

MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING
Thursday 11th June
'The Singing Bone' - Reginald Le Pla

SUMMER OUTING
Raby Castle Visit
Wednesday 17th June

The cost of this visit is £20 per person and we will be collecting it at the next monthly meeting. If preferred, send it to S Wolfenden at: **Smithy Croft, Rathmell, Settle BD24 0LA** before 28th May, making cheques payable to: **Settle District U3A Social Account.** Lunch is available for £5.50. This includes a plate of sandwiches, scone with jam & cream & tea/coffee and as we have to order it in advance, Janet will be taking names at the May meeting or you can telephone her on 01729 845449. We will leave Settle Cricket Club car park at 8.30am prompt and expect to return around 6pm. Shirley Wolfenden

FUTURE JOLLIFICATIONS
Two course dinner at the
FALCON MANOR HOTEL

Friday 4th September
We are taking names for this now, even though it is a bit early.

A bargain at £10 per head. Details later.

ANNUAL VISIT TO KESWICK

Wednesday 14th October
Matinee performance of Alan Ayckbourn's
"A Chorus of Disapproval"
Always a popular day out, please get your name down in good time. Thank you.
Janet and Shirley



The new season is planned to start again in September with **SHINE A LIGHT (12A)** A Rolling Stones documentary film directed by Martin Scorsese

Run totally by volunteers, offers of help are always gratefully received.
Contact Saida Simmons
01729 823108

www.tramps.org.uk

An evening with
SETTLE VOICES

Friday 15th May 2009
Victoria Hall - 7.30pm
Free event! Tickets not required!
Contact 01729 822771

Member recommendation

If members change their email address, please could they inform the Membership Secretary: Pat Smith
patdsmith@f2s.com

The editor will be away during May and June so please send copy for publication in the next issue to Elizabeth Evans: eevans42@btinternet.com (Tel 01729 825148) by Thursday 4th June 2009
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

I am reminded with every group session I attend what a range of skills are demonstrated by our group leaders, the backbone of our organisation. Two of our newest groups illustrate this thought perfectly.



Alan Hemsworth conducts and inspires the Madrigals group with verve and humour and the jokes and banter between the members show how much everyone enjoys the experience. Seven pieces were performed in the session I attended, ranging from arrangements of Bach and Shakespearian material through William Byrd's "Ave Verum Corpus" to my own particular favourite, Robbie Burns' "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose", the group's tribute to the 250th anniversary of the great man's birth.

The group's close harmony work is entirely unaccompanied and I was most impressed. Alan coaxed repeated attempts at particular pieces until he expressed himself satisfied. There is however a cloud on the horizon for this group, a real shortage of soprano voices. Anyone out there who would fit the bill and has the vital sight reading skills please contact Alan as soon as possible. You would be made very welcome.

Wendy Newby runs her fascinating Card Making group from her Giggleswick home with member numbers limited to 8, not just for reasons of space but also so that Wendy can give each member the individual attention she would want during their work. Each member is provided with all material, gluesticks, scissors etc with everyone working to a basic template design, prepared earlier by Wendy (visiting chairmen not exempt!). The final card designs are, however, largely unique with such a wide variety of downloadable material from the Web, supplemented by the group leader's seemingly bottomless supply of bling-like sparkly material add-ons to bring the cards into 3D relief. A particular feature was the technique of "tea bag folding", paper folding in successive triangular and rectangular formations to create stunning designs, a method which originated in Holland from the re-use of empty tea envelopes. Wendy is prepared to form a second group if registration for the new season shows it to be needed.

With best wishes
John Jebson

Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

As you probably remember, I was hoping that we could visit the studio of Norman Adams at Horton next month. Sadly, however, this won't be possible as Anna has hurt her back and will be unable to come up (from Lewes) and open things up for us.

As it happens, there is an exhibition of work by both Norman and Anna at 108 Fine Art in Harrogate - which runs from May 2nd to May 30th. The exhibition is titled 'Four Yorkshire Artists' - Christopher Wood and Emerson Mayes being the others. You may also be interested in an exhibition at York Art Gallery from May 2nd to September 27th featuring the St Ives School.

Frank Gordon

CIRCLE DANCING

There are no weekly circle dance sessions during the summer term. In April several members of the group travelled by train to Langwathby to join an Afternoon Circle Tea Dance led by Anne-Lise Kryger of Penrith. It was such an enjoyable afternoon, with a break for tea and cakes, that we have invited Anne-Lise to lead an afternoon at Langcliffe Institute on Saturday May 30th from 2.00pm - 6.00pm. This will be open to anyone, no experience necessary, and the cost will be £10. For further information or to reserve a place please speak to:

Gillian 01729 822781 or *Pat* 01729 823342

FAMILY HISTORY

The last meeting in the current session will be on Friday 22nd May at Victoria Hall at 10.30am when Malcolm Bland has kindly agreed to talk to the group on "Getting Started". Hope there will be a good turn out for this.

Margaret Cullingworth

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE

Our next meeting will take the form of a walk to view some local geology. We will meet in the Cricket Club car park at 2.00pm on Tuesday 19th May. If the weather is inclement we will meet in the Victoria Theatre. All welcome.

Paul Cochrane

SCRABBLE GROUP

The next meeting will be at 2.00pm on Monday 8th June at the Victoria Hall.

Pat Lodge

STROLLERS'

The next walk will be on Wednesday 3rd June. We will catch the 1.30 bus from Settle for a canal walk between Thorlby & Gargarve. The full list of walks is now available from me.

Janet Stafford 825449

GREAT LIVES

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May at 10.30am when the subject will be "Marie Curie".

Jean Imrie

HERALDRY

The next Heraldry visit will be to Richmond and Staindrop churches on Thursday 21st May. We will leave Settle at 9.15am meeting as usual in the Cricket Club car park.

Hilary Baker

LISTENING TO MUSIC

The next meeting of this group will be held at Smithy Croft, Rathmell at 2.00pm on May 18th.

Shirley Wolfenden

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

Thursday 28th May 2pm Slaidburn

Meet on the car park/bus stop next to the café on your right as you enter the village from Settle. Guided tour led by Jenny Bradley of Slaidburn followed by a talk in the museum. Bus leaves Settle Market Place 13.25 arriving Slaidburn 14.00. Return 17.05 arriving Settle 17.40. (Please check in case of timetable changes).

Dora Tattersall & Vanessa Stone

Regarding the meeting on **25th June**, we are having difficulty in contacting the person who offered to take us round Appletreewick. We will persevere or try to find a different venue and will put the details in the June newsletter.

M & M Cullingworth

WALKING GROUPS

The Summer Programme is now on the website. For those without a computer we will bring some hard copies to the meeting on 14 May. Last Thursday's walk was blessed with glorious sunshine and Nidderdale showed its full spring glory as we circled the Dacre Banks/Glasshouses area. John Jebson will lead the next one to Penyghent Gill on May 21 - about 8 miles. Meet at the Cricket Club car park at 9.30am. The next Tuesday walk will be on 26 May. We shall be leading the 5 mile walk around Wharfe & Moughton Scar. Meet at the Cricket Club car park at 10am.

M & M Cullingworth



Bridges and Bluebells
of
Nidderdale!

