

**MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING**  
**Thursday 9th July**

**Geoffrey Queen**  
**“YORKSHIRE DALES”**  
**A resident’s viewpoint**

**Grandchildren visiting?**  
**DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

**Christine & John Rose**

keep a register of those who have baby/toddler equipment available for loan to any U3A members who may need them during visiting periods?

You can call them on **01729 822553**.

**They would welcome offers of more items!**

**Singing The World**

An hour of light hearted anecdotes, reflections and poetry

**JEAN STEVENS** reads from her work  
at  
**GRASSINGTON FESTIVAL**

**Wednesday 24 June 2009**  
**3pm**

The Town Hall, 48 Main Street, Grassington

Booking: 01756 752691 and  
[www.grassington-festival.org.uk](http://www.grassington-festival.org.uk)

**U3A MEMBER RECOMMENDATION**

**STOP PRESS**

This space is for any urgent items that come too late for the copy date. Please keep wording to a minimum.

It is with regret that we learned of the death of Roland Howorth last week. Our condolences go out to Clarice.



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**Newsletter**

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Friends



Last year the Third Age Trust, our national parent body, invited responses from all U3As to a government consultation on the future of adult learning in this country.

I responded on your behalf and I wasn't alone - 40% of total responses came from U3As. Now the National Executive Committee, with government funding, has produced a booklet - "Time to Learn" - which gives a reasonable outline of U3A methods of learning, of interest to members and non-members alike. In particular our group leaders will see a range of options for group sessions which may add to their own experience. There are sections on demonstrations, using ready-made resources, making visits and organising seminars among others - all gleaned from the experience of U3As nationwide. The booklet is not intended to replace the Group Leader's Handbook but to add to it by showing examples of successful practice elsewhere. We've only been sent two copies initially but can get extra for anyone interested - I'll leave a copy out for perusal at the June meeting. Incidentally the response of the government to last year's consultation has been to publish a White Paper entitled "The Learning Revolution" - to which the NEC will issue advice on implications for U3As presently.

As an example of inter-area activity, Penrith & North Lakes U3A has issued a general invitation to any other U3A members to two study days on the period 1900 - 1914, one in October, the other in January. They will cover not just social and political history, but also literature, music, art and architecture of the age. Further details from me for anyone interested.

Finally may I remind everyone that our excellent Treasurer, Shirley Wolfenden, gave us all notice last year that this would be her final year in office. Would-be treasurers do not need formal accountancy skills and Shirley will assure you that the job is not difficult. She's prepared a "job description" to help her successor and will readily give advice if required. It is vital that we have a replacement prepared by our AGM in September - please talk to Shirley a.s.a.p. if you can help.

With best wishes  
John Jebson

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## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### CIRCLE DANCING

An enthusiastic group of 26 ladies met in Langcliffe Institute on a glorious Saturday afternoon in May. We had invited a Circle Dancing teacher, Anna-Lise Kryger from Penrith to run a Tea Dance for our U3A group and any others in our community who might like to come and see what this mysterious type of dancing was all about (& of course to indulge in Tea & delicious Cake!). We were delighted to welcome not only several locals but also two other ladies from the group at Langwathby which Anna-Lise teaches & which a number of our members had visited on a previous occasion & had so much enjoyed. Anna-Lise taught us a variety of dances from all over the world - some celebratory, some reflective & some mind (& feet)-challenging & we all had great fun.

### EXERCISE GROUP

The Exercise Group will continue to meet (actively!) until the start of the school holidays in July.

*Gillian Walton*

### GREAT LIVES

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th June at 10.30am when the subject will be "Eglantine Jebb and the NSPCC."

Please meet in the Quaker Meeting House lecture room and **NOT** in the Victoria Hall.  
*Jean Imrie*

### WALKING GROUPS

On a superb day (12th May), 23 Tuesday walkers enjoyed a walk of about 4 miles. We walked down Watery Lane and crossed Lodge Lane, negotiating fields to enter Cleatop Wood. Here the bluebells were magnificent and the steady climb was enriched by hearing a willow-warbler (according to Eric) and a woodpecker. On exiting the wood we stopped for refreshments and photographs. All three peaks were clear and the views were stupendous. Passing Lodge Farm we climbed slightly to see the rhododendrons in bud, then followed the old moor road (the original road from Long Preston) down into Settle, noting both the reservoir and the Pinfold. The weather and excellent visibility contributed greatly to this walk.

*Alan Hemsworth*



Watery Lane - and pleasures ahead!

### SCRABBLE GROUP

The next meeting will be on July 13th at 2.00pm in the Victoria Hall.

*Pat Lodge*

### LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

Thursday 25th June - Please note change of venue.

This visit has been changed as we are unable to arrange a visit to Appletreewick then. We have arranged to visit the Puritan Chapel at Bramhope (A660), which is on the left next to the Britannia Hotel (the former Post House). This is arranged for 10.45am. Parking is available in the grounds of the hotel.

Following this, we shall be given a guided tour of Adel Church, which is a short drive away, to arrive there at 12.30pm. It has been suggested by the Verger, who will be showing us around, that we take a packed lunch and eat it in the Stables (Parish Hall) at the back of the church.

If there is time following this, the famous York Gate Garden is open on Thursdays and is just a short distance from the church, for anyone who is interested. It is suggested that the group meets at the Cricket Club car park at 9.30am so that we can car share. If anyone is going direct, please park in the grounds of the hotel and meet at the Puritan Chapel.

We are hoping to re-arrange the visit to Appletreewick for September.

We are still in need of a co-ordinator for this group. Please let David Holdsworth know if you are willing and able to take this on.

*Margaret Cullingworth*

Thursday 30th July

This visit will be to Wray, Lancaster where we will meet Emmaline Garnett for a walk round the village. Meet at Bridge House Farm Tea Rooms at 2.00pm. Excellent lunches and afternoon teas are available there. The Tea Rooms are signed from the B6480 from Bentham via Wennington, turn left at the crossroads in the village and follow the road through the village and over the bridge where the Tea Rooms are on the left - lots of parking. It takes about 30 minutes from Settle. Please let me know if you're going and can offer or need a lift. Tel: 01729 823621

*Debi Burridge*

### LISTENING TO MUSIC

The next meeting of this group will be at 2.00pm on 22nd June at Janet Stafford's.

*Shirley Wolfenden*

At 6.30 on the morning of Friday 5th June, Arthur Lupton died peacefully in Harden Ward at Castleberg Hospital. He had had all his family round him the previous evening and said his goodbyes.

**David Holdsworth** writes "Arthur was my valuable colleague in organising the Mathematical Puzzles group, and only recently became too frail to participate with his customary vigour and intellect - vigour and intellect always contributed without arrogance, even though his speed of thought was not always instantly followed by the rest of us. We shall miss him sorely when we reconvene in the autumn."

Our condolences go out to Helen and his family.