

# Newsletter

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## ***FROM THE CHAIRMAN***

Dear Friends

### **Your Committee Needs You**

As spring turns to high summer, the committee's mind turns to next year. Next year's talks are now in the bag, and we shall be talking about the Christmas meeting at the June and July committee meetings. HOWEVER, we are seriously short of volunteers to come onto the committee to fill the gaps which will be left by those of us who are standing down at the AGM. Although the roles on the committee are not very onerous (and are indeed fun), it goes without saying that the Settle U3A cannot actually function without a committee.

Three posts the current occupants are particularly keen that we fill are those of Treasurer, Groups Co-ordinator and Newsletter Editor. We would be delighted to hear of anyone happy to consider joining the committee in any of these three roles; to find out what the jobs entail, please contact Shirley Wolfenden, Alison Tyas or Pam Servant direct. With best wishes

**Tony Stephens**



The committee (minus John and Margaret) at its June meeting. *Can you see yourself among the members?*

## FROM THE GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

A reminder to all group leaders/facilitators that I need your plans for the autumn soon. Some have already given me their details, for which many thanks.

I need please, a short sentence or two to describe your group, the day and time of your regular meetings and the date of your first meeting after 11 September. If it is just the same as this year, all you need do is give me your start date.

Some groups are continuing through August, but you will still need to start again in September.

Can I also remind you that you need to book the rooms for your meetings, and for those using the Victoria Hall, I still have some forms left.

For those who prefer to use e-mail, you can send the details to [alisontyas@gmail.com](mailto:alisontyas@gmail.com). Otherwise on paper please to me at Quaker Garth (opposite the Victoria Hall) or by phone—01729 822313.

**Alison Tyas**

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**Digital Photography:** The group will not now meet again until after the start of the new session.

**German:** I had a request from two newly joined members to start a class for absolute beginners again. I'm afraid I have lost their names, but could start a new group on a Monday, either morning or afternoon, for an hour each week until they are at a standard to join the usual Thursday B group. If anyone is interested, whether or not you can manage Mondays, please get in touch—01729 822313. We could start as soon as you like. **Alison**

**Heraldry:** Last month we had one of the most enjoyable trips yet for this group. On a beautiful spring day we visited three very different types of church. First we visited Ulverston Church—very large and imposing—which is about to undergo extensive renovation and modernisation. We then went on to discover a real gem at Great Urswick—very old, very small and a great find. Lastly we “found” Witherslack Church—a fairly plain church in a glorious setting looking over the Witherslack Valler. This church was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> C by local man John Berwick, who became Dean of St Pauls.

This month our last outing of the year will be on **Monday 23 June** to Bishop Auckland Palace, Staindrop Church and Redworth Hall Hotel. We will meet at 8.45am at the Cricket Club. I'm sorry about the early start but we have to be at the hotel at 11.00am. I just hope the weather will be as kind as it was last month!

We will then have a 2-month break till September when we visit Conishead Priory—but more of that later. **Hilary Baker**

**Line Dancing:** Please note, there will be NO Line Dancing on  
**Thursday 19 June.**

After more than 5 years I feel it is time I gave someone else a chance to facilitate this group. Will all volunteers please form an orderly queue and give me their names? Thank you.  
**Pat**

**Looking at Old Buildings:** Our visit to Giggleswick Chapel was full of interest and for a select few the treat of hearing organ music as we arrived. Starting with the exterior of the building, Mr Bowring gave us an insight into the building of the Chapel and the renovation at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He pointed out many features as we admired the workmanship and design.

*Future meetings:* **20 June**—visit to Haworth with Peggy Hewitt.

Meet at the Cricket Club 10.00am to fill cars and arrange lifts. Meet Parsonage car park, Haworth, 11.00am. Lunch café, pub or picnic. The visit will continue on to Stanbury to look at the Friends Meeting House and the Church.

Please ring if you need a lift: Dora on 822412  
or Vanessa on 840451.

**24 July**—Giggleswick Church guided visit—am  
Queen's Rock House—pm. **Vanessa Stone**

**Sunday Lunch:** It has been suggested that in the new session which begins in the autumn this group should be split in two. One group would stay within reasonable walking distance of Settle town centre and would need a new leader; the other group, led by me, would continue the established pattern. This proposed revision can only come about if someone steps forward to lead the Settle group. Both groups would keep to the same day, ie 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month at 12.30pm, and no more than ten would be accepted in either group. I would be grateful for any feed back on this suggestion.

For those in the existing group, can I remind you that you arrange your own transport and if a late (Sunday morning) cancellation is necessary you ring the venue yourself? (Sorry folks, there have been mishaps with answering machines.)

The next lunch is on **15 June**, when I have booked a table at The Craven Arms at Appletreewick (01756 720270). This is an opportunity to dine in the newly reconstructed cruck barn. Please let me know if you will be coming.

**Audrey Daykin**

**Walking:** *Thursday group—15 May:* The walk commenced from the Rydal road car park in Ambleside up Loughrigg Brow to skirt Ivy Crag to reach the trig point denoting the summit of Loughrigg Fell. From here and the lower level of the eastern summit the views of Grasmere, Rydal Water, Elter Water and their surrounding fells were absolutely superb on a beautiful spring day.

A well-worn steep descent towards Grasmere lake was followed by a walk along the famous Loughrigg Terrace and thence down to cross the busy A591 before a short climb on the lower slopes of Nab Scar.

With the climbing now done the level walk to Rydal Mount, once home to the Wordsworths, was by way of Dorothy's field, though it is highly unlikely that the Wordsworth derriere ever rested on the Cumbrian slate seat strategically placed there! Early warning of the proximity of Rydal Mount was afforded by the numbers of obvious literary tourists en route to their next Wordsworth shrine—Dove Cottage in Grasmere.

Refreshment was provided at Rydal by a café intended for ramblers in the grounds of Rydal Hall by the beautiful Rydal Beck. The last mile or so back to Ambleside was through the Hall's extensive parkland and just a short walk on the roadside. A thoroughly exhilarating Lakeland walk of a approximately 7.5 miles.

**John Jebson**

### **Introduction to the iPod**

Is there anybody willing to lead a course on this topic? Obviously it calls for *some* knowledge, but the class could be a self-help group and would need to run for only a few sessions. Let Alison know (01729 822313) if you can help— or if you would be interested in joining such a group.

### **Manchester Ship Canal**

2 July 2008

*The bus will leave Settle Cricket Club car park at 7.00am prompt to arrive at Salford Quay in time for our departure. The ferry will take 6 hours to reach Liverpool where we have approximately 2 hours before boarding the bus for home. There is a café on the boat which sells sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes etc and there is a bar.*

*Bringing your own wine, beer etc is NOT allowed.*

*If you have any questions I will be at the Thursday meeting in June.*

**Shirley Wolfenden**

### **Increasing petrol costs**

*Groups which go on trips and visits using members' cars for transport are reminded that each passenger should contribute*

**at least £1 towards the driver's costs.**

*If the driver really doesn't want to accept this, he/she could give it to the*

*Group Leader to be passed on to the Treasurer for Settle District*

*U3A Funds or of course could donate it to a charity of choice.*

**This is becoming even more important with every increase in the cost of petrol.**

### **General Meeting—Thursday 11 August**

There is a suggestion that the more active groups put on a 5-minute display at the August General Meeting, as well as the usual static displays.

Please get in touch with me during June if your group would like to take part.

**Alison Tyas**

**Next month's Thursday meeting— 10 July**

The speaker will be

**Tony Stephens**

whose talk will be entitled

**“Singing for my supper: five years in the life of a  
Westminster Abbey chorister”**

Coffee from 10.00am for 10.30am in the The Victoria Hall

**TAPE RECORDER FOR SALE**

The Settle District U3A tape recorder/player is no longer used by any of the groups so it is now offered for sale.



It is a Roberts C9950 Dual Speed Programmable Cassette Recorder, battery/mains operated, can be pre-set to record from a radio or telephone, and includes a clock.

*Price: offers of not less than £40 to*

*Alison Tyas on 01729 822313*

It will go to the highest bid received by Thursday 17 July.

**TRAMPS presents—**

Saturday 14 June at 7.30pm, Clapham Village Hall

**ENCHANTED (PG)**

Wednesday 16 July at 7.30pm, Settle Victoria Hall

**SON OF MAN (12a)**

*For details of future programmes see our web-site—[www.tramps.org.uk](http://www.tramps.org.uk)*

## SETTLE CRICKET CLUB

Available to hire for parties, weddings, christenings etc

*Opening hours:*

*Mon–Thurs 5.00pm onwards; Friday 4.00pm onwards;  
Sat–Sun 12.00 noon onwards*

Also Sky TV, pool and darts

Ring 01729 822171 for details

## *Up close and personal*

*In this series we try to find out a bit about the life and background of one of our members.*

This month the spotlight falls on **Michael Cullingworth**

***Which U3A groups do you currently attend?***

***Are there any new groups you'd like to see (no commitment to lead them!)?***  
Digital Photography, Walking, Exercise, Family History, Looking at Old Buildings.

I'd like to see a Ballroom Dancing group (Margaret and I would run a group for those who are already competent if there's demand, but we wouldn't *teach* beginners); and First Aid—a useful competence in the U3A age group!

***Where are your roots?*** I was born in Leeds, then in 1966 I had a sojourn in Preston before returning to Leeds in 1971. We came to Settle in 2004 to retire—but we'd been coming here for years and knew a number of people here; we should have come years ago.

***What does your family consist of?*** Margaret my (2nd) wife (I'm her 2nd husband). I have 2 boys and 1 girl (who all live in South Africa and have produced 3 granddaughters and 3 grandsons); then there are 3 stepsons and 1 stepdaughter who have produced 1 grandson and 1 granddaughter. I also have 3 sisters, that I keep in touch with.



**Tell us briefly about your education and career:** I went to Harehills County Secondary - 500 boys; it used to get the most School Certificate passes of any school in Leeds. My favourite subject was music and I was the leading pupil in that, playing the violin and the cello and being head choir boy (as I was at St John's Church in Leeds). I left with no qualifications—I wasn't a brilliant pupil—and went into farming for 2 years. Then I *started my education*: I'd always been interested in books so I entered the world of books as a stop-gap while I worked out what I was going to do in life. Forty-two years later I was still in bookselling! I went to Leeds Technical College for 3 years day-release/evening classes studying English Literature and Language and Bibliography, leading to the Booksellers Diploma, and CGLI Retailing and Management. In 1964 I became a Sales Representative for A R Mowbray, booksellers, the firm I'd been working for. In 1968 I was appointed N England & Scotland Sales Rep for Frederick Warne (who own the copyright and published Beatrix Potter); they were bought out by Penguin Books and I stayed till 1991, when I was made redundant and I became a free-lance agent till I retired in 2001 with late-onset epilepsy. In among all that, from 1984-91 Margaret and I ran a bookshop in Leeds specialising in books on antiques.

**What do you regard as the highlight of your life so far, and what as your greatest achievement?**

*Highlight:* Marrying my second wife (I have no hesitation in saying that: she saved my sanity).

*Achievement:* Singing solo in 2000 with a 48-piece orchestra in Leeds Town Hall before an audience of 2000. ("I Won't Send Roses" from *Mack and Mable*. It was recorded and played for weeks on Radio Leeds.)

**Have you any unachieved ambitions?**

To travel the world, especially Russia and Siberia (unfortunately my wife isn't so keen).

**Have you any hobbies?**

*Music and singing* (from opera to pop). I sing in a quartet that gives concerts of a wide range of styles. *Amateur dramatics*—I played the Dame for 25 years. *Walking and Photography*.

**What books are you currently reading?**

"A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian" by Manina Lewycka—it's very funny when you get into it, but also very sad, about a lonely man being taken for a ride.

"A History of Yorkshire" by David Hey—a scholarly work covering many aspects of Yorkshire.

**If you were on TV's "Grumpy Old Men/Women", what would be your biggest grumble?**

Slovenly speech, eg lack of the use of the letter T, such as "He's wri'ing a le'er"; and adding an extra S to words ending in S, such as "Leeds's population" instead of "Leeds' population".

**Select one of the world's major problems from your own point of view, and say what you would recommend should be done about it:**

Man's inhumanity to man: why do we see it worldwide?

If nations would only accept that other nations have a different concept to life then maybe we'd have a more peaceful world. If we all just got on with running our own country and put sorting out *our* problems first, *then* we could think about other countries.

**What is your wish for your grandchildren?**

To be happy in all that they do, and to do their very best.

**Have you any advice for today's school leavers?**

If you have a dream or an ambition, follow it and try to achieve it. *Stay focussed*.

**If there's one thing you've learned from life, what is it?** Never take people for granted—you've got to scratch the surface because first impressions aren't reliable; below the surface is often a different person. It can work either way, for good or bad.

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**Copy date for next issue of Newsletter**

*All copy for publication in the next issue needs to reach the editor  
(Pam Servant, Brayshaw Cottage, 23 Duke Street, Settle) by*

**Thursday 3 July**

*NB all copy received by e-mail will be acknowledged.*

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*These days I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter... I go somewhere to  
get something, and then wonder "What am I here after?"*

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*Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.*