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SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the chair

Dear Fellow Members,

Although the future of Settle Library is not strictly a U3A matter the situation facing the Library will be of real interest to very many of our membership. There is a danger that the Settle Library will close in April 2017 unless volunteers can be found to act as Library Assistants and to form a Management Committee.

This is due to the reduction in central government funding to North Yorkshire Council which means that the County Council, faced with a reduced income, has decided that 21 of its Libraries, including Settle, must close unless they can become community libraries run by volunteers, and without paid librarian staff.

It would be a tragedy for Settle and the surrounding villages if our Library, well-housed in the modern, light and bright Housing 21 premises in Limestone View, Settle, had to close.

Fortunately, there are another 11 months in which to make preparations to move to community library status. You may have seen the Publicity Statement about the Library in Community News or elsewhere which gives more detail about the development of a community library including the continuing support which will be provided by the County Council. An embryo Management Group to develop a Settle Community Library is meeting but the real and urgent need is for people prepared to become volunteer library assistants. All volunteer library staff would work in teams and on a rota basis. Training for the role will be provided. (20 people have already volunteered to be library assistants, but many more will be required).

If you feel that you, or anyone known to you, might be able to help as a volunteer library assistant please contact John Jebson who is collecting details of prospective volunteers. John can be contacted by email at johnjeanab@btinternet.com or by 'phone on 01729 825786. Thank you.

Ian Tennant

**June Meeting: Thursday 9th June in the Victoria Hall
'The Call What He Made' with Nigel Linge
(Coffee from 10am)**



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Thursday 12th May 7pm Ingleton Community Centre

Woman in Gold (12A)

Wednesday 25th May 7.45 pm Settle Victoria Hall

Mia Madre (15)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by

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Submissions will be acknowledged by email

Wherever possible, the full account is used but occasionally it is necessary to edit the piece for the printed copy. The full submissions will be used on the website version.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES

At our April meeting Paul Cochrane gave a thought-provoking presentation on Adam Sedgwick. From Dent village school to Cambridge via Sedbergh Grammar School, he was a professor of geology at the age of 33 and had a great influence on the young Charles Darwin. Such was Sedgwick's fame that he was a regular correspondent with Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. He demonstrated the stratigraphic succession of fossil bearing rocks in Wales, publishing the highly regarded "British Paleozoic Fossils" in 1854. His methods in field geology work are still largely followed today.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th May (Victoria Hall 11.00am) when Frank Rhodes will give a talk on the life and work of the poet A.E.Housman. All welcome. *John Jebson*

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS (LAOB)

The star of our last week's visit to Appleby Castle was undoubtedly Bibby's of Ingleton! Not only did our 16-seater coach have about 30 seats but John its driver went the extra mile for us providing superb toilet support rescuing what could have been a disastrous event. The Castle is great & will become greater but at present forgets to factor in weather & the needs of group visitors! Once we were warm & dry & in useful dialogue with the owner, Sally Nightingale, we were able to visit, in addition to the two Great Halls, the top of the Round Tower, the Dungeons & some of the magnificent bedrooms, the State one of which has walls completely lined by 400 year old tapestry & with 6 others is now bookable for Guest Accommodation & was laid out ready for immediate occupation. Originally a motte & bailey castle from Roman times it still has a moat & there are still 30ft deep ditches in places. We were also given a demonstration & try-on of many different styles of armour by one of the very enthusiastic guides. This is the only occupied one of Lady Anne Clifford's 6 northern castles and she commissioned a great many expensive changes when she inherited it in 1605. *Elizabeth Evans*

LAOB Lion Salt Works Trip Thursday 26th May

The coach is booked to leave the Cricket Club at 9.15 am and arrive at Lion Salt Works by 12 noon.

There is a cafe for drinks, cake etc. Sandwiches (£3.60) need to be ordered on Thursday 12th May. Picnics are allowed outside only. The tour of the Salt Works will be in 2 groups at 1.30pm for 1½ hours. There will be time for a drink, or a walk by the canal before we leave at 4.00pm. Cost is £24 cash at Thursday 12th May meeting please or in the following week. Contact us on derek_hewitson@hotmail.com or Tel 01729/824471 *Derek and Mary Hewitson*

LAOB Advance Notices of tour:

23 June Coach Trip to Richmond. Conducted tour around the Georgian Theatre Royal plus short guided walk around "Richmond's Best Buildings". Further information from *Anne Webster* amw.1@btinternet.com tel. 01729 824 844.

WALKING GROUP

The Walking Group are going to the Brecon Beacons Monday 26th September for 3 nights. There may be some rooms available if anyone else would like to join us. *Debi Burridge* 825922 debi.burridge@gmail.com

REGIONAL NEWS

WestNet – A reminder - Quiz Night (£5 per person) Tuesday 24th May 6 for 6.30 at Gargrave Village Hall. This is WestNet's new venture which is an opportunity for Settle District U3A to meet with other U3As in the west – Ilkley, Craven, Keighley and Bradford. Pie and Peas supper included, it promises to be a good evening! Contact Tel 01729/822524 *Jackie Allott*

Group Leaders' Get Together on 18th April was attended by a number who shared lots of information and food!

