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Letter from the chair

Hello,

I know the focus of your week will be - **10-12 PM THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST - our COFFEE AND CHAT** session, to enrol and sign up for Groups.

If there is something else going on in your life (and that is allowed!) you can also join on line which you may have done already. In September at the AGM there will be further opportunities to join and sign up. In fact you can do both throughout the year but it would be necessary to check with Group Leaders then whether spaces are available in your chosen Group. Of course you could always start your own 'spin off' Group should you encounter a waiting list - contact Jeanne to discuss.

Do bring a like-minded friend along with you if you can - on 8TH AUGUST - to see if they are interested in what's on offer. It is open house and all are welcome, starting with enrolment at Friends Meeting House and then over the road to Victoria Hall to talk with Group Leaders, sign up and take refreshment.

I hope you feel able to act on your curiosity and maybe sign up for a new-to-you Group. Feel the fear and do it anyway, as the saying goes - at least as far as choosing a Group!

Yet again, it has been in the News (in the News!) that people in their 50s and 60s should maintain stimulating life-styles and socialise, in order to ward off the challenges of ageing. It is important to hear the message again, perhaps. However, we are ahead of the game. I suggest being in U3A reaps such benefits for us on a daily basis and well beyond our 60s. Spread the word!

Finally, nominations for Committee Members need to be with Anne, Secretary before the end of August 2019, please. I do hope to see as many as can be at the AGM on 12th September.. As well as receiving all reports and election of Committee/Officers, we will be hearing a talk by Sarah about her (and Family History Group) research - Stories from the Graveyard*. Amazing and interesting. We are also hoping to have Richard, our Webmaster give us information on using the new Website - equally interesting and amazing, in a different way.

Best wishes,

Jackie

* Book available for sale at Coffee and Chat session.

September Meeting: Thursday 12th September in the Victoria Hall
AGM with further opportunity for **JOINING, RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**
and **SIGNING UP FOR GROUPS** plus **SHORT TALKS** by **SARAH LISTER**
on **STORIES FROM THE GRAVEYARD** and our webmaster **RICHARD HINE**
on using our website



Wednesday 4th Sept 7.45 pm Victoria Hall, Settle
HAPPY AS LAZZARO (12A)
Friday 13th Sept 8 pm Bentham Town Hall
STAN AND OLLIE (PG)

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit for the next newsletter by
FRIDAY 6th Sept 2019 to christine@castlebergh.plus.com Tel: 01729/823975
Copy will be acknowledged by email. Wherever possible, the full account is used but
occasionally it is necessary to edit the piece to fit the printed copy.
The full submissions will be used on the website version.

FROM AND FOR THE GROUPS SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions remain at £15 per person or £29 per couple and members are encouraged to make an additional small donation of up to £5 per person if possible. **Renewals can be made by BACS (Sort Code 40-40-31 Acc No: 21384406), cheque or cash.**

GARDEN VISIT GROUP

A new U3A Group with the aim of visiting gardens open to the public or by private arrangement. The Group will meet initially once a month and the day will depend on when gardens are open.

We will need to share cars and the gardens are likely to be within a 25 mile radius of Settle. Interested U3A members are invited to come to a planning meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 10.30 am in the Castleberg Room at Victoria Hall and share ideas.

Chris Benn 01729 824880

GEOLOGY GROUP

16th July visit to outcrops of Bowland sandstone and shale and Pental Limestone



12 members visited a site called Water Fall Rock on the 25000 series map (SD 851 584) near Little Newton farm, Long Preston. The main exposure is a series of sandstone and shale bands forming part of the Lower Bowland

shales. Nearby was an exposure of Pendleside limestone with a few crinoid fossils but it showed very little bedding even though the sandstone was dipping down at about 25 deg to the north west. On the walk in from Long Preston we viewed the drumlins and moraine that blocked the Ribble valley to form the glacial lake and eventually diverted the Ribble to the west whereas previously it had met the Aire and gone east. Evidence of the sand, pebbles and boulders forming the drumlins could be seen from the river terraces as we crossed the Long Preston Beck and followed the Newton Beck up from the farm. Small boulders of limestone and greywacke were visible in the latter beck indicating the movement of the ice from further up the Ribble valley.

Keith Waterson

BIRDWATCHING GROUP

The Group's September meeting takes us to Nosterfield Nature Reserve, near Masham. This former sand and gravel quarry is now North Yorkshire's premier wetland grassland, home to otters and a wide range of fascinating plants including orchids and Autumn Ladies' Tresses. More than 200 bird species have been recorded at the site, as well as 24 butterfly species and 12 dragonfly species.



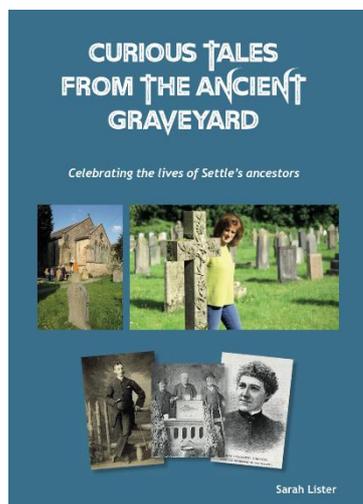
Water levels on the reserve vary enormously, depending on the weather, and cover a range of more than 8 feet. This produces a varied and regularly-changing avifauna, as the resident bird species are joined throughout the year by visitors from elsewhere in Britain and further afield. As a result you never know what you're going to find at Nosterfield. Birds we could see on our visit in September include Stock Dove, Sedge Warbler, Yellow Wagtail, Lesser Whitethroat, and Yellowhammer, as well as several waterbird species. There is also the chance of rarities. Cetti's Warbler, Great White

Egret and Red-footed Falcon visited Nosterfield last September.

For more information about the Birdwatching Group check out the Group's page on the U3A website or contact **Group Leader Les Chandler** on birdwatching@settledistrictu3a.org.

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

It's one of those occasions to blow our own trumpets and celebrate our success!



On June 15th last year our Family History Group volunteers met for the first time, to make plans for recording the inscriptions on the gravestones at Holy Ascension Church. Just over a year later, the group have just about finished all the inscriptions, and

after Sarah Lister decided to research the occupants of the graves, Stories in Stone have just published a book of the 'Curious Tales from the Ancient Graveyard'.

Stories in Stone is a scheme of conservation and community projects in the Ingleborough Area. The scheme was developed by the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership led by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The book gives a fascinating account of life in Settle over the past 2 centuries, with perspectives from all its residents. There are amazing heroes and heroines, but also scandal and tragedy, all combining to paint a rich, diverse picture, never seen before.

We are proud to say that the book will be available to buy at our registration session, and at our AGM and also available through our website. Sarah and the team are also running themed graveyard tours on summer evenings. These are interactive talks about some of the graves and the stories they rest upon. Tickets for the remaining tours can be purchased at U3A registration or at the Folly.

Well done to Sarah and the team.