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GRAY MATTERS

Happy October! I begin my tenure as Chair of Settle District u3a with some trepidation after the excellent work done by Les Chandler over the last two years but am heartened by the fact that several committee members are still in post to keep me on the straight and narrow. We all extend a warm welcome to new committee member, Chris Barnes and, without wishing to sound vampiric, are always on the lookout for fresh blood. An immediate concern is the need for a Vice Chair. This is not as painful as it looks. I survived a year unscathed. By the way, are you aware that a vampire is a small spring trapdoor used for sudden disappearances on stage? Not many people know that. I wonder if Victoria Hall has one. I'd better warn John Jebson before we perform our Old Codgers sketch in the Christmas shindig. Now that we're getting back to a semblance of normality with group meetings, I'd like to wish everyone a great 'academic' year and, above all, make sure you have fun. That's what we're here for!

I know only a relatively small number of you from Spanish, Sport Appreciation, Walking, Great Lives, National u3a Day and other non-u3a activities but I hope to remedy that by popping in to as many group sessions as possible in my term of office and look forward to seeing you out in force for the October 14th talk on Admiral Sir John Franklin's Expedition in search of the North West Passage. I'm sure Harold Hoggarth will shed far more light than BBC's dark 'North Water'.

Keep smiling!

Ian, *sdu3a.chair@gmail.com*

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MONTHLY MEETING

2nd Thursday of the month, usually 10 for 10.30am

Thursday 14th October
at St John's and by Zoom

In Search of the North West Passage, Admiral Sir John Franklin's Expedition
by Harold Hoggarth
The Zoom link will be sent to members in due course

Next Month
Thursday 11 November
at St John's and by Zoom

We are sorry that the scheduled talk has been cancelled and a replacement is being arranged, together with a welcome for new members — details to follow in next month's newsletter.