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Dear Friends

My curiosity as to the workings of other U3A groups led me to the February meeting of Clitheroe U3A. It turned out to be the annual registration meeting in addition to a talk on Lancashire wildlife, so a kind of controlled pandemonium was evident!! Despite this I was made welcome by the Chairman, Alan Brookman, and we were able to exchange information on our respective group structure. With a similar size of membership to ourselves, Clitheroe has currently 22 groups and the annual membership fee is £20. Many groups meet in members' homes or in the local library, though the larger groups may need to hire premises for which a small additional charge is payable. The largest group, History - predominantly local history, has 65 members! Group subjects on offer include :- Antiques, Chess, Garden Study, Painting and Play Reading. If any Settle member thinks there might be interest locally for such subject groups, or indeed any other topics, please contact David Holdsworth, the Group Organiser.



Our Great Lives group is very much about mutual learning with no formal teacher/class set up. Each month a group member gives a presentation on a notable figure, living or dead, that particularly inspired them to do the necessary research. February's meeting saw an excellent talk by Vanessa Stone on Mary Seacole, a heroine of the Crimean War who had none of the social advantages of Florence Nightingale. Mary was black, born in the backwater colony of Jamaica and had little in the way of financial backing or formal training, but she was very much a battlefield area nurse in the Crimea. By giving medical assistance to wounded men virtually as they were pulled out of the firing line she was able to save many lives. Her popularity among the soldiers was at least the equal of the "lady with the lamp".

Great Lives meets on the third Wednesday of each month, with Jean Imrie as leader/facilitator.

With best wishes, John Jebson



NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION:

This summer there are to be two related exhibitions: At Abbot Hall, Kendal, July 6 - October 10, *David Nash - Drawings and Sculpture*. At Blackwell Arts and Crafts House, Windermere, April 10 - October 10, *David Nash - Sculpture Installations*. (Abbot Hall is open Monday-Saturday 10.30 to 5.00 Admission £6.35 (Gift Aid) or £5.75. Blackwell is open every day 10.30 to 5.00 Admission £6.95 (Gift Aid) or £6.30.

I propose, as a new venture, a full day outing which takes in both these separate, but related, exhibitions. The above dates mean this must be between July 6 and October 10. I suggest Tuesday, August 4th. We can meet at Abbot Hall at about 11.00 and move on to Blackwell after that. We can have lunch at either venue. We don't need to do any of this *en masse* and can make final decisions on the day as necessary. Anybody who feels they've had enough by half-time can bail out then!

Frank Gordon

FAMILY HISTORY:

After our most successful visit to the Family History Centre at Chorley, the next meeting will be at Victoria Hall on Friday 27 March at 10.30 a.m. when, hopefully, we will all be able to report progress in the search for our ancestors.

Margaret & Michael Cullingworth

GREAT LIVES:

Our next meeting will be Wed 18th March at 10.30. Please join us for a talk on 'Octavia Hill, and her work for the National Trust'.

Jean Imrie

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

25th March - Wednesday 2pm. Guided visit to the 17th C. Great Barn at East Riddlesden Hall, Bradford Road, Keighley. There will be a charge of £5 (sorry, whether a Nat. Trust member or not). We will be able to visit the House (unguided) and there is a tea-room, for lunch and/or tea. The House and grounds are open 11 am to 4pm. Drivers please offer lifts if possible. Please let me know by March 18 if you are intending to go. (Tel: 01524 251398) **Jill Sykes**

30th April - Thursday. Walk Around Long Preston

This walk will be based on the recently published booklet **Walk Around Long Preston** (which will be available on the day for anyone who is interested, price £2).

Meet at St. Mary's Church at 1.45pm. As there is no parking at the church, I recommend parking at the railway station car park (on the Wigglesworth road) and walking up to the church. (Church Street is directly opposite the Wigglesworth road).

Refreshments will be available in the village hall, partway round the walk, (a small charge will be made). For further information telephone 01729 84050. **Gillian Jones**

HERALDRY:

The next Heraldry Group Meeting will be on Thursday March 19th, 10.30am at the Victoria Hall. The subject will be an illustrated talk on "The Heraldry of The London Guilds". Anyone interested in the subject will be welcome. **Hilary Baker**

STROLLERS GROUP:

There will be a meeting to plan the new programme of Strolls on Wednesday April 1st at 2pm at the Victoria Hall. Please come along with some suggestions. **Janet Stafford**

WALKING GROUPS:

The walk on 24 February was a very pleasant one from Kirkby Lonsdale to Whittington. The climb out of Kirkby Lonsdale was rewarded by the sight of hundreds of Snowdrops lining the path to Sellet Mill. Unfortunately the views were shrouded in mist but the weather was fine. After strolling through fields and a bit of road walking, lunch was taken in the very convenient porch of St Michael's Church at Whittington, followed by an easy stroll back along the banks of the Lune. **Margaret Cullingworth**

FROM THE GROUPS' ORGANISER

Is there anybody who could offer to run a Spanish group? It could just be someone to co-ordinate, and share exploration of the language. If you can help please contact me. **David Holdsworth**

...AND SETTLE U3A SPREADS BEYOND THESE SHORES...

I recently received a communication which had been sent to myself care of Pam Servant. It was from Eric Schonblom, Professor Emeritus, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is a bibliographer for the works of Constance Savery and is trying to locate a particular article, which was published in a periodical published by A R Mowbray, who were my employers in the early days of my career in bookselling. This all came about because he had surfed the net and found the Settle District U3A Newsletter from June 2008 in which appeared the potted biography of myself!!! **Michael Cullingworth**

CONFERENCE AND STUDY DAY

A day for members of U3A and LLL in the North West on Thursday 16th April 2009 will take place at the University of Central Lancashire (Preston). It promises to be a stimulating and interesting day with a variety of speakers and workshops on subjects ranging from Geology and Zoology to Lexicology. The cost of the day is £14 to include coffee and lunch. If you wish to find out more or for an application form please contact our secretary, Gillian Walton (tel 822781).



Striding out on a spring walk

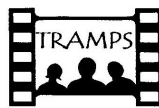
**Remember that silence is
sometimes the best
answer.**

(Contributed by Pat Smith)

MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETINGS

Thursday 9 th April – Peter Watson
'THE ORIGIN OF SURNAMES'

Thursday 14th May – Bill Mitchell
'BEATRIX POTTER – THE LATER YEARS'



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

TRAMPS presents –

Sat 14th March 7.30
St John's Hall Settle
**MISS PETTIGREW LIVES
FOR A DAY (PG)**

Sat 4th April 7.30
Victoria Institute Low
Bentham
THE DUCHESS (12)
www.tramps.org.uk

SUMMER OUTING

Our outing this year will be to **Raby Castle** near Barnard Castle on Wednesday June 17th. We don't have the final details as yet but it will involve a tour of the Castle and the gardens. If you would like to express an interest (no obligation) will you please give your name to either me or to Janet Stafford or ring us on 01729 840882 (me) or 01729 825449 (Janet). More details next newsletter. Thank you. **Shirley Wolfenden**

FREE – FOR COLLECTION

Brinton Carpet approx 11ft x
8ft Green with small motif
Good Condition Contact:
S Wolfenden 01729 840882

'CARMINA BURANA'

Giggleswick Choral
Society
with
Giggleswick School
Choir and Settle
Orchestra
at Giggleswick School,
Thursday 19th March
7.30 pm
Programme includes
William Tell Overture and
Finlandia
*(Several U3A members
are involved in this
production and would
welcome your support)*
(U3A member
recommendation)

WELFARE

Please let one of us know if you hear of any member who is ill, so that we can send them a card.

**Janet Stafford, Olwyn Bolger,
Margaret Cullingworth**

If members change their e-mail address please could they inform the Membership Secretary, Pat Smith.
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