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Welcome to the February 2024 Newsletter

I am delighted to be writing this as the incoming
Chair of the Committee
and I am grateful to those of you who turned
up at the January AGM to cast your votes.
I think this is the first time I have ever
“put my head above the parapet”
as opposed to being “press-ganged” so,
I will be intrigued to see how it all turns out.

Our u3a is currently in excellent shape,
following a period of post-Covid adjustment,
and we have a strong team of people helping
to run the show. As more members join
we will always be open to the idea of new
interest and learning groups, which can be
seen as a route to acquiring new skills
but equally importantly, provides the
opportunity for social exchange
and a reason for getting out of the house.

And there is, of course, no excuse for avoiding
the monthly coffee mornings now that the
coffee, tea and biscuits are free.....

I look forward to meeting and working with
you all over the coming months and
discovering the meaning of the phrase
“never volunteer!”

Colin

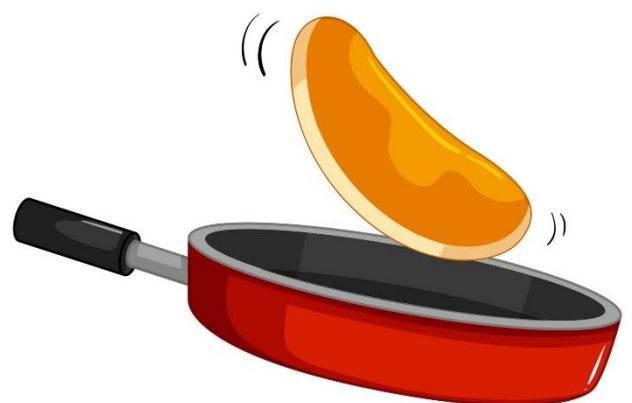


NEWS AND THINGS

FROM THE EDITOR

*The next Newsletter will be the April (Spring) edition and will be out on Friday 29th March 2024 (Good Friday) so, if you want anything putting in the April edition, please contact me before the end of Wednesday 27th March.
Cheers Mary*

PS - Don't forget Pancake Day on Tuesday 13th February and of course Valentine's Day on 14th February. I am expecting lorry loads of roses - well a girl can dream can't she!!



**Meet the Committee as voted by you at the AGM on
Monday 15 January 2024.**

 <p>Colin Chair</p>	 <p>Jude Vice Chair</p>	 <p>Sue Treasurer</p>
 <p>Virginia Secretary</p>	 <p>Clare Membership Secretary</p>	 <p>Jenny Groups Co-Ordinator</p>
 <p>Barbara (Minutes)</p>		 <p>Mary (Co-opted) Newsletter Editor</p>

COFFEE MORNINGS

The monthly Coffee Morning takes place on the third Monday of each month. (BIG NEWS – THE COFFEE IS NOW FREE!!!)

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.

19 February	Patterns from the Past	Richard	Textile Pattern Design – a history of Jacquard loom design and more.
18 March	Life and Times of a Busker	Eric	Super Clarinet Player
15 April	The Pankhurst Family of Feminism	Ann	This is different to the talk she gave on the women of Manchester last year.



MIDLERS WALKING GROUP

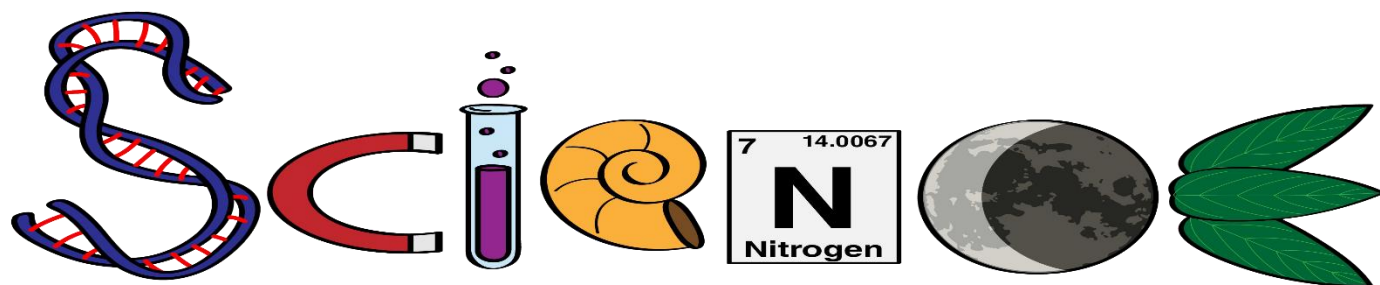


We meet on the third Tuesday of the month for a walk of 4-5 miles. We meet in the car park of the United Church by 9.30 where we arrange car sharing.

Passengers pay 10p per mile to the driver as a contribution towards petrol.

Walking boots and waterproof clothes are required and we generally take a picnic lunch.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
20 February	Brenda & Margaret	Tame Valley
19 March	Tony	Poynton Pool to Highter Poynton
16 April	TBA	TBA
21 May	TBA	TBA
18 June	TBA	TBA



Science Programme February - April 2024

Meetings will be held on the 4th Monday of the month at the Heaton Moor United Church at 10.30am.
Everyone is welcome.

26 February	Heat Pumps	Graham
25 March	Acoustics in Buildings	John
22 April	Food & Climate Change Revisited	Peter
30 April Tuesday	Jodrell Bank Exhibition and Arboretum	Visit

**Everyone is welcome to come to the talks –
but booking will be essential for the Jodrell Bank visit.**

The Jodrell visit is a joint activity with the Garden and Wildlife group and should allow plenty of time to visit the Scientific Exhibitions and the Arboretum as described below.

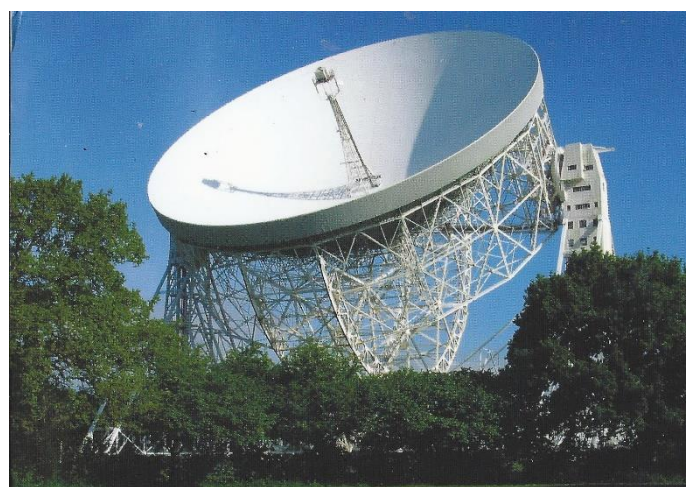
Extracts from The Jodrell bank website:

“Jodrell Bank’s inspirational story includes revolutionary scientific discoveries, amazing feats of engineering, the dawn of the Space Age and the creation of the Grade I listed Lovell Telescope, an icon for science and engineering.

Today Jodrell Bank Observatory is owned and managed by the University of Manchester and is a world-leading science research institute, with scientists working at the cutting edge of modern astrophysics. In 2019 Jodrell Bank was recognised as a site of Outstanding Universal Value and inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list.”

“An arboretum begun by an astronomer who also loved trees: Bernard Lovell. It is on a flat site dominated by a giant radio telescope - a great ‘garden ornament’ in the tradition of sundials and royal observatories. In addition to the trees, there are National collections of malus and sorbus, with the Heather Society’s calluna collection. Chris Beardshaw designed the Galaxy Gardens in 2011, which consists of seven smaller gardens representing the seven key stages in the formation of the galaxy.”

https://www.gardenvisit.com/gardens/jodrell_bank_arboretum_and_visitor_centre





TEA & CHAT

This Group meets on the Third Thursday of each month at Moor Tea, on Heaton Moor Road. The next meeting is on 22nd February. It is an opportunity to meet old and new friends, have a catch-up and general chat.

We meet between 2.00 and 4.00 pm – just come along between those times.

A good selection of teas, coffees, delicious scones and cakes, all freshly made, are available,



LOOKING AT ART

***Upstairs in the HMUC
at 10am***



<i>8th February</i>	<i>Dinner with Judy (This is feminine art at its very best - says Clyde).</i>	<i>Clyde</i>
<i>14th March</i>	<i>Claude and Turner</i>	<i>Ross</i>



LIVE DANCING



PLEASE do come as we need to keep our numbers up.

Our next session is on 13 February 2024

If you haven't been before and haven't done Line Dancing before, please come along as our Tutors are always helpful to beginners and all the moves for the dances are called out step by step. Our Tutors now start our session at 1.30 pm so that beginners and anyone who would like a little more tuition can have an in-depth demonstration of any of the dances. Otherwise, 2.00 pm until 3.00 on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month – cost £3 per session.

We meet in St. Paul's Hall, Heaton Moor.



MUSIC APPRECIATION

We meet at 10am on the
1st Thursday of the month
at the United Church.

The next meetings will be on
7th March and 4th April.



ARCHITECTURAL
GROUP
PROGRAMME
2024



The History of Western Architecture

We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am in the
United Church

Monday 12 February	The Architecture of Transport
Monday 11 March	Exploring Deansgate Square - A walk
Monday 8 April	Th Victorians
May	Newcastle visit. Avoiding Newcastle United home games - watch this space.
Monday 10 June	Looking back on it all.
July & August	On holiday

Note- The Group leader reserves the right to change almost all of the programme but will try not to.





The History Group meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 2pm in the coffee lounge of the Heaton Moor United Church.

This year we are looking at events and key changes in the 19th Century (1800s).

The full programme has not been completed yet, but here is the programme until June:

Monday 26 th February	The Rise of the East India Company	Verena
Monday 25 th March	The Crimean War	Mary
Monday 22 nd April	Movement of People from Rural Living to Towns and Cities	Bernice
Monday 27 th May	Bank Holiday - TBC	
Monday 24 th June	American Civil War	Neil



FAINT PRAISE FOR AN ARTIST

JOE

'Oooh! I do like your painting,' said the smiling woman, creeping up behind.
'I can't paint myself, but I like to watch those who try. I hope you don't mind.'
'Be my guest,' I cheerily replied, but in truth 'twas said with a sinking heart.
For she immediately stabbed a finger, pointing, and smudged the best part.
'Your sky is lovely,' she burred on. 'High summer in all its glory and array.
You've painted it the perfect shade of blue – in a tourquoise sort of way.
And your clouds! So real, so fantastic! Like ice-cream scoops in the sky!
But that streaky one – is it a cloud, or an airplane's vapour trail drifting by?
Your trees, too, I love – so tall, so stately. Majestic, I really have to say.
Just like the ones that got diseased, were felled last year and carted all away.
And the colour of your corn reminds me so of that Constable chap.
You know, the one who painted up at Flatford, close by The Stour Gap.
I don't like to criticise – but shouldn't it be yellower under such a blistering sun?
And the green of that hedgerow – do you think you've chosen the right one?
That old barn you've drawn there – it looks too lopsided and too tumbledown.
And the colour of the grass you've put by the gate – isn't it a bit too brown?'
She found so much with which she disagreed that I listened with tumbling esteem.
My hoped-for day of country solitude was now nought but a vanished dream.
'Well, I'll leave you now,' she finally said. 'Thank you for letting me look.
One thing, though, before I go: the bird hovering over that brook?
Is it a raven or is it a crow? You've painted it so dark against the sun.
A skylark, you say! Well, I never! I really need to put my glasses on!'

ANSWERS TO THE NEW YEAR QUIZ

1	Hogmanay	11	Rosh Hashanah
2	Denmark	12	A lump of coal
3	Czechoslovakia	13	Sarah Jessica Parker
4	Millennium Bug	14	Northumberland
5	(Fulgencio) Batista	15	Janus
6	Times Square	16	Rio de Janeiro
7	E M Forster	17	Ernie Wise
8	Robert Burns	18	Holland
9	10 February 2024 starts the Year of the Dragon	19	To ward off evil spirits
10	Last	20	The Romans



WILDLIFE & GARDENING GROUP

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

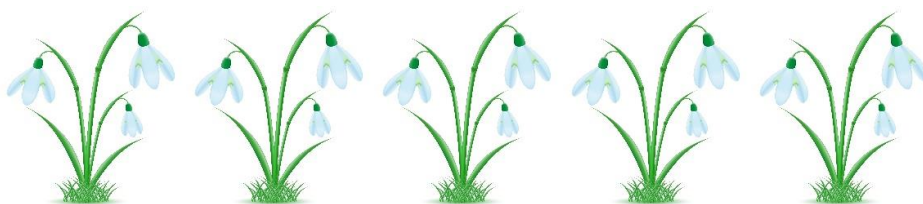
The Wildlife and Gardening Group outing to Rode Hall to see the Snowdrops.

This will now be **on Friday 16th February** and will be by coach from Heaton Moor United Church.

The cost will be £25 per person. Refreshments/lunch (at own expense) are available in the Café.

This event is open to all, not just W&G regulars.

Please contact Jill or Margaret
if you would like to join the outing.



A future date for your diary is 26th March. There will be a talk held in the Coffee Lounge. Further details will be released at the February coffee morning.



PLAY READING

Play reading is open to anyone who might like to have a go, new members are really welcome. We have a variety of plays coming up including comedy, fast moving farce, murder mystery and more. There is no need to read, listeners are welcome too and there's usually time for some discussion following the reading. The group meets at 10.15 in the Patio room on the 4th Wednesday each month. It's very relaxed group, no drama skills are required and we choose a different play each month with parts randomly selected.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sue

Español



There is currently just one Spanish group, Spanish Workshop which meets on the first and third Monday of each month from 2.00. to 3.30. in the Patio Room of HMUC.

It is a mixed level group where members can practise Spanish conversation through a range of topics and spend some time on aspects of grammar and vocabulary. In our last session we talked about what we'd done

at Christmas and our resolutions and plans for 2024. Our next topic is 'What will the world be like in the future?' If you've learnt or are learning Spanish and want to practise conversation, do join us.

Answers to last month's 'Pantomime Titles and Characters in Spanish' quiz

1. Cienicinta - Cinderella
2. La Madre Oca - Mother Goose
3. Aladino - Aladdin
4. Bella Durmiente - Sleeping Beauty
5. Blancanieves - Snow White
6. El Gato con Botas - Puss in Boots
7. Juan y los Frijoles Mágicos - Jack and the Beanstalk
8. Príncipe Encantador - Prince Charming
9. El Gigante - The Giant
10. Una Hermana Fea - An Ugly Sister
11. Capitán Gancho - Captain Hook
12. La Hada Madrina - The Fairy Godmother
13. El Genio en la Lámpara - The Genie in the Lamp
14. La Madrastra Malvada - The Wicked Stepmother
15. La Dama - The Dame

Jenny Moorhouse and Virginia Lloyd

Because you have probably over indulged over Christmas and NewYear I thought I would test your knowledge with this simple Food & Drink Quiz!!!!!!!

1	Are Jaffa Cakes legally a cake or a biscuit?
2	Which MasterChef presenter was formerly a greengrocer?
3	Which three sauces make up Prawn Cocktail Sauce?
4	What is James Bond's favourite tippie?
5	What is the most consumed manufactured drink in the world?
6	If you are diagnosed with Coeliac disease, which protein are you unable to eat?
7	What type of pasta has a name meaning "little worms"?
8	What type of pastry are profiteroles made out of?
9	From which type of flower does a vanilla pod come?
10	Which nuts are used in marzipan?
11	Which two ingredients are used to make a Screwdriver cocktail?
12	What was the original name for a Snickers bar?
13	What region of France is a Claret wine produced in?
14	What type of pastry are Steak and kidney puddings made out of?
15	What type of beans are used to make baked beans?
16	What is the national dish of Hungary?
17	Which animal can be found on the Toblerone logo?
18	How many standard-sized bottles of champagne are in a magnum?
19	What type of wheat is used to make pasta?
20	Who in Greek mythology is the god of wine?

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