



Settle District Newsletter

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Our Vice Chair, Ian Gray, reads Chairman Les' mind

With our Chair temporarily incapacitated and unable to share his amusing musings, I recklessly volunteered to undertake the unenviable task of reading the Chandler mind. Despite strenuous straining to receive his vibes from his and Chris's new abode in down-town Settle, my mind was still a blank. Maybe his was too. That would explain it. No. Not Les! Impossible! I needed to get on the same wavelength, so, recalling the Christmas turkey hat worn by his twin brother at our Yuletide shindigs, I donned my own trussed chicken titfer and concentrated hard.

Yes....yes....I was getting something....a multitude of feathered friends....a bridge hand with four aces, one of which looked distinctly home-made....the Reading FC captain holding the FA Cup aloft. This man's a true dreamer! A fantasist! But what of his beloved u3a? Maybe there's an inner recess of the brain reserved for really important stuff. I opened a mental door and peered in. Ooops...maybe not! Who'd have thought it! I've got to keep looking. There must be a spark of inspiration somewhere in here. Where does he store the real McCoy? He's not just a bird-brain. What gems can I mine for his expectant readers?

I'd just about given up when I checked my emails pertaining to our new Walking Cricket group and there it was – a request from Les that I pass on his and Chris's thanks for all the wonderful support they've received over these last few difficult weeks. In his own words – *'We've both been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of everyone. u3a members really are an inspiration.'* I concur. The response to the appeal for volunteer stewards at the St John's vaccination sessions was another heart-warming example. Our community thrives on folk working together and the u3a is a prime example. You've all done very well! Special thanks are due to the Zoomers who have kept the flag flying over the last year. Enjoy a well-deserved restful summer!

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MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Thursday of the month, 10
for 10.30am

Thurs 8 July, by Zoom

William the Conqueror and the Harrying of the North

by Gillian Waters

In 1066 William the Conqueror won the Battle of Hastings, but this was only the beginning of the conquest of England. In 1069

Yorkshire was ravaged by invasions from Scandinavia. Men from Craven joined in rebellion against the Normans. William the Conqueror retaliated viciously, harrying the North, slaughtering livestock and burning seedcorn. Gillian will explore the Norman conquest of Craven, the harrying of the North and the local impact of the conquest.



Next month

Registration and Groups sign up
day - see below

COMMITTEE NEWS

We hope you have enjoyed your free membership of Settle District u3a over the last year and that it has gone some way to help you through very strange times. A big thank you to group leaders who have run sessions for us to enjoy and help us keep in touch. Also, a big thank you for your donations which helped us claim some gift aid back from HMRC. Please consider signing up to gift aid with your subscription this year if you are eligible.

It is now time to remind you that subscriptions are due for 2021-22. The membership form is attached with this newsletter. Alternatively there are paper copies available. We will also be holding the group sign up day on Thursday, 12 August in St John's Hall (more details later) when you will be able to renew and bring along your non-u3a friends to sign up! Let's make our 20th anniversary year a record breaker! **Chris Chandler**
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WALKING GROUP

Our first walk after the easing of restrictions took place locally to avoid travelling far. From Settle Rugby Club six of us took the path out of Upper Settle across the fields and along Lambert's Lane. Crossing the Airton road we went over to Attermire Scar where we climbed up to the top of Warrendale Knotts by a less well used route. The views were rather hazy and it was a bit cool and breezy so we went off the summit past Victoria Cave to the road down to Winskill farms. After examining the geotrail board by the cattle grid we took the road down to Lower Winskill farm and on down into Stainforth. The wild flowers were just appearing so not prolific in the fields. After crossing the stepping stones in Stainforth Beck we made our way past the Hoffman Kiln to Langcliffe and back to Settle where we had tea and cake in the leaders' garden. 8.5 miles.

Keith and Sally Waterson



FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Thanks to Les and Chris Chandler for hosting our meetings this year. This month, the last of our year, Malcolm Bland reminded us of the importance of 'The Milk Maid's Three Legged Stool', that we need to have at least three original pieces of information to ensure accurate 'facts'. Then Eileen Bamford shared stories about the lives of her ancestors who moved to foreign parts. John and William Rowe were convicts who sailed on the First Fleet into Sydney Cove in 1788. Also a cousin Karl Fishcer who sailed to America in 1939 to train animals for the Tarzan films and went on to be a world famous wild animal trainer, living in South Africa and Berlin. Finally Sarah Lister gave us an update on the Graveyard Project and the Graveyard Tours she is planning with the church for the Summer holidays. **Eileen Bamford** mrsbamford@aol.com

GEOLOGY GROUP

For our first field trip for over a year we went to the Sedgwick Trail by the Clough River just east of Sedbergh. Fourteen of us followed the trail which crosses the Dent Fault. To the west are the older Silurian fine-grained mudstones of the Howgills and to the east are the classic Carboniferous limestone rocks of the Dales. The fault is not a distinct line but a zone of fragmented and disturbed rock. The limestone layers are separated by layers of shale formed as the level of the sea fluctuated and more silt was drained off the land mass to the north. All the layers have been folded and tilted as a result of the pressure during the period of faulting which was about 300 million years ago. The trail is named after Adam Sedgwick who was born and raised in Dent, educated by his father, the vicar at Dent, then at Sedbergh School and became Professor of Geology at Cambridge University where there is a museum named after him.

Keith Waterson



WALKING CRICKET

The inaugural Settle and District u3a Walking Cricket event took place on June 7th, when a motley crew of intrepid members of the Sport Appreciation Group took to the greensward of Settle CC to hone their long-neglected skills. After a two-hour work-out, we felt supremely confident to indulge in an actual game the following Monday, using equipment generously loaned by SCC Chairman Andy Davidson. A keenly-fought, though ever jocular struggle ensued with the winning boundary being scored with a classic off-drive from the last ball of the match by none other than a former sdu3a chair. Three more games are scheduled for July, when we must again remember to 'Walk, don't run!'

(Quiz Question: Who had a hit with an instrumental single of that title in 1960? There are two acceptable answers)

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GREAT LIVES

Sadly the planned June meeting as a group did not happen due to the deferred lifting of Covid restrictions so the talk by Keith Bradshaw on Ernest Rutherford will now take place on 15th September, the start of the new season, restrictions permitting.

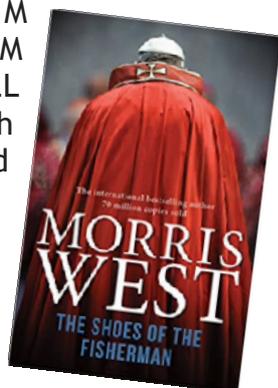
There are still opportunities for speakers to fill in gaps in our programme for next year and there are many famous people who achieved great things, for example during the 20th century, who have not been offered as subjects to the group. We have yet to hear about any US president after FDR and any British PM after Churchill, to say nothing of world changers such as Nelson Mandela. If you are looking for inspiring subjects and are new to the group, please contact either John Parry on jamatcv@gmail.com or myself. New members are always welcome. **John Jebson**



BOOK GROUP

SHUGGIE BAIN by D Stuart (2020 Booker Prize Winner) in June, promoted a diverse discussion of a deeply moving and compassionate story about a family's life in 1980's Glasgow. Perhaps a book in style and content that stays with you? For the months ahead we have THE SHOES OF THE FISHERMAN by M West, HOUSEKEEPING by M Robinson and THINGS FALL APART by C Achebe, which takes us through to and including September.

Do contact me if you would like to join the group or read alongside at any time. Jackie Allott 1jab2jal@gmail.com



U3A ANIVERSARY QUILT

A call out to all our arty crafty members! To celebrate the National u3a's 40th anniversary in 2022, they are launching an

Anniversary Quilt competition on the theme of Positive Ageing. Any u3a members or groups can enter. Forty squares will be chosen from the entries to complete the final quilt. Entries must be received between 14 August and 15 November 2021. For more information go to [Entry Instructions and Competition Rules](#). If you do not have access to the internet and would like to know the details please ask a member of the committee.



PUZZLE PAGE

Ian's quiz this month is **Numbers**

1. How many perimeter bits are there in a regular 40 x 25 piece jigsaw?
2. How many feet high is the Shard (to nearest 100 feet)?
3. In which decade occurred the Oklahoma Dustbowl?
4. What is the value of an angle in an equilateral triangle?
5. How many non-contiguous states are there in the USA?
6. How many EU countries are in the Eurozone?
7. How many current countries start with the letter Y?
8. What is 1968 in Roman numerals?
9. How many patellae are there in a rugby league team?
10. What is the Fahrenheit equivalent of 40 degrees Centigrade?

Answers to last month's quiz, **Ian's 'Find the Words'**

1. fast, 2. tack, 3. pig, 4. miss, 5. pad, 6. service, 7. wags, 8. twist, 9. mint, 10. mace, 11. grip, 12. fair, 13. bolt, 14. green, 15. score, 16. suit, 17. frog, 18. entrance, 19. jug, 20. palm.

11. How is 4 expressed in binary?
12. What is the apt shirt number of England's Test cricket captain?
13. How many different Tory PMs have governed since 1946?
14. Sum the numbers of the 2 Revolutions on the Beatles' White Album?
15. The answer to the ultimate question of Life, the Universe and Everything?
16. How many new pence are there in a third of an old guinea?
17. Which date is the title of Stephen King's 2011 time-travel novel?
18. How many billion people are there on earth (to the nearest billion)?
19. How many shades of grey are there in E L James's book title?
20. What is the number on a bottle of Eau de Cologne?

Thanks for the items for the newsletter. The deadline for the next edition, **150 words max**, is Mon 2 August, to sdu3a.newsletter@gmail.com We may edit articles.