

<p>February 2023</p>	<p>HEATONS AND REDDISH U3A NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>u3a Heatons & Reddish Registered Charity No: 1037772</p>
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CHAIR'S REPORT

Well, here we are - new newsletter, new chair, new vice-chair and, new members of the committee. Just like a spring clean!

I must thank retiring chair Bernice for leading the committee during a difficult few years. Our u3a is now on a firm footing with many old members returning after Covid-19 and new people joining us. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, Clare would love to hear from you.

We are all looking forward to a great year for our u3a with new groups already starting up - have you thought about joining line-dancing which Bernice tells me is great fun and involves a lot of laughter. Or how about beginners Spanish? Or bridge? There is even a possibility of a Hawaiian dancing group, so get your grass skirts ready.

We want to attract new members and offer an even broader variety of groups. So, if you have an idea for something new, please speak to Groups Coordinator Jill at the next coffee morning on **Monday 20 February**. The meeting starts at 10 with coffee, 10.45 announcements and a round-up of activities and there is usually a speaker at 11. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, bring them along.

After I took over from Bernice officially, I said I hoped we would all continue to be a friendly, kind bunch of people who most of all have FUN. Often a way to settle in is to help out. You don't have to run a group but you might offer to help with coffee, put out tables and chairs (and put them away again) and so on. Remember, we are all volunteers and you will almost certainly make new friends.

So it's onwards and upwards for our u3a - make sure you are a part of it.

Cheers Judy, Chair

FROM THE EDITOR - HAPPY BELATED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL. I hope it is a good one - to be honest it hasn't got a lot to beat if the past three years are anything to go by!

The next Newsletter (April) will be issued on Friday 31st March. If you have anything you wish me to include in the newsletter then please e-mail me at the latest by Wednesday 29th March. Thank you. Mary

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Meet the Committee



**Judy
Chair**



**Jude
Vice Chair**



**Colin
Treasurer**



**Theresa
Secretary**



**Clair
Membership Secretary**



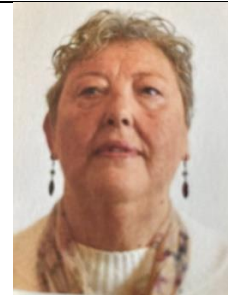
**Jill
Groups Co-Ordinator**



**Carolyn
Facebook Co-Ordinator**



**Barbara
Co-opted (minutes)**



**Mary
Newsletter Editor**



**Jenny
Committee Member**



**Sue
Committee Member**



**Virginia
Committee Member**

Don't forget



**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RENEWED YOUR
MEMBERSHIP YOU NEED TO DO IT**

NOW

**PLEASE CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
THANK YOU**

ANNUAL LUNCH

**We are arranging an Annual Lunch/or similar
for later this year.**

**Please watch this space, there will also be
an announcement made at the
Coffee Morning
in February (20th).**



Looking At Art



Thursday 9th
February

Letting the Light In

Clyde



The monthly Coffee Morning takes place on the third Monday of each month.

Please note – entry from 10.00 am. Meeting with announcements etc, starts at 10.45 am. Speaker starts at 11.00 a.m. Meeting ends approx. 12.00 noon.

February 20th	Happy Scrabble (and a bit of Countdown if you like!)	
March	TBA	
April 17th	High Peak Dambusters	Frank



Tea & Chat Meetings



Tea & Chat continues on the 3rd Thursday of each month - 2.00-4.00pm at Moor Tea.

Please come and join in, there is a nice selection of teas/coffees and, of course, Cakes!

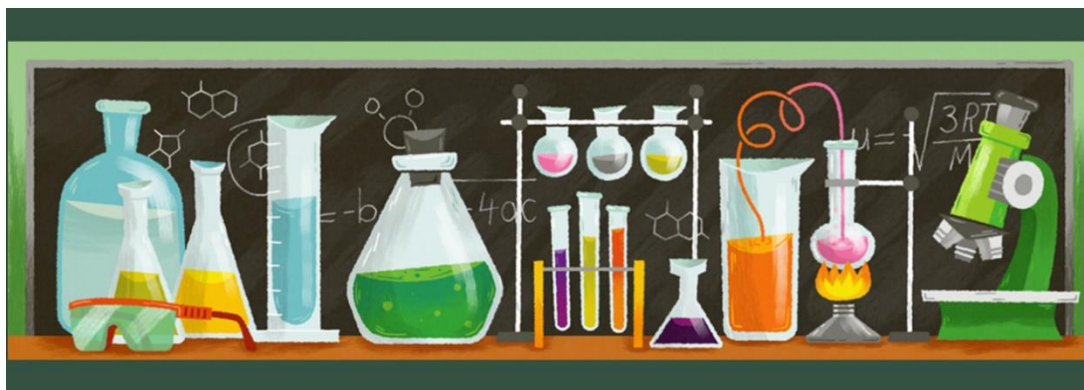


Music Appreciation

The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd February at 10am in the United Church

Michael is presenting a Cornucopia of Melodies

Science Group



FEBRUARY 27TH	Norman Barlaug & The Green Revolution	Anne
MARCH 27TH	Fun Garden Experiments for the Family	Lesley
APRIL 24TH	Dental Radiography	Anne
MAY 22ND	Jodrell Bank	TRIP OUT
JUNE 26TH	The Rosetta Stone	John



***We meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 2pm in
the Heatons United Church.***

<i>27th February</i>	<i>The Enlightenment Period – covering mainly the 1700s</i>	<i>Bernice</i>
<i>27th March</i>	<i>The Agricultural Revolution starting with the 1700s</i>	<i>Eamonn</i>
<i>24th April</i>	<i>The Canal System of the Industrial Revolution of the 1700s</i>	<i>Marion</i>
<i>22nd May</i>	<i>The French Revolution (Part Un)</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>26th June</i>	<i>The French Revolution (Part Deux)</i>	<i>Mary</i>



Español



From: Jenny and Virginia

We are setting up a new Spanish group for 'beginners' which will introduce basic conversational Spanish over 10 sessions of about 45 minutes. We propose to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at about 3.15. The starting date is still to be finalised.

If you are interested and haven't already put your name down at the Coffee Morning, please contact either of us.

Meanwhile the Spanish conversation workshop is going strong. There are currently 11 members of the group with varying levels of Spanish. We decide on a topic in advance so that participants can prepare by looking up vocabulary and thinking of what they would like to say. Topics have included introductions; home; travel; family; numbers; directions; food and drink. Before Christmas we put our Spanish into practice with tapas at La Cantina in Heaton Moor.

ARCHITECTURAL GROUP PROGRAMME 2023

The History of Western Architecture

February, Monday 13th – According to Clyde this is going to be on 'Material Girl'!!!!

March, Monday 13th – Back to the beginning. Eighteenth-century Classicism. Rome to Bath without leaving your chair, or even visiting Glasgow.

April, Monday 10th- It's Easter, and my birthday. So, no session.

May, Monday 8th The 19th Century. Napoleon and the rational tradition. A lot of Paris and a bit of London.

June, Monday 12th The Quiz or is it just a chance to reflect.

Note- The Group leader reserves the right to change almost all of the programme, but will try not to. Full itineraries for days out will be available later in the year.



MIDDLERS WALKING GROUP



We will meet at the United Church in Heaton Moor at 9.30 where we shall arrange car sharing to the start of the walk. Passengers will make a contribution towards the cost of the driver's petrol at the current rate of 10p per mile. The walks will be 4-5 miles in length, occasionally slightly more, and will not be too demanding. Sturdy footwear should be worn and you should bring a picnic lunch.

If you need any further general information, please contact Moyra Mitchell or, for specific information on the walk, the individual leaders shown below.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Location</u>
21 February	Anne	River Goyt and Woodbank park
21 March	Jill	TBA
18 April	Margaret	Northwich Flashes
16 May	Sally	TBA
20 June	Tony	TBA
18 July	Eamonn	TBA
15 August	Moyra	New Mills
19 September	Lesley	TBA
17 October	Margaret	Lyme Park and Disley
21 November	Moyra	Christmas walk and meal

There are some extra walks planned starting in Spring 2023. These will be more strenuous and longer in length at 6-7 miles and will take place on the 1st of the month. More details will be given later.



This group is very well attended and we are learning new dances each time.

Do come and join us – its very good exercise. Classes are held on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at St. Paul's Church Hall 2.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Don't forget to bring a drink with you it's thirsty work!

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LIVING LOUNGE

MONDAY - THURSDAY 10:00 - 14:00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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They also have a gentleman by the name of Gordon who is there on Mondays to help anyone with their computer – if you have any queries or are stuck pop along.

ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1	Indian Ocean	11	Paul McCartney
2	Tom Hanks	12	Tiny Tim
3	The Nutcracker	13	Six (6)
4	Buddy	14	Saint Stephen
5	Sixteen (16)	15	Caroling
6	Twelfth Night	16	Macy's
7	Canada	17	Blue Christmas
8	Sven	18	'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
9	H ₂ O	19	Moby Dick
10	The Simpsons	20	Snowflakes

WHAT HAPPENED IN FEBRUARY'S PAST?

5 YEARS AGO (2018)

9th	The 23rd Winter Olympic Games start in South Korea. It marks the first time that South Korea has hosted the Winter Olympics.
13th	A new plane that would fly from London to New York City in three hours has just received crucial funding. The aircraft, officially named Quiet Supersonic Transport (QuesST) and dubbed the "Son of Concorde", was proposed by NASA and has just been given the go-ahead by US officials. QuesST could make its maiden voyage in 2021 if all goes according to plan. If so, it will halve the current travel time between London and New York City. What happened?
16th	The animation film from Nick Park Early Man was released. Set at the dawn of time when dinosaurs and woolly mammoths roam the earth, a plucky caveman unites his tribe against a mighty enemy and saves the day. Some good one-liners.
17th	A magnitude 4.4 earthquake, the strongest in the UK for ten years, occurred in Swansea.
25th	Manchester City beat Arsenal 3-0 at Wembley Stadium to win the 2017-2018 EFL Cup for the fifth time.

10 YEARS AGO (2013)

4th	In Paris, France annuls a 213 year old law banning women from wearing trousers!
4th	The University of Leicester holds a media conference to announce that a skeleton found in Leicester last year during an archaeological dig is that of former King Richard II of England. (I bet he had a large parking fine)!
11th	Pope Benedict XVI announces his resignation from 28 th February, the first pope to resign since Pope Gregory XII in 1415.
15th	Chelyabinsk meteor breaks up over Chelyabinsk, Russia, injuring over 1,200 people, with 26 to 33 times energy of Hiroshima bomb
24th	A new study finds that chimpanzees will solve puzzles for the fun of it!
27th	During the 2013 meat adulteration scandal (horse meat instead of beef) a company called Gaeoakokkar in Iceland produced a 30% meat pie which is found to contain no meat at all!

25 YEARS AGO (1998)

3rd	Stamps commemorating Diana, Princess of Wales, went on sale in Britain.
15th	The Angel of the North, a large scale steel sculpture, 20m (66ft) tall, by Antony Gormley is installed at Gateshead in North East England.
24th	Elton John is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.
27th	Britain's House of Lords agrees to end 1,000 years of male precedence by giving a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first born son
ALL	The biggest film of the month was Titanic starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. I can't believe it is 25 years since this film came out and, guess what – I still haven't seen it!

50 YEARS AGO (1973)

7th	The West German news magazine <i>Stern</i> exposed the identity of "M", the director of the British spy agency MI-6, as Sir John Ogilvy Rennie
15th	The first episode of the sitcom "Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em", starring Michael Crawford as the bumbling Frank Spencer, airs on BBC1.
17th	"Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree", which would become the best-selling recording in the U.S. and the UK for 1973, was released by the group Tony Orlando and Dawn.
25th	<i>A Little Night Music</i> , a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, premiered on Broadway and would run for 601 performances, winning the 1973 Tony Award for Best Musical. ¹
ALL	The <i>Poseidon Adventure</i> , a film about a fictional ship SS Poseidon, an aging luxury liner on her final voyage, is overtured by a tsunami. It starred Gene Hackman, Shelley Winters and a host of other stars. Good film if you don't mind a lot a water.

100 YEARS AGO (1923)

1st	The first nationwide "football pool" in the United Kingdom, a legal betting pool for gamblers betting money on the outcome of soccer football matches, was launched as bookmakers John Moores, Colin Askham and Bill Hughes created the Littlewood Football Pool in Liverpool. Only 35 out of 4,000 printed betting coupons were sold for the first trial of the wagering service.
16th	Howard Carter opens the inner burial chamber of Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamus's tomb and find the sarcophagus.
23rd	The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, written by Eglantyne Jebb, the English social worker who founded the Save the Children organization, was published in Geneva. It would be adopted by the League of Nations on November 26, 1924, as the World Child Welfare Charter.
24th	Flying Scotsman goes into service.
27th	Britain's first dance music radio programme was broadcast when Marius B. Winter and his band played for over an hour with a news bulletin as an interlude. ¹

THE 2022 QUIZ

(See what you can remember – good luck. . . . I can't remember what I did yesterday)!

1	Which country won the <i>Eurovision Song Contest</i> in May?
2	Anna Karen died in February, aged 85. In what late 1960s/early 1970s ITV sitcom did she play the uncharacteristically dowdy role of Olive?
3	Wednesday, 5 October was the 60th anniversary of the simultaneous release of which Beatles single and which James Bond film?
4	Which Jane Austen novel was turned into a film by Netflix this year, to almost universal critical condemnation? You can still watch it, if you must.
5	Which historian, author and TV presenter died in February, aged 87? He was probably best known for presenting a long-running quiz show for the first 25 years of its existence.
6	Which two countries were formally invited to join NATO in June?
7	Which South African author won the 2021 Booker Prize for his novel <i>The Promise</i> ?
8	Who did Emmanuel Macron defeat in the final round of the French Presidential election campaign?
9	Which musician was spotted in the queue to pass by the Queen's coffin? He later tweeted, 'Offered to sing, and am now being ushered to the front.'
10	Which former Wimbledon champion is currently serving a sentence of 30 months at HM Prison Huntercombe in Oxfordshire? He is likely to be deported after he completes his sentence.
11	Which English football club rather unfortunately renamed their West Stand the 'Gilbert & Rose West Stand', after some local estate agents, rather than the notorious serial killer?
12	Who was appointed captain of the England Test team earlier this year? They won six of his first seven games in charge.
13	Which tattoo-loving former footballer described Qatar as 'perfection' in September? He had earlier signed a multi-million-dollar deal to promote the country.
14	Which revived and reimaged musical swept the board at the Olivier Awards in April, winning seven in total, including all four of the actors-in-musicals awards?
15	Eight new cities were declared in June to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Which was the only one in Northern Ireland?
16	...and which was the only one not in the British Isles at all?
17	Which Labour politician was accused by the <i>Mail on Sunday</i> in April of 'channelling her inner Sharon Stone'?
18	This autumn's train strikes are the result of industrial action by three unions: ASLEF, TSSA and the RMT. The leaders of each of these unions have the same first name. What is it?
19	Dudley and Eunice visited the UK in February. Next year's have already been named, they include Cillian, Daisy, Elliot and Fleur. What are we talking about?
20	The UK's new record high temperature of 40.3°C was recorded in July, at Coningsby in which English county?