to further sessions in the Autumn.
Tony Burnett

GREAT LIVES: The group now breaks for the summer and will resume in September-further details later.
John Jebson

MARGARET FOX

At the June meeting, Chris Petrie gave an interesting talk on this amazing lady, known popularly as the “mother of Quakerism”. Born Margaret Askew in 1614, her life spanned the rest of the century. Marriage to Thomas Fell in 1632 made her lady of Swarthmore Hall and gave her a position among the gentry. When George Fox visited Swarthmore in 1652 and spoke of his beliefs, Margaret quickly became a convert to Quakerism and Swarthmore Hall became a centre for the new movement with Margaret as unofficial secretary. She wrote many epistles herself and collected funds for missionary work. Her husband’s death left her in sole control of the Hall and despite being imprisoned for 4 years for her beliefs, she wrote a number of pamphlets including “Women’s Speaking Justified”, arguing for the equality of the sexes in the preaching of the new religion. On her release from prison she married George Fox and soon after was imprisoned again for a brief period. Following this she had to intercede at court in London to get George released from gaol. They were together for only a year, after which George was abroad or in London but Margaret continued her active role in Quakerism and was largely instrumental in achieving partial legal tolerance for Quakers in the 1690s. She died aged 88 in 1702.
John Jebson

HERALDRY: A visit to **Gilling Castle** has been arranged for **Tuesday 16th July**. Further details are available from Shirley McCauley, **Tel: 851808**. Also please let her know if you would like to attend. There will be more about the visit during this Thursday’s meeting, and on the website.

Shirley McCauley

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: On a very wet afternoon a number of the group enjoyed a visit to the NT Gawthorpe Hall at Padiham. The house is small and interesting but the real highlight for me was the newly rearranged collection of Rachel Kaye-Shuttleworth’s examples of fabrics, embroideries, weaving and other needlework from around the world. One particularly memorable piece was her desk full of cottons and sewing paraphernalia. She encouraged local women to learn handicrafts, enthused students and also had a strong connection with the Girl Guide movement. Fascinating!
Debi Burridge

U3A Calendar 2014

The 2014 full colour calendar is now available. It is A3 size and has the winning photos from the national competition. It costs £4.00 (including p&p) from National Office – Third Age Trust, Old Municipal Buildings, 19 East Street, Bromley, BR1 1QE. Make cheques payable to The Third Age Trust. Full details in the Third Age Matters magazine p54-55.

The visit on Thursday 25 July will be to Smithells Hall, Bolton, entry £2. This will be a self-guided tour. The hall is open from 10 am to 3 pm, so I suggest that we meet in the Cricket Club Car Park at 9.30 am to car share. The journey is approximately 45 miles and I have planned a route that avoids Darwen and takes you through some beautiful countryside. Please let me know if you would like details in advance (**01729 823978**). The hall dates back to the 16th Century and stands in parkland, where you can picnic. Unfortunately there is no cafe, only a coffee/tea machine.
Michael Cullingworth

SINGERS AT SETTLE STATION

The recent ‘**Ride2Stride**’ initiative to welcome walkers and music lovers into the dales was graced by the presence of the ‘**U3A Singing for Pleasure**’ group, walks leaders and the Mayor of Settle, at Settle station on the 30th April 2013. Jeff Wright’s (one of the organizers) last instructions ‘*face the train, face the train*’, were called out as we positioned ourselves to greet all the disembarking passengers as they crossed the bridge, with our songs. The Manchester Rambler, Watch and Chain, When all Men Sing and the Settle to Carlisle Line, were given full voice, whilst passengers gathered before us outside the booking office. The train’s revving up before departure momentarily drowned us out, but the overall effect was that our singing had given the festival a rousing start, ensuring that this and the rest of the weeks programme would be sure to stay in participants minds for some time to come.



Paul Slegg

YAHR REGIONAL EVENTS

Jane Austen – Fact and Fiction

A study day led by Barbara Morden

Venue: The Bedingfield Room, The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York, YO23 1AA (a ten minute walk from York train station)

Date: Tuesday 22 October 2013 10.30 – 3.30.

Cost: £14.50 (includes a sandwich lunch)

This promises to be a really interesting day if you enjoy the novels of Jane Austen. Application forms are available at the July and subsequent monthly meetings or downloaded from www.yahru3a.co.uk or from Kate Helm (01274 482495 or kate.helm1@btinternet.com).

Regional Short Story Competition

For all you budding authors, this will be a chance to enter our first regional short story competition. Details will be found in the August edition of YAHR News, which you can find as a link from our own website or at www.yahru3a.co.uk.