

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