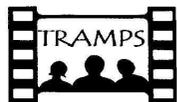


JUNE SPEAKER MEETING
(Change from the advertised programme)

"UPHILL ALL THE WAY"
The Snowdon Mountain Railway
GEOFFREY QUEEN
(Former Engineer to the Railway)
Victoria Hall 10.30am
Thursday 9th June 2011
(Coffee from 10.00am)

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS
JULY MEETING
Visit to **FARNLEY HALL** near Otley
Wednesday, 13th July to commence at
2.00pm
(Maximum of 24 participants)
Visit will last approx 2 1/2 hours



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

'ANOTHER YEAR' (12A)
Fri 13th May 7.30pm
Langcliffe Institute

'THE KING'S SPEECH' (12A)
Sat 21st May 7.30pm
Clapham Village Hall

'STILL WALKING' (U)
(Japanese with Eng subtitles)
Wed 8th June 7.30pm
Victoria Hall Settle
www.tramps.org.uk

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Dear Friends,

Hasn't the weather been wonderful? Perfect for getting out and about and enjoying all the events planned for Easter and THE Wedding Weekend. Wasn't that a great British occasion? I even wore a hat that day – my sunhat! So, what to look forward to now? Well.....apart from a lot of work in the garden.....how about thinking along the lines of what is on our autumn programme? Have you any ideas for starting a new group? Someone has suggested the possibility of a jazz appreciation group – anyone interested? You will find a draft list of groups for 2011/12 season already on the website. Do have a look.



Introducing two more members of this year's U3A committee



Hilary Baker and David Holdsworth
The final gallery roundup will be shown in the next issue!

REMINDER

The AGM will take place on Thurs September 8th in The Victoria Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: I shall be away next month, so all copy for publication in the next issue should be sent direct to Elizabeth Evans
e-mail: eevans42@btinternet.com (Tel: 01729 825148) by Fri 3rd June 2011
Copy received by e-mail will be acknowledged.

Who will be part of next year's committee? Has the reminder on the back of last month's newsletter made you think? I won't insult your intelligence by saying that it is 'only one meeting a month'! Of course there's more to it than that, but very worthwhile and great fun! We are not a stuffy bunch.

What will be on the agenda of the AGM in September? Of course some of these items you will be able to guess – Gift Aid, membership fees. The application for the former is being processed and we hope to hear very soon if we have been successful. Then the hard work will start. The membership forms will be reorganised to include a 'tick here' box to allow your name to be included. As for the latter, the committee is still in discussion after all the feedback from members. Please put the date of the AGM on your calendar and come along to the meeting to have your say – Thursday 8th September.

Money matters again. One way to cut down on costs is for more people to read the newsletter electronically online. Our newsletter looks very professional in its printed form but is quite expensive to produce. We would like to encourage as many of our members as possible to swop over to the online version. If you want to, you can then print it off yourself.

Many of the groups are taking a summer break for the next few months, enjoy the rest. Others continue with their programmes. Don't forget to let your leader know if you can't get to the group. It can be very disappointing as a leader to have only a few people turn up and no apologies sent.

Something else to look forward to, the social committee is planning a summer outing, details to be announced shortly – I wonder where?

Best wishes,
Debi Burridge

NEWSLETTER

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th May**. We are intending to visit Cliffe Castle, Keighley to view their excellent local geology and mineral collections. We will meet at either the Cricket Club Car Park at **14:00** or at Cliffe Castle at around **14:30**. Hope to see you there.
Paul Cochrane

GREAT LIVES: Albert Schweitzer is the subject for the May meeting, which will take place on Wed.18th May at 10.30am. The venue will be the Quaker lecture room, not the Victoria Hall.
Jean Imrie

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: The June meeting is booked to capacity. This is a visit to the Glaziers Workshop at the Bedern Chapel at York Minster on Thursday 23 June. I would suggest that we meet in the car park at the Settle Cricket Club at 10 o'clock in order to car share. This will give us time to have something to eat before the tour. If you are travelling independently, can you please let me know in advance (Tel: 01729 823978), so that I can make sure there is enough transport. The arrangements are: Meet at the Information Desk in York Minster for the tour which starts at 2pm and lasts approximately an hour. The cost is £6.50. We are asked to arrive promptly as the guide is only obliged to wait for 15 minutes. If you are running late, please phone: 01904 557217.

Margaret Cullingworth

WALKING GROUP:

'RECENT RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO WHITBY'



17 members and friends stayed at Sneaton Castle for 3 nights. On arrival we strolled into Whitby Town to explore the shops and harbour, with a few climbing the 199 steps up to the Abbey before returning to enjoy dinner at Sneaton Castle.

The following day the entire party set off to walk the Cleveland Way coastal path from Whitby to Robin Hoods Bay. All made it (8 miles) by early afternoon and the Pub, Tea shop and Ice Cream parlours provided welcome

refreshment.

Half the party returned by bus to Whitby, with the others opting to walk back via the Cinder Track route (old railway). On returning to Sneaton Castle we discovered we had totalled 15 miles walking and Dinner tasted even better that night!

On Thursday we headed North by car to Runswick Bay, where we walked, inland via Borrowby Dale, over to Staithes, returning after a lunch break via the coastal path and Port Musgrave to Runswick. Another 8 miles walking was achieved before we returned by car to Sneaton Castle for our evening meal. Some excitement in the afternoon was provided by both the inshore lifeboat and the Search and Rescue Helicopter sweeping the shoreline and cliffs either side of Staithes, searching for a missing person.

We left after breakfast on Friday, with some staying on for another look round Whitby, whilst others stopped off at different points of interest on their way home to Settle.



(text by **John Flitcroft** and photos by **Paul Cochrane & Sally Waterson**)

WALKING GROUP PROGRAMME: The new summer programme is available on the website and there are copies in the library and TIC. There will be hard copies available at Thursday's meeting.
Margaret Cullingworth

STUDY DAYS

Have you ever felt tempted by some of the courses and events on offer in the U3A magazine? Following such a visit, one of our members was prompted to write the following article:

As a recent arrival from Leicester and knowing that I could stay with a friend, I signed up to an East Midlands U3A study day entitled 'Celebrating our Cultures' which was held at Nottingham Trent University. This was very well organised and attended by over 100 people from the region. There were 4 talks of 55 minutes each and the time-keeping was impeccable.

The first talk was given by a member of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and gave us a broad picture of the diversity of landscapes and wildlife to be seen in that county. The second talk was entitled 'Innovative Industrial Lincolnshire' and surprised most of us that there was anything other than the production of food in the county. Apparently there is a long history of engineering centred around Grantham, which is why they have a mainline train link to London providing them with a fast and very regular service to the capital which is the envy of cities like Nottingham.

After a hot 2-course lunch we resumed with a group from Northampton U3A explaining how they developed an interest in and investigated Victorian buildings which were related to the shoe industry. This was a lively and interesting presentation complete with slides of some of the buildings, which were vast. The final talk was delivered by one of the university professors and introduced us to the relationship between Byron, who inherited Newstead Abbey in Nottinghamshire, and his poetry and travels in Europe. It was an enlightening insight into one of our best-known poets.

I really enjoyed the day, not just for the talks but also the opportunity it gave me to meet with other U3A members. It was well worth the £5 charge (including lunch!) I will look out for similar events that are nearer to home.
Kate Helm

Members may be interested to know that the Jazz Appreciation Network is holding a study day at the School of Music, Leeds University on 15th June from 11.00am to 3.30pm which also includes a concert. The cost is £20 for the day and £6.00 for the buffet lunch. Further details in the Spring edition of U3A News. (editor)

HAVE YOU A STORY TO TELL?

Following one of our recent French group meetings a few of us lingered for coffee in 'Poppies'. As the conversation flowed I was intrigued to hear stories of former Settle residents and some interesting personal anecdotes. I thought some of these would make excellent and interesting items for the newsletter. Do keep the newsletter alive. Let me have your writings, pictures and anything which might interest our readers. It's amazing what an unrecorded collection we have to share!
(Editor)

We were saddened to learn of the death of Peter Dowdall and extend our sincere condolences to Ann and the family.