



## **Skelmersdale U3A May Newsletter 2019**

**Hi Everyone, and welcome to our latest newsletter.**

**Local History Group News.**



**At April's Meeting the speaker Cledyn Thomas gave a fascinating talk and a totally new view of Liverpool. Did you know the M&S building was once a Hotel and across the road there was a Church which acted as the Cathedral before the Anglican one was built?**



**Being such a small group, we could put our 'four pen'th' in.**

**There are no meetings in April and May because of clashes with Easter and a Bank holiday. The June meeting is the trip to Furness and Holker Hall. DR**



### **Bon Marche Building.**

**Sally was overjoyed to see the sign 'Kirk' on the shop next door. In 1798 the Kirk family of Hull established a branch in Liverpool. Mr Kirk died in 1890 and Henry Wainwright bought the business from the executors, together with the goodwill, stock and establishment date of 1798. The Wainwright family later acquired Boodle and Dunthorne's, which is now the world-famous jewellers 'Boodles'. Mr Kirk was Sally's 4xgreat uncle. MSD**

## Walking Group News



**Thursday 11th April**

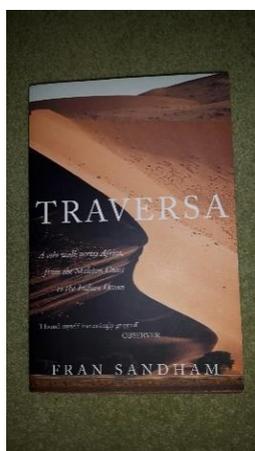
**Today's walk was in Maghull walking into Melling. Weather was good sunny but a chilly wind. 14 of us today for a lovely spring walk, saw lots of beautiful flowers along the way. Then of course an enjoyable lunch at The great Mogul pub. Thank You Alice and Norma. CS**



## Report on Skelmersdale U3A Meeting 18.04.10

The alterations are in full progress; brickies busy plying their trade outside. Sounds from the basement suggest that progress is also being made there. Chairman David briefly reported on a meeting held in the Centre on Tuesday, at which the programme of work had been discussed, Although it is hoped that the work will be completed by 31 August, this is unlikely to be achieved as that extent of the work that can be undertaken within the budget of the Lottery Grant is uncertain. Unforeseen events have arisen.

The consequence of this for U3A is that we must be flexible and be prepared to use different spaces for our various activities to continue, possibly partitioning parts of the main hall when the lift works occur.



Our speaker today was Fran Sandham. Despite a modest attendance of some 22 members, all enjoyed a well presented and clearly delivered account of a solo 3000 mile walk across Africa from the Atlantic Skeleton Coast of Namibia, through Zambia, Malawi, ending near Dar es Salaam in the Indian Ocean coast of Tanzania.

The first time on record anyone has crossed Africa on foot by this route. He condensed a walk that took a year into 50 minutes by focussing on highlights such as the Victoria Falls and Lake Malawi.

His difficulties with a disastrous donkey, the help and friendliness of the local people, the lack of bandits and man-eating lions and assault by a bus passenger all featured. All this using a Michelin map with a scale of 40 kms to 1 cm.

He walked 1 cm. on the map, some 26 miles on most days. Inevitably he lost weight. Some members bought copies of his 'Traversa: a solo walk across Africa'.

For further details please visit [www.traversa.co.uk](http://www.traversa.co.uk)

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## Gardening Group News



Lunch at Sooty's Garden Centre in Tarleton was enjoyed by ten members.

# News from the Trust

## A Spotlight on U3A Volunteers

Volunteering across the U3A Movement comes in all shapes and sizes, from committee members and group leaders, to those who put out chairs, bake cakes or make the tea!

The Trust wants to use Volunteers' Week (1st to 7th June) to profile the unsung heroes in your U3A. If you have someone whose contribution you would like to recognise - we would love to hear from you.

Volunteering Officer, Eleanor Hazlewood said, "On each day of Volunteers' Week we will showcase the difference that individual volunteers make. These stories will be profiled on social media. If you would like to sing a volunteer's praises, please send in a short paragraph about the individual and what they do to: [Eleanor.hazlewood@u3a.org.uk](mailto:Eleanor.hazlewood@u3a.org.uk)

Lin has catered for our hunger and thirst at Coffee Afternoons and General Meetings for the past year and is retiring so we are seeking a volunteer to carry on the good work.

The job involves buying tea, coffee, biscuits and milk for the events mentioned. If you are interested please contact a member of the Committee.

Thanks Lin

**JUNE Calendar - Due to building work at the Ecumenical Centre, highlighted events are subject to change.**

## **May**

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch**

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Bowls 2-4pm @ Ec. Centre**

## **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday**

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Singing for Fun 2-4pm @ Ec. Centre**

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Table Tennis / Darts 2-4 @ Ec. Centre**

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Local History**

## **June**

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Whist 10-12 @ Brierfield**

**Coffee Afternoon 2-4 @ Ec. Centre**

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Gardening**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Bowls Cancelled**

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Book Club 10.30 @ Pimbo Café**

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting**

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Singing for Fun 2-4 @ Ec. Centre**

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Table Tennis and Darts Cancelled**

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Walk**

## **Sun 16<sup>th</sup> FATHERS DAY**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Whist 10-12 @ Brierfield**

**Coffee Afternoon 2-4 pm @ Ec. Centre**

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting [Pat Ireland]**

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Bowls Cancelled**

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lunch**

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Singing for Fun 2-4 @ Ec. Centre**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Table Tennis and darts Cancelled**

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Local History Trip**

**Furness Abbey and Holker Hall and Gardens**