

Outings Group

KIRKBY LONSDALE, 'WHOOOP HALL' & LEIGHTON HALL THURSDAY, 19TH JUNE, 2008



Kirkby Lonsdale is a quaint little town, just a few miles from the M6, with a market place and quality small shops. There are many places for you to buy your morning coffee. Just a short walk from the Market Square is the lovely River Lune with very attractive walks along the river bank, wonderful on a fine sunny day.

For lunch today we shall visit The Whoop Hall Hotel, just outside Kirkby Lonsdale. Whoop Hall has an excellent restaurant and you may choose from 3 starters and 3 main courses - which will have to be pre-booked.

Suitably fed and watered we shall travel a few miles to Leighton Hall, where our first view will be a breathtaking panorama of Lakeland hills. The Hall nestles in front of this view with its grey limestone walls contrasting beautifully with the luxurious green of its extensive grounds. It is the home of the Gillow Reynolds family and is a much lived in home, housing many unusual pieces of Gillow furniture. The Hall is brought to life by the interesting and enthusiastic guides. There are extensive walks, a walled garden and ornamental vegetable plot and charming tea rooms. Also - a collection of 'Birds of Prey'.

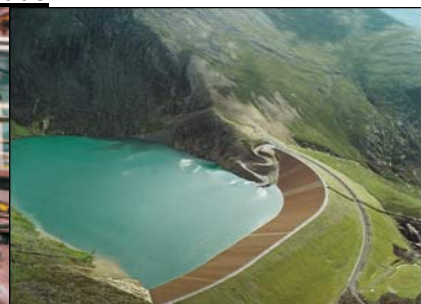
We shall leave - Rose Hill	8.30am
Regent Cinema	8.35am
Marple Bridge	8.45am
Northumberland Arms	8.50am
Romiley Arms	9.00am

The cost of £ 29.00 includes:- Coach and driver's gratuity, 2 course lunch at Whoop Hall and Tour of Leighton Hall

Booking will commence at the March Meeting

Ann & Tony Matthews

LLANBERIS - 'THE ELECTRIC MOUNTAIN' - DINORWIG POWER STATION WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY, 2008



We hope today will be an exciting and fascinating experience. We are off to Llanberis to tour "The Electric Mountain". The official introduction states 'Nature is the most powerful force in the world. Its potency knows no bounds; its strength is beyond measure. The elements of nature can be harnessed and used for our common good. At

Dinorwig Power Station - the Electric Mountain, close to Snowdonia National Park - water, gravity and man's ingenuity work together to produce electricity'.

An expedition coach will transport us to the power station itself. 'Descending deep inside the ancient Elidir mountain's labyrinth of dark and imposing tunnels, you will experience one of man's greatest engineering achievements'.

At the Visitor Centre there is a restaurant serving light meals - soup, jackets, sandwiches etc, but, if busy, seating could be limited. There is a small cafe at the Slate museum and probably some places in the village. If you want to do other things in Llanberis, and make the most of your time there, we suggest you bring a picnic. There are places by the lake - or picnic on the train!

There is a Lakeside Railway which runs every ½ hour and costs £6.50. It takes 1 hour 10 minutes and there are lovely views across the lake. There is also the Slate Museum which is free and shows the history of the Welsh Slate Mining Industry. Both of these attractions are just 5 minutes walk from the Centre. The village is close by and there are many nice walks.

We gather for our tour at 2.15pm at the Visitor Centre where there is also an extensive Gift Shop selling excellent gift ideas, souvenirs and a range of quality outdoor clothing.

We shall leave:	Rose Hill	7.45am
	Regent Cinema	7.50am
	Marple Bridge	8.00am
	Northumberland Arms	8.05am
	Romiley Arms	8.15am

Cost £25.00 includes coach, driver's gratuity, morning coffee and a tour of the 'Electric Mountain'

Booking will commence at the April Meeting

Ann & Tony Matthews

Outing News – Visit to Liverpool on 21st February

Twenty Romiley members joined Marple Bridge and Mellor U3A for a day trip to Liverpool.

First stop was the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, the Mother Church of the Catholics of Northern England (known locally as 'Paddy's Wigwam'). A welcome coffee stop prior to a short guided tour and time to browse.

Built between 1962 - 1967, the most striking feature is the Lantern Tower containing the world's largest stained glass windows. This great structure stands high above the Sanctuary, making the High Altar the architectural focal point to which the whole building is related. Around the nave are several side chapels, beautiful carved Stations of the Cross, made by a local artist, and a fabulous hand woven tapestry which took 6 years to complete.

We then travelled the short distance to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, the UK's largest Cathedral with the highest and widest Gothic arches. After a very enjoyable 'Liverpool Scouse' lunch we had an informative tour given by a guide with a wonderful sense of humour. Many questions were asked and, after 20 years guiding, he was able to answer all in great depth.

Time to wander; everyone marvelled at the Cathedral's beautiful, traditional architecture, very different from the Metropolitan. It stands as a tribute to the designer, Giles Gilbert Scott, who won the commission at the age of 22. It is built mainly of sandstone quarried in Woolton, a suburb of Liverpool. It was started in 1904 and finally consecrated in 1978.

Last stop was St George's Hall. Following a £23m restoration it is now fully restored to its original glory with a new Heritage Centre. Several members also visited the nearby Walker Art Gallery and Museum before departing for home at 4.30pm

Many thanks to Chris, our driver, who did a great job and to Ann and Tony for a full and thoroughly enjoyable day.

Kath Bradley

HOLIDAYS GROUP



The holiday group hopes to go to three exciting places each year with the emphasis on destinations not quite as accessible as the ordinary run of the mill resorts which can be accessed by most travel agents.

This year's outings are to Jordan and Egypt (March), Scandinavian Cruise (June) and Sicily and Aeolian Islands (Sept). All these are fully booked but there is a waiting list available. Our trips for this year are fully booked up but I am now taking reservations for our trip to northern Cyprus on 14th March next year, with what seems to be an interesting excursion programme. **You can get details from Fred Ogden**

WALKING GROUP

The walking group is open to all members of Marple Bridge and Mellor, Marple and Romiley U3As. You are welcome to come regularly or just occasionally. The grading is for guidance only as it is very difficult to assess. We don't live in flat country! The walk leader can advise on the exact nature of the walk if you have any doubts about your ability.

Very easy -- more or less flat, good surface, not too many stiles

Easy -- small sections of hill, not too rough, limited stiles

Medium – Typical of local terrain

For all walks meet in Brabyns Park car park (in Brabyns Park **not** the car park on Brabyns Brow) for car sharing and **prompt departure** at 9.45a.m. Some walks may use buses so, please, carry your travel pass in case! Car passengers are asked to contribute about **7p per mile** towards the cost of petrol. Please wear walking boots or strong shoes and carry waterproofs. You are advised to bring some refreshments for the walks, even short walks if they are at a distance. There may be a café or pub stop on some walks. The walk may differ from the one advertised if, for example, the weather is inclement or the leader has to be changed. Please don't bring dogs; they can cause problems! Again, if you have questions about any particular walk, please contact the walk leader (or me).

April and May Walks 2008

Weds 2 April 4 miles Padfield Easy
Agnes Barlow
Tues. 8 April 4 miles Castleton Easy
Margaret Hogg
Weds. 16 April 5 miles Rowarth Med
Liz Dyckhoff
Tues. 22 April 5 miles Alderley Edge Med
Pam Bluhm
Weds 30 April 4 miles
Taxal Easy
Irene Riley

Weds. 7 May. 7 miles Chapel Med
Sheila Stafford
Weds. 13 May 6 miles Rainow Med
Doreen Scotte
Weds. 21 May 4 miles High Lane Very easy
Carole McConnell
Tues. 27 May 5 miles Whaley Bridge Med
Agnes Barlow

Carole McConnell, Walking Group Leader



MATINEE CLUB

Booking now for.....

Lip Service – '**Jane Bond**' on Saturday May 10th. at the Library Theatre

' **If I were you**' by Alan Ayckbourn on Thursday 19th. June at the Library Theatre

Future visits.....

July – to be announced

September - Theatre in the Lakes - for a production of " Lady in the Van' by Alan Bennett

For more details and to book for the above, contact Sue Humphris or Jean Howells.



Crown Green Bowling

After Easter the Crown Green Bowling returns to its summer venue at Marple Community Green (near to the Library).

All standards of bowling are welcome.

FLAT shoes essential. Very friendly group

We start around 10 am until about 11 30 each Monday. .

Barbara Sharpe



DINING CLUB



We started off the new year with our first lunch date at The Dome in Buxton. I am delighted to say the event was fully booked. Our next event has been arranged by Jane Rhodes and Mike Bowden who have made an evening booking for us at –

The Rock Tavern, Glossop Road

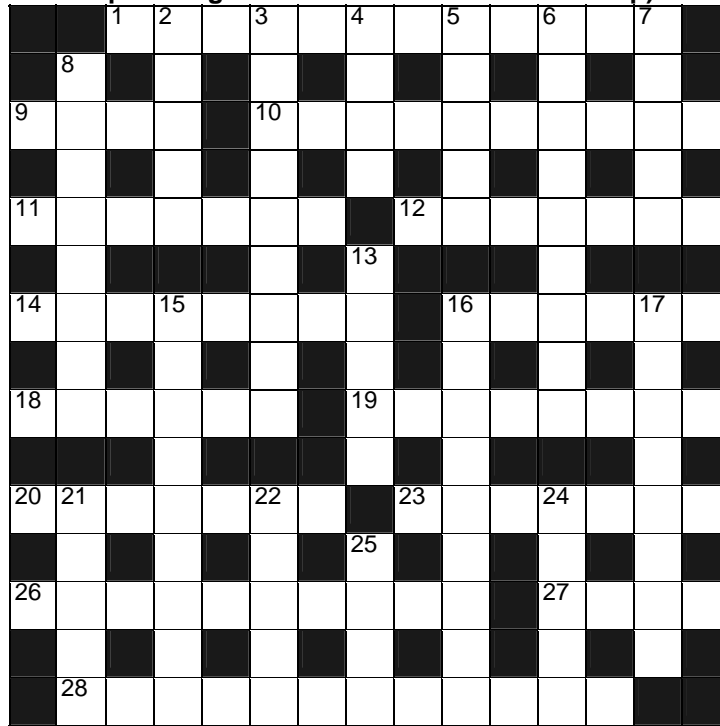
Thursday 24th April - 7 for 7.30

Sue and Mike Humphris are arranging a lunch for us on 22nd May at the Miners Arms, Adlington.

We think the new format which has enabled us to meet the members' wishes for lunches to be included will work well. We are looking forward to being with you all again and to the lunches and evening meals in our programme for 2008.

Eileen Crowder - Organiser.

Crossword (compiled by the Marple Bridge & Mellor U3A Crossword Group)



Clues across

- 1 Frank (fiend, OK?) smashed cutlery (5, 3, 4)
- 9 Return part of the former Czechoslovakia (4)
- 10 Change enamel bolt to gold or silver, for example (5,5)
- 11 Red one flutters over Russian fleet? (7)
- 12 Drunken crew lad moved very slowly (7)
- 14 Struck camp. Diet awful! (8)
- 16 Nursery created cheer with first of children (6)
- 18 Any clue is daft in crosswords initially – sharpness is needed for the solution (6)
- 19 Look rather like inside of umpire's emblem (8)
- 20 Vessel holding ashes put inside mug in incinerator (7)
- 23 McBeal's altered stills (7)
- 26 One waiting in station after six for arrival of supernatural being (10)
- 27 Start getting over recently escaped blood (4)
- 28 Rob got letter about man who had travelled round the world (5-7)

Clues down

- 2 Omani characters revered mother-in-law (5)
 - 3 Rumbling, I can't fast – amazing! (9)
 - 4 A mob attacked the raised pulpit (4)
 - 5 Dreamer? Not me! Very dull! (5)
 - 6 Defeat utterly – finished with steering gear (9)
 - 7 Sovereign visits part of church, the scoundrel! (5)
 - 8 Don made concoction of acid and mace (8)
 - 13 Love hiding in Ecuadorean rain forest (5)
 - 15 Somewhat slow and developing nation (9)
 - 16 Maybe aunts chew this (6,3)
 - 17 Seen on authentic gold and silver in Southall market (8)
 - 21 Gnu is exercising (5)
 - 22 Drive away dreadful aches (5)
 - 24 Quarrel in particular guest's presence (5)
 - 25 Landing stage is ripe for renovation (4)
- (Solution on page 6)*

Group Leader Geoff Heath

MEETINGS Unless otherwise notified, the ordinary monthly meetings are held in St Paul's Church Hall, Compstall on the third Tuesday of each month at 10.00 am (for coffee and socialising). To enable members to use the bus service, the business of the meeting will start at 10.20am and will finish at 11.50am

Helpers are always needed as welcomers, refreshment rota, committee members, screen erection etc. Please let the person on the information desk know if you are able to help.

- Please remember to bring and buy books at the monthly meetings.
- Please don't park near the war memorial.
- When attending a meeting please have your entrance fee ready (£1) preferably in the exact money.
- You are advised to carry your membership card with you, as you may be asked to show them at U3A group meetings and other events.



Future Speakers

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| 15 April | Janet Bradshaw | 'My Nine Lives' |
| 20 May | Group/Members meeting | |
| 17 June | Barbara Frost | 'A Personal View of Howard Spring' |

PLEASE LET US KNOW.....

If you know any of our members who are ill or bereaved, we would be glad to hear about them so that we could send them a card with the best wishes of all the group.

Please inform Ann Prophet.

Suggestion from Diana

We have our groups which have rightly been described as the heart of the U3A. They are a great opportunity to meet like minded people to share thoughts and ideas on interesting topics and to take part in interesting and worthwhile activities.

While I love going on trips and outings, there are sometimes occasions when it would be good to do something more spontaneous. If I have a free half day and would like to visit a country house or an art gallery, company would be great. I enjoy the walks but am not always available when they are arranged. Sometimes I would welcome someone to come with me at another time. Does the same thing apply to concerts, theatre visits, trips to gardens, historic sites etc. etc. ?

Would anyone else welcome this and is it feasible to organise some lists of interested members? They could be rung individually according to interest for last minute visits.

This is not suggested as an alternative to the current events that are organised but as an addition. Maybe "The spontaneous events group" or even "Last minute-do come"!!!!

I would be willing to start this off to see how it progresses.

We would need to consider the organisation carefully, but initially I would be glad to hear from anyone who thinks it is worth exploring.

Please contact me or put your name on the list.

Diana Williams

Any comments and suggestions are welcome.

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Any stories, articles or photographs of interest to members are welcomed.

Closing date: 14th May.

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Crossword Solution

Across: 1 Knife and fork; 9 Echo; 10 Noble metal; 11 Admiral; 12 Crawled; 14 Impacted; 16 Creche; 18 Acidic; 19 Resemble; 20 Furnace; 23 Becalms; 26 Visitation; 27 Gore; 28 Globe-trotter.

Down: 2 Naomi; 3 Fantastic; 4 Ambo; 5 Drear; 6 Overwhelm; 7 Knave; 8 Academic; 13 Adore; 15 Andantino; 16 Cashew nut; 17 Hallmark; 21 Using; 22 Chase; 24 Argue; 25 Pier.