

Newsletter

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE SETTLE DISTRICT

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends

A warm welcome to new members who have joined at the start of our fifth year.

As a committee we also would like to welcome Tony Stephens as our new Vice-Chairman. Tony has agreed to take on the role of IT Co-ordinator from George Pattison and now has all the equipment at his house. George continues as Press and Publicity Officer.

Sincerely
Janet



Anyone for Croquet?

I have recently come to live in Settle and several people, knowing my interest, have asked about the possibility of a U3A croquet group. There are places in Settle which may well be suitable but, before investigating further, I suggest that those interested might like to have a try-out at my own club, the Pendle and Craven Croquet Club. We have our own grounds of five lawns and a pavilion in Earby which can provide all our needs—except for flat shoes for yourselves!

There are several different forms of croquet starting with one which can be played from the start with very little explanation. It is a fascinating sport with the great virtue of being admirably suited to U3A members and of being playable throughout the year. Please let me know if you might be interested.

Peter Dowdall (01729 823442)

***** Advance notice *****

KESWICK OUTING—18 OCTOBER

Please note that the bus will now be picking up at
Settle Cricket Club car park

and *NOT* at Settle Swimming Pool. The Cricket Club have agreed to allow us to leave cars there whilst we are away. The Market Place will be a picking up spot as usual. If there is any doubt, ring me a day or two before.

Shirley Wolfenden (01729 840882)

FROM THE GROUPS ORGANISER

From **23 October to 27** (Opera Week) all groups who normally meet in the Victoria Hall will have to meet elsewhere. Most will be across the road in the Friends Meeting House.

Line Dancing will be in St John's Hall for the whole of October. The *morning* session of *Computers for Beginners* will be in the small room at St John's Hall. Afternoon session in the Friends Meeting House.

Group Leaders: There will be a meeting for group leaders (tutors, facilitators, etc) on Monday **13 November** at 2.00pm in the Victoria Hall. If you cannot be there you could send someone else from your group.

Alison Tyas

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Art Appreciation: A reminder that our meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm at the Victoria Hall. The first meeting is (or was, by the time this appears) on 3 October—then **7 November** and **5 December**.

Our first visit will be to Abbot Hall in Kendal on **17 October** to see "Spirit in the Mass", a retrospective exhibition of the work of David Bomberg, the first such since the Tate show eighteen years ago. Bomberg, who died in 1957, was enormously influential and is now regarded as one of Britain's most important artists of the twentieth century. This exhibition is one of the finest, if not the finest, I have seen at Abbot Hall (and that's saying something).

We will meet at Abbot Hall at 2.00pm. Members will, as usual, travel by car—sharing wherever possible. I suggest that, rather than waiting for me and clogging up the entrance hall, members who arrive earlier should make their way up to the gallery where I will join them. Please contact me on 01729 824638 or artsandflowers@hotmail.com if anything else is needed.

Frank Gordon

Computing for Beginners: Our first meeting was on 27 September and was very well attended. Charles Newbould gave an illustrated talk, a (gentle) introduction to computers.

The second session (**11 October**) will also take the form of an illustrated talk, this time by Chris Petrie, who will talk about various aspects of operating systems.

Because of the large take-up, on **25 October** there will be 2 sessions: 11.00—12.30pm and 2.00—3.30pm. A smaller group format is needed for members to share "hands-on" experience. Anyone who has registered for the course, but could not attend the first meeting, should note this and pick one of the sessions to attend. It is likely that the afternoon group will be the smaller. Hopefully it will be possible to continue this format for the rest of the 2006-7 session.

Charles Newbould

Cookery: Although our numbers were much depleted, 4 of us had an interesting and enjoyable time sampling "Something for Autumn". On offer were plum torte, damson mousse, plum and frangi pani tart and damson ice cream. There were no disasters to report and each sample was quite delicious to eat. Our next meeting is on Monday **23 October** when the topic will be Ways with Chicken Breasts.

KK

Great Lives: We meet in the Victoria Hall on Tuesday **17 October**. This is a change from our normal time which will revert to Wednesday from November. At 10.30am John Chapman will wrestle with that profound scientist, philosopher, and (many say) futurist, Charles Darwin.

And in what has become established practice, we will survey a less prominent life which we call the "B" side—in this case James Boswell, Dr Johnson's biographer. Curious newcomers welcome. **FP**

Family History: At the first meeting, on 23 September, it was agreed to meet on the **4th Friday of each month** at 10.30am at Victoria Hall. This is a self-help group and we are all relative beginners. It was agreed that we would each try to complete a task before the next meeting and then compare notes. A suggestion

was made that we organise a visit to the Chorley Family History Centre and it was agreed that this would be pursued. The next meeting will be on Friday **27 October**. **Margaret and Michael Cullingworth**

Heraldry: At last I hope our visit to Bradford is to take place on Thursday **19 October**. We will take the 9.30am bus from the market place then the 10.30am train from Skipton, arriving at Bradford Forster Square at 11.08am when David Krause will meet us. Don't forget Bus and Rail cards! November meeting will be on **16 November**. The next Beginners Heraldry will be on **2 November**. **Hilary Baker**

Looking at Old Buildings: Next meeting is in Kendal on Thursday **26 October** when we will be taken on a short tour of the centre of Kendal by a member of the Civic Trust (there is no charge but donations to the Civic Trust will be welcome. Meet at 1.30pm at the Abbot Hall car park (next to the parish church, but *not* the church car park). If you have problems getting there or can offer a lift please ring me on 840609.

Hilary Baker

Singing for Pleasure: The autumn session, held on Wednesdays at the Victoria Hall from 10.30am to 12.00noon, commenced rather quietly as several of us were still on holiday. However, by 20 September there were 17 singers enjoying singing with Sally Wright and sounding really good.

MH

Sunday Lunch: The next lunch will be on Sunday **15 October** at the Copy Nook Hotel, Bolton by Bowland—12.30 for 1.00pm. If you are unable to come, please let Janet know on 825449.

Hilary Baker

Wine Appreciation Group 1—September: Five wines, all of which held individual interest to the palate—but we were asked to try to allocate a cost to each from a list of the prices paid—it proved to be impossible!

The first had a prominent yeasty, yet fruity nose, was almost water white and had a tip of tongue tingle with a pleasant taste—Sicilian Grigio at £3.99. The second white had little nose, a clear gold colour and an unusual flavour, reminiscent of some medicinal concoction, though not unpleasant—Bourgogne Aligoté, 2002 at £7.99.

Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot combined to make a particularly dark and hard-hitting red with high acidity and tannins—SA, Boschendale at £7.99. The next red was strong too—but with more subtlety—Spanish, Pago de los Capenllanes 2004 at £7.99. Finally a red Bourgogne, Hautes Côtes de Beaune, Arande Curée, £7.99, which was lighter in all respects—yet it was eminently drinkable.

GHP

Wine Appreciation Group 2: We had a varied selection from around the world.

Santa Julia Sauvignon Blanc 2005 from Argentina vol 12.5%. A crisp white wine, with flinty and herbaceous notes at £3.95; this wine had a mixed reception. However, the second white at £4.20, Riverview Chardonnay, Pinot Grigion, Hungary, 12.5% was a big disappointment to all.

Next a Douglas Green 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon, South Africa, 14.5%. The bottle said *rich blackberry flavours with hints of nuts, violets and chocolate*. It was free, too awful!

The surprise of the evening was Greatwall 1996, Cabernet Sauvignon, China, 12%. Deep ruby colour, elegant, fruity, mellow bouquet with full-bodied finishing palate: £8. This was very much enjoyed.

TM

The 2006-7 Committee

The following officers were elected at the 2006 AGM:



Janet Stafford
Chairman



Tony Stephens
*Vice-Chairman &
IT Co-ordinator*



Genevieve Moss
Secretary



Shirley Wolfenden
Treasurer

The other committee members are:



Pat Dewey
*Membership
Secretary*



George Pattison
*Press and Publicity
Officer*



James Richardson



Pam Servant
*Editor
Newsletter*



Alison Tyas
*Groups
Co-ordinator*



Gillian Walton
*Minutes
Secretary*



Ray Wolfenden

STOP PRESS

Listening to Music: Next meeting 2.00pm, Monday 16 October, at Ray and Shirley's house: Smithy Croft, Rathmell (01729 840882). Everybody to bring a couple of their chosen recordings—none more than about 15 mins long. **PMS**

Discussion Group: Next meeting Monday 16 October. **FP**

Circle Dancing: First meeting 10.30am, Friday 3 November, in the Victoria Hall.
GW

We now have **238** members (of whom 38 have not yet rejoined for various reasons) including **38** new members.

A total of **81** (34%) are on the internet.

Next month's Thursday meeting

Next month's speaker, on 9 November, will be

Officer Kenneth Beck: “The Fire and Rescue Service”

As usual, coffee from 10.00am in the Victoria Hall for a 10.30am start

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If all is not lost, where is it?

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.