

KEITH BOLGER

Members were saddened to learn of the recent death of Keith Bolger. Together with Olwyn, he was a fine leader of walks over a number of years and was also a long standing French group member. Our deepest sympathy to Olwyn and the family in their sad loss. He was a lovely man.

NOSTELL PRIORY AND THE YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

Wednesday July 14th

Names are now being taken for the above outing. We will be leaving Settle Cricket Club at 8.30am and returning around 6.30pm (traffic permitting). The total cost will be £18.50 which includes, bus, driver's tip, parking for coach, and entry into Nostell Priory. If you are a National Trust member this will be reduced to £12. We will be going straight to the Sculpture Park as Nostell Priory doesn't open until 11am. There is a restaurant where you can get lunch and then we will make our way to Nostell Priory. If you need further details please contact me. Please book as soon as possible. I will be taking names and money at the monthly meetings or you can send it to me at:

Smithy Croft, Rathmell, Settle. BD24 0LA. Please make cheques payable to:
Settle District U3A Social Account. Thank you. **Shirley Wolfenden**

MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING

Thursday June 10th at 10.30am

VICTORIA HALL

(coffee from 10.00am)

“CLITHEROE CASTLE”

ITS HISTORY AND THE NEW MUSEUM

RACHEL JACKSON

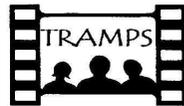
SETTLE ORCHESTRA SUMMER CONCERT

Saturday 19th May 7.30 in The Parish Church

Overture Egmont (Beethoven)

Triple Concerto (Brahms)

Symphony in C Major (Bizet)



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Fri 28th May 7.30

Langcliffe Institute

BRIGHT STAR (PG)

Wed 16th June

Settle Victoria Hall

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends



If anyone had to name a favourite word game, the chances are that the choice would be Scrabble. It seems to have been around forever, with its simple formula of points values for letters, lowest for vowels and highest for the likes of V, X, or Z. Our own Group, led by Pat Lodge, meets on a monthly basis in a battle of wits over 2 games (on my visit). The aim of course is to get the highest score possible for each word, achieved by using higher scoring letters enhanced by the bonus squares on the board denoting double/triple word or double/triple letter.

Totals of 170 and 161 were achieved in the games in

which I participated, with any doubtful words verified by the excellent Chambers Dictionary. It's challenging, but also fun and yet another Group I can thoroughly recommend.

For any photographers out there wanting to “upskill”, the Digital Photography Group led by the “Two Franks” (Higginson & Woodhams) is the answer. The Group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month and anyone who viewed their display of work at the March meeting would have seen examples of the high standards regularly achieved. On my visit members were discussing the potential delights and pitfalls of post-sunset or night-time photography and the photos displayed illustrated a number of these. The use of the “auto focus” camera function in these conditions is, I learned, not recommended as it tends to pick out the brightest source of light as its centrepiece which may not have been the photographer's intention. In the session's second half, group members were dispatched with their cameras to capture some original shots of Settle's landscape, taken from unusual angles perhaps or in some other way different (superior?) to the standard postcard views for tourists. Even people with simple “point and shoot” cameras and photo techniques to match, can benefit from the group leaders' experience and skill in the subject and a class for complete beginners is a possibility for next year if the demand is there.

Best wishes
John Jebson

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: The next meeting will be either another excursion or, if the weather is inclement, a talk about Geological Maps -their development, content and interpretation. We will meet at 14:00 on 18th May in either the Cricket Club car park for the walk, or the Castleberg Room, Victoria Theatre for the talk. Hope to see you all there.

Paul Cochrane

GREAT LIVES: This month's talk on "Handel et al" will take place on Wednesday May 19th at 10.30am in the Lecture Room of the Quaker Chapel.

Jean Imrie

NEEDLEWORK & NATTER: We will meet on Wednesday 19 May at 2.00pm in the Friends Meeting House to try to find a way of continuing with this group. Please let me know if you are interested but not available on that date. (Phone 822313)

Alison Tyas

WALKING: Our recent stay at Glenthorne, the Quaker Centre in Grasmere, was most successful. Glenthorne itself is in a beautiful setting with good accommodation, food and ambience and the weather was perfect. Here are a few recollections of the trip:



Day 1 Following the rendezvous at the doyen of Staveley's refreshment rooms, Wilf's Cafe, the walkers "B" group, led by Debi BurrIDGE, followed a section of the Dales Way as it traced the course of the River Kent, where the banks were covered in wild daffodils, as far as

Cowan Head, a superbly converted mill complex boasting apartments and cottages. The route back to Staveley, again largely kept to the riverside but on its opposite shore – a very pleasant, gentle ramble of 4 miles or so to kick start the day.

(John Jebson)

Day 2 Wednesday's expedition was of a very different order. From Keswick a launch trip across Derwentwater put the walkers ashore at the foot of Catbells, followed by 250ft of ascent to that summit. Then followed a classic Lakeland ridge walk – definitely "undulating" – and after a slight drop, a further steep scramble up a rock face to the plateau summit of High Spy (2143ft). The descent was challenging, much of it through the long abandoned workings of a slate quarry, to reach the beautiful village of Grange-in-Borrowdale. From there a walk of a mile or so brought us to the lakeside and another invigorating launch trip up the length of Derwentwater, in glorious late afternoon sunshine, and back to Keswick.



(John Jebson)

The short walks group set off from Grasmere past Dove Cottage to a small tarn and on to the Coffin Road and then followed "Dorothy Wordsworth's" path below Nab Scar to Rydal, where a stop was made for morning coffee and cakes. A short walk through the beautiful grounds of Rydal Hall took us to the lakeside path by Rydal Water and eventually on to Loughrigg Terrace and thence a short climb on the road past High Close Youth Hostel where we eventually had a wonderful view towards the Langdales and beyond. A path to the right took us back up over the hill and down a steep track, with views over Grasmere, to eventually join the road by the lake and a stroll back to Glenthorne in time for afternoon tea.

(Margaret Cullingworth)

Day 3 Yet another dry sunny day in the Lakes – wow!. Today we decided to walk from Elterwater to Skelwith Bridge. For once this path was not under water but we could see the damage the floods had done last November. After coffee, the very short walks group went back to Elterwater whilst Margaret & I carried on along the Cumbria Way through woods to Colwith Force. The trees were only just starting to leaf-up so the views were good but not a lot of water going over the falls. Then on through the farms at High End and Stang End and along the Brathay River to the wonderful Slater Bridge and Little Langdale Tarn. A bit of a fierce wind here meant the pull up the hill was conversation stopping. We followed the lane down into Elterwater past the disused quarries, meeting up with the other group who'd enjoyed a leisurely lunch in the sun. A fantastic 6 miles.



(Debi BurrIDGE)

The walkers from the Thursday group tackled three very different walks.

Margaret Cullingworth

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:

The April outing was to Malham Tarn Field Centre, formerly the "Mountain Retreat" of Walter Morrison - philanthropist and MP for Skipton. Originally a small C17th two-storey building, it was greatly extended in the C18th by Thomas Lister (later Lord Ribblesdale) who also raised the level of the tarn to provide good trout fishing. James Morrison of London bought the estate in 1852 and passed it to his son Walter as a 21st birthday present. (A remarkably generous gift when one considers that Walter was his seventh born child!).

The current use of the building as a residential study centre has caused numerous alterations to be made. However, we were privileged to be shown the outbuildings, cellars, main reception rooms, splendid staircase and the library where refreshments were served to conclude a fascinating outing enjoyed by 24 members.

Alan Hemsworth

This month we will be in Hornby on 27th May. For those travelling from Settle, take the A65 as far as Clapham and turn left on to the B6480 towards Bentham. Continue along there until you have passed through Wray and when you reach the outskirts of Hornby take the first right. Continue along the road, which eventually joins the A683 in the village, until just before the bridge over the river Wenning, where there is a car park on the left. Please meet there at 2 p.m. This will be a self-guided tour, using the book, and does not involve a lot of walking. We have tried several times to get someone to give us a guided tour but no-one has been forthcoming. There is a tea shop in Hornby at the Post Office but we don't know what the food is like. As many of you will know there is the Bridge House Tea Room in Wray which does excellent food and drinks and there is also the Garden Centre. Please let us know if you require a lift or can offer one.

M&M Cullingworth (823978)

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