

Scrabble Group

March Report by Celia Chapple

A game of Scrabble proved to be just the thing for 7 of us on a cold and rainy March day. We sat in Phil and Judith's conservatory which has good light and a view of the hills surrounding Cotherstone. We had two rounds of games with refreshments half way through. The highest score of the day was 228.

A strange word came up: *funker*. One Scrabble dictionary states that it is 'music with a strong rhythm', perhaps more familiar to us as 'funky music'. On the website, *Wiktionary*, its meaning is given as 'one who funks, or backs out of something due to cowardice'.

Apparently (although I cannot corroborate this), D H Lawrence, in *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, writes:

"You say a man's got no brain, when he's a fool: and no heart, when he's mean; and no stomach, when he's a funker. And when he's got none of that spunky wild bit of a man in him, you say he's got no balls."

The group usually meets on 2nd Monday of the month at 2.00pm; however, due to Easter Monday falling on our usual Scrabble day, the next game will be held on Monday 20 April at 2.00 p.m. at Lilian's house in Cotherstone. If you are interested in joining the group, please phone Lilian on 01833 650628.