

## DECEMBER MEETING

### 'CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENT'

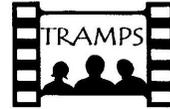
10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009 - VICTORIA HALL

10.30am (Coffee from 10.00am)

Lively Entertainment from various groups followed by

### A JACOB'S JOIN LUNCH

Please bring a dish or plate of savouries, sandwiches, salad etc, or a dessert to share.



The Ribblesdale Area  
Moving Picture Show

presents

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30  
VICTORIA HALL LOW BENTHAM  
GRAN TORINO (15)

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30  
LANGCLIFFE INSTITUTE  
Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 7.30  
CLAPHAM VILLAGE HALL  
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD (15)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov  
AUSTWICK  
THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG)  
[www.tramps.org.uk](http://www.tramps.org.uk)

## SETTLE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

presents

### A FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>

at 3.00pm

SETTLE COLLEGE

Programme includes:  
Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite,  
Dance Macabre, Beethoven's  
5<sup>th</sup> Symphony and other  
Orchestral favourites  
Tickets £5.00  
(children free)

*Contributed by a member.*

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Dear Friends



Despite the demise of the Beginners' German group, the Intermediate group, led by Alison Tyas, is thriving. It is aimed at those who already have some familiarity with German. The group is currently studying a text based on a German folk tale, "Till Eulenspiegel", concerning the misadventures of a sort of medieval "Dennis the Menace" character. It's a thoroughly amusing romp of a story and all group members are involved in readings, while Alison gently corrects pronunciation and explains points of grammar. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable session.

We are fortunate to have Jean Stevens, a critically acclaimed published poet, to lead our Poetry Appreciation group. She challenges us to explore the meaning of poetry by studying a range of work which

I found quite fascinating. D H Lawrence is not perhaps best remembered for his poetry, but two poems, "Piano" - a remembrance of musical childhood evenings and "The Elephant is Slow to Mate"- an imagined pachyderm courtship ritual, were eye openers for me, as was "Bavarian Gentians" with references to Greek mythological characters. Jean introduced a range of 20<sup>th</sup>C poets, including examples of an Australian Aboriginal poet, Bill Neidje. Biblical poetry also featured on my visit, including the moving Psalm 121. I can thoroughly recommend this group to anyone who perhaps hasn't looked at poetry since school or university to rediscover the wealth of language and ideas therein.

The December "social" meeting will soon be with us - 5 weeks as I write and counting down! This is the time when Settle District U3A lets its collective hair down and groups and individuals show us what they can do. My grateful thanks in advance to all contributors and to Michael Cullingworth who will co-ordinate the programme. Please note the Christmas meeting will be longer than usual and will include a "Jacob's join" lunch as part of the event. Please would members bring some food (sandwiches, savouries or sweets) to ensure that our calendar year finishes with a meal to remember!

Best Wishes  
John Jebson

# Newsletter

## FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

Please note that the rooms at the Meeting House are being used much more frequently by other groups now. If you cannot have the Victoria Hall and want one of our rooms, you must book in advance. I cannot always find a room at short notice.

Alison Tyas. 01729 822313

If you change your e-mail address please would you inform the membership secretary, Pat Smith. [patdsmith@f2s.com](mailto:patdsmith@f2s.com)

All copy for publication in the next issue needs to reach the editor (Sue Simpson e-mail: [susanmsimpson@btinternet.com](mailto:susanmsimpson@btinternet.com)) (Tel: 01524241271) by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

**ART APPRECIATION:** Our new season is now under way and our first Victoria Hall meeting and our initial gallery visit (to Leeds) are already behind us. Our next visit will be to Abbot Hall, Kendal, on Tuesday, November 17th to see the exhibition 'Andrzej Jackowski - The Remembered Present'. Here is an artist new to many of us but who 'established himself as a painter almost as soon as he left the Royal College of Art in the late 1970s. Citing poetry as an abiding source of inspiration, his work is often striking in its simplicity, engaging with both personal memory and the wider historical domain. The show will feature many new paintings and drawings and a new set of prints created especially for the exhibition.' We will meet at the gallery around 2 o'clock as usual.

FRANK GORDON

**GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE:** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th November at 14:00. If the weather is clement we will re-attempt the excursion planned for September. We will meet in the Cricket Club car park - remember your sturdy footwear. If it is too wet we will be in the Castleberg Room, Victoria Theatre. The inclement weather talk will cover three small but vital topics to get us started on our "Basic Geological Outline":-

- A definition of Geology;
- Rock Classification and how the different rock types are formed;
- The Stratigraphic Column - the Geological Periods and the various nomenclatures employed.

Time will be available for a discussion of these topics after the brief talk. Last year these topics were dealt with over two sessions but I included a lot of the history of how these ideas were developed and the various characters involved in their development. I find this fascinating - but I know it's not everyone's "cup of tea". If the group would like to look at the "History of Geological Ideas" we could have a session on this later.

If anyone has any questions for our "Question and Answer" meeting, feel free to email those to me ASAP. Also send me any photographs of interesting or unusual geological or geomorphological features from the UK, so we can have a session at some point to study these and try to explain their origin

PAUL COCHRANE

**GREAT LIVES:** This month's subject will be the Norwegian explorer Nansen. Please meet in the Victoria Hall at 10.30 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

JEAN IMRIE

**HERALDRY:** BEGINNERS GROUP meets on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10.30 in the Victoria Hall. There will be no HERALDRY VISIT in November or December. ADVANCE NOTICE: Peter Marshall will be giving his annual talk/slide show on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Venue details to follow.

For further information contact:

HILARY BAKER

**LISTENING TO MUSIC:** This group will meet at Smithy Croft, Rathmell on November 16th at 2pm.  
S WOLFENDEN

**LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS:** The November meeting, on Thursday 26th, will be to Burnsall Church, where Fiona Jenkins will take us round the lovely building. Meet there at 1.30pm. There is a cafe and a pub in the village and the car park is by the village green. Cars can be left at the Vicarage but it is down a rough lane just before the Church (on the left as you come from Linton) or passengers can be dropped there. Phone: 01729 823621. (Lifts-offers/requests)

DEBI BURRIDGE

**NEEDLEWORK and NATTER:** (2.00 - 3.30 each Wednesday)

We now meet at St. Johns Church Hall except for the first Wednesday in the month. On December 2nd and January 6th we will be in the Friends Meeting House.

ALISON TYAS

**WALKING GROUP:** The walk on 13 October was a trip to Nidderdale and attracted 17 walkers! It was a lovely Autumn day and the colours were wonderful. Particularly spectacular were the reflections in Gouthwaite Reservoir, which presented plenty of opportunity to the photographers amongst us. The walk was a pleasant stroll through open countryside from Ramsgill to Lofthouse and lunch was taken by the local cricket pitch. A detour was made to see the War Memorial and fountain in Lofthouse. The return leg was initially by the river and then undulated through open grassland and woodland, passing the former Youth Hostel. Long views showed Nidderdale in sunshine in all its Autumn glory.



MARGARET CULLINGWORTH

### MAKE CHRISTMAS FOR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

Packets of books and sweets weighing less than 2kg may be posted free from any UK Post Office and should be addressed to Revd Peter Scott, Chaplain, Cdo Log Regt, Royal Marines Bastion BFPO792. **NB Do not write Afghanistan anywhere on the address.** (Seasonal reminder of the notice included last month)

**CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER** To make the next edition a bit special – please let me have any items of nostalgia, recipes, cracker jokes or pics for inclusion. (editor).

We are saddened to learn of the death of U3A member Norman Smith of Austwick. We offer our condolences to his family in their loss.

John Jebson (Chairman)