

OUR OLYMPIC HEROES

I was lucky enough to be selected as a Games Maker for the Paralympic Games and was placed in the Event Services Team working in the Olympic Park. The 'job' itself was not difficult and mostly consisted of greeting people, offering help with directions (mainly to toilets and water taps!), scanning tickets and generally being nice to people. It wasn't difficult to be pleasant as everyone I met was polite and friendly and the spectators were happy to chat about their experience of the Paralympics and the Park. It was an amazing experience (helped by wonderful weather) and one I feel very lucky to have been part of.

Kate Helm

I feel very privileged to have been a Games Maker at the Olympics. I was based at Wimbledon and each morning we met on Centre Court to discuss our duties for the day. I spent my time scanning tickets, showing people to their seats, answering endless questions and directing people hither and thither. I think I know the whereabouts of all the toilets from one end of Wimbledon to the other!

The atmosphere was exhilarating: everyone talking to everyone else - volunteers, the military, strangers, even in the streets and on the tubes. Amazing! The icing on the cake was Andy Murray winning the Olympic Gold Medal. (I watched this on TV). Well, there we are. Precious memories which will stay with me for the rest of my life! I still can't believe that I was actually involved. I felt proud to be British.

Sue Bould



Kate models her Games Maker outfit.



NOVEMBER SPEAKER MEETING 'WATERAID' Gary Knamillar

Thursday November 8th
Victoria Hall 10.30am
(Coffee from 10.00am)

GROUP LEADERS LUNCHEON

Monday 5th November
12.00 noon
at ARMISTEAD PLACE
(home of Roy Gillson and Debi Burridge)
An opportunity for discussion over a soup and sandwich lunch.



'SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN' (12)
Austwick Village Hall
Fri 2nd Nov 7.30pm

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NEWSPAPER

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new U3A year from a new chairman. I would like to thank you all for your confidence in electing me at the AGM (in my absence!) and also express my thanks to Debi, who after two very busy and successful years as our chairman, has volunteered to be Vice Chairman. My thanks also go to the other committee members who have agreed to stay in post and offered their support. The committee welcomes two new members, John Parry and Gill Rawlings to its ranks and I would remind everyone that



Chairman Nita Hart

without the committee there would be no U3A in Settle so please consider volunteering to join us next September if not before. I understand that the AGM went well and I can report that the accounts have now been signed off by the auditor. Unfortunately the membership was not asked at the AGM to agree the re-appointment of Chris Wilcox, the auditor of last year's accounts, to act again this year. However, unless the committee receives an objection before the 1st November we will assume that the membership is content with his re-appointment.

I do hope you have all taken the opportunity to consider joining a new group. As a disappointing summer gives way to autumn I think it is wonderful that we have so many talented folk among us who are prepared to lead such a variety of groups to keep us active mentally and physically during the shorter days. I have now joined Great Lives as well as continuing with the Walking and Looking at Old Buildings groups. There have been some niggling teething troubles as groups start up again but most of these have now been sorted out.

I look forward to seeing you at the October Thursday meeting where the speaker's subject is the Band of Hope and the Temperance Movement.

Nita



Here is a little bit of information about John Parry (see above): After qualifying as a chartered accountant John joined the family business. He moved from suburbia to Slaidburn where he had a farm and was involved in various community projects for 30 years before retiring to Giggleswick. He is married to Marian and has three children, all in their fourth decade. (Hopefully, next month we'll feature Gill.)

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION: "Travelling South with Charles Rennie Mackintosh" - Nov 6th in the Castleberg Room. **Kate Helm**

BRIDGE CLUB: This is a new group for beginners and improvers, with tuition from Iain Bridie and support from members of Settle Bridge Club. It meets on Wednesday afternoons at the Victoria Hall from 2pm, starting on 10th October. **Debi Burridge**

GEOLOGY & LANDSCAPE GROUP: Our next session will be on Tuesday 16th October at 14:00 - we will be in the Castleberg Room at Victoria Hall. The intention is that members of the group, who went on our geology excursion to Shropshire earlier in the month, will present an overview of that fair county's long and extremely interesting early geological history. We also need to discuss ideas for this year's programme. **Paul Cochrane**

GREAT LIVES: The next meeting will be on Wed. 17th. Oct. at 10.30, when the subject will be "Fanny and Anthony Trollope". Hope to see you all then. **Jean Imrie**

LADY ANNE CLIFFORD 1590 - 1676

What a formidable woman!

Born in Skipton Castle, Anne was the daughter of George Clifford, Earl of Cumberland and his wife Margaret. Her two brothers died young, leaving her as the only surviving child. The family soon moved to London where she was well educated.

When Anne was 15, her father died and, in breach of the entail, his vast estates stretching from Skipton to Penrith were left to her uncle. Supported by her mother, so began Anne's long struggle for her inheritance.

Both her husbands, Richard Sackville, Earl of Dorset and Philip Herbert, Earl of Pembroke supported her claims though neither were honourable characters and both died before she eventually inherited the estates from her cousin in 1643.

With the Civil War raging, it was not until 1649 and aged nearly 60 that she returned to Skipton and her rundown estates. A dynamic landlord, she treated her tenants firmly but fairly. Her rebuilding works, many inscribed with her initials, AP, included castles at Skipton, Pendragon, Appleby, Brough and Brougham and she still had time for Christian charity. She enjoyed visiting her properties and always travelled with a retinue and a pane of glass for her bedroom window.

This determined lady finally died at Brougham Castle on 22 March 1676 though her memory lives on.

We are indebted to Vanessa Stone for giving substance to "Lady Anne's Way" with solid fact and entertaining anecdotes and also to Ron for producing a large map of Anne's journeys. **John Parry**

HERALDRY: The class on November 1st at 10.30 am will be held over the road at The Friends' Meeting House. **Hilary Baker**

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS: The October meeting of Looking at Old Buildings is on 25th and is to the Midland Hotel in Bradford. It is next to Forster Square Station so can be easily accessed from Settle (10.32 train, changing at Shipley). We will meet at 11.45 at the front entrance of the hotel and will have a guided tour lasting just over an hour. The hotel is then offering us a lunch at £5.00 per head. I need to give numbers to the hotel the week before we go so if you would like to come please let me know (01274 482495)

(kate.helm1@btinternet.com) or let Debi (825922) know by Wednesday 17th October at the very latest. Payment for lunch will be on the day.

As the train back to Settle does not leave until 14.46, there will be time to take the very short walk to the Wool Exchange (now Waterstones) to look inside. If you have never seen this building (as I hadn't until very recently), it is well worth a short visit. **Kate Helm**



Crispin Inn

Fifteen members had a splendid visit to Shibden Hall near Halifax on Thurs 27th September. It hardly rained at all, just a shower at lunchtime! The original hall was built about 1420 by William Otes, a wool merchant. You can see many features of the medieval timber framed manor house. The Saviles were responsible for the beautiful ceiling in the parlour and the Waterhouses extended the Homebody, the heart of the house, to include the magnificent windows.

They were followed by the Listers, who lived at Shibden for 300 years from the early 17th century. Anne Lister, lesbian, diarist and traveller, instigated extensive improvements to the Hall and Estate in the early 19th century, leaving the house much as we see it today.

We were shown an unusual mousetrap, a hidden 15th century wall beam and a hidden painted wall from the 1580s, as well as several wonderfully carved pieces of furniture showing the owner's wealth.

Sadly Anne died, of a fever following a tick bite in Russia, before she could see the Tower she had commissioned, with its impressive panelled library. In the grounds is the Folk Museum housed in the original barn and outbuildings, with displays reflecting a traditional way of life. Also there is The Crispin Inn, a bar room taken from the original which stood near the Parish Church in Halifax, where local Luddites met in the early 19th century. **Debi Burridge**



A Corner of the Herb Garden

CAR PARKING AT THE CRICKET CLUB

Members are reminded that the car parking at the Cricket Club is only for use when car-sharing (e.g. for Tuesday/Thursday walking groups and similar) and for people joining a coach outing organised by the U3A social committee. Please park round to the left on the rougher ground, not in the marked bays. And it would be helpful if people displayed a clearly visible U3A sticker – available free from the Secretary. **Kate Helm**