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Letter from the chair

SETTLE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello,

The sun is shining and the blossom and spring flowers are a delight.

Other delights hang on the walls of Old Rathmell School, in the form of our Painting Group's Exhibition. I mentioned last month that I was about to visit and it really was interesting, with a wide range of styles and approaches to paint and painting by our members. An excellent venture. Contact Eileen Clegg if you would like to see for yourself.

It was my first chance to join the Tuesday Walking Group led by Tony and Wendy - on a trip around Sizergh Woods, following part of the River Kent's waterfalls. In the 1800s to 1935 the river powered a series of 'Gunpowder Factories' and the remains of the buildings and its (literally explosive) history are still in evidence.

You may have noticed that our Website has been unavailable recently. This was due to circumstances beyond our control and the result of 'server' problems. However things are up-and-running again and you can access most important U3A information.

One item that should shortly appear on the Website, is information about Settle U3A playing host to WestNet's Summer/History Trail - in SETTLE on 19th JUNE 2019, 6-6.30pm start with Supper £6.50pp (+Bar) from 8pm at Victoria Hall. I hope you can save the date, come along to welcome other U3A members in the WestNet group, enjoy the Trail/Supper and have a really different evening. Please spread the word. Booking details on the Speaker Meeting Notice Board, Website and from anyone on the Committee.

Finally, whilst Spring has sprung, the perennial matter of encouraging your interest in Committee matters and membership continues. There is always a need to replenish and keep things vital to conserve our U3A in the way we rightly expect and take for granted, maybe. Do contact anyone on the Committee to discuss further.

Hope to see you soon,

Jackie

June Meeting: Thursday 13th June 2019

'St Kilda – A Social History

with Steve Halliwell

Coffee from 10 am



The Ribblesdale Area Moving Picture Show

Friday 31st May 8 pm Bentham Town Hall

THE FAVOURITE (15)

Wednesday 5th June 7.45 pm Victoria Hall, Settle

THE OTHER SIDE OF HOPE (12A)

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

FRIDAY 7th June 2019 to: Chris Taylor

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Copy 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 AND FOR THE GROUPS

GREAT LIVES

At our April meeting, Jenny Wheeler gave a fascinating talk on the life and times of Chad Varah who founded the Samaritans in 1953, with the revolutionary idea of a telephone helpline for would-be suicides to get help and advice. (Suicide/attempted suicide remained a criminal offence prior to the 1961 Act.) Chad was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1935 and, after a number of ministries in the north of England, was appointed to the parish of Battersea at a time when there were 3 suicides a DAY in London. He was particularly concerned with the risk of suicides by young pregnant girls or gay men. The second Samaritan's branch opened in Edinburgh in 1959 as a 24 hour listening service with work done in prisons, schools and on the railway network. Chad's ideas spread worldwide through 40 countries, most of which he visited. He was awarded the CBE in 1995 and died in 2007. The organisation he led now has 201 branches and 2000 volunteers in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

By complete contrast, our next meeting (Wednesday 15th May Victoria Hall 11.00am) will feature the life of Daphne Oram - a pioneer composer in the field of electronic music. Our speaker will be Carolyn Scales. Everybody welcome.
John Jebson

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

At our April meeting, Phil Robinson took us through life in eighteenth and nineteenth century Hornby Castle. Intrigues in the Marsden family, there were unlikely liaisons, court cases, interesting characters and diary snippets from the estate. Phil explained the circumstances that brought Hornby Castle into the ownership of Pudsey Dawson of Langcliffe Hall then modes of transport, journeys undertaken by road and rail. Hard to imagine the distances covered on foot, everyday occurrences for some of our ancestors.

Jean Asher shared two small address books, one nearly a hundred years old, belonging to her grandmother (1882-1972) and both yielding invaluable information about extended family and their movements.

We all found extremely moving the small piece of paper brought by Roy Anderson.

Found in the diary of a grandmother and dated 12.8.16, addressed from "the Somme, somewhere in France."

"Dear Mrs Atkinson,

Sorry to let you know that your son was killed in action on the 3rd Aug."

References to "Mattee" in the letter most likely refer to an uncle, Matthew Atkinson.

Finally, a pair of shoes and a black, beaded capelet that had belonged to Eileen Bamford's grandmother. The design of the shoes indicate they could have been worn for her wedding in 1904. It was modelled by Margaret Marshall.



"The Stories from the Graves" exhibition is still in Holy Ascension Church and has recently been changed. Well worth a look. Sarah Lister's book, about the project, will be available in July. In advance --The weekend of the 15th /16th June, a group of U3A Family Historians will be displaying information in St Alkelda's church, about the families that the stained glass windows in the church are dedicated to and the people who donated them. So, **if you have any information about the Hartleys of Catteral Hall, the Dawsons of Langcliffe Hall, the Geldards of Cappleside, Sarah Openshaw, Annie Batten, the Robinsons of Settle, the Rev'd John Clapham, Vicar of Giggleswick, Alice Atkinson of Giggleswick or the Carr family,** please do let us know.
Eileen Bamford

SUMMER OUTING FOR ALL MEMBERS to Brantwood, Home of John Ruskin

Of interest to Art Lovers, looking at Old Buildings Group, Garden lovers, Walkers and Strollers. Tuesday 11th June

Depart Settle at 9.30am returning from Brantwood 4.30pm Cost: coach £12.50.

Entrance to house and gardens £8.00

To book contact: Sue Simpson 015242 41271