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Wish you all a

Happy

New

Year

2024

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Welcome to the January Newsletter and to 2024!

I hope everyone enjoyed the festivities and managed to spend time with family, loved ones and friends.

Have you made any resolutions for the new year? Mine is to try something I haven't done before - like Tai Chi or line dancing.

Given our varied programme of activities there are plenty of choices out there - maybe learning to play the ukulele or bridge. Have a look at the options in this month's newsletter just for starters.


I look forward to seeing you at our AGM in January.

With very best wishes for the coming year.

Jude

NEWS AND THINGS

FROM THE EDITOR



The next Newsletter will be the February edition and will be out on Friday 26th January 2024 so, if you want anything putting in the February edition, please contact me before the end of Wednesday 24th January.

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Cheers Mary

Keep warm xxx

Meet the Committee



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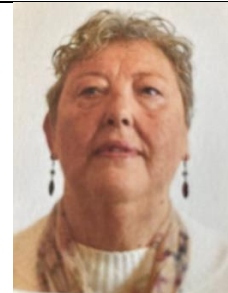
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ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Please join us for the first annual lunch since 2020.

This will be held at the Alma Lodge Hotel on 29th February 2024
12.30 for 1.00 pm.

Cost is £35 per person to include a tip for the staff.

Booking forms with menu choices will be available at the December and January
coffee mornings.

Full payment with the completed forms please.



**Singalong — as usual — is still meeting on 1st day of January
even though it is a bank holiday.**

**So next Monday(10am), we are in the church coffee lounge for
however many (or just a few) want to come.**

Best wishes Pauline and Beryl

The Christmas Panto

For those of you who were not there - you missed a treat.
The Sing-along group, together with the Drama group and
Ukelele band gave us a Coffee Morning never to be forgotten.
They have a lot to live up to for next year!



MIDLERS WALKING GROUP



Our walks will start again in January 2024.

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. The programme for 2024 is being arranged and more details will be given shortly. The dates for the first six months of next year are:

- 16 January
- 20 February
- 19 March
- 16 April
- 21 May
- 18 June

Please contact Moyra Mitchell if you require any further information.

COFFEE MORNINGS

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.

15 January	AGM followed by Legal & Financial Issues for the Retired	John Mumford	
19 February	Patterns from the Past	Richard Smith	Textile Pattern Design – a history of Jacquard loom design and more.
18 March	Life and Times of a Busker	Eric Newton	Super Clarinet Player

Anne Beswick sent me this photo of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural gem - Falling Water. A gingerbread cake!



I wonder if there are any others like it - Sydney Opera house, Taj Mahal, the Shard?

Cheers...Clyde

PLAY READING

Play reading will resume on the 24th January, 10.15am in the Patio Room, contribution of £2 towards room hire. It's open to anyone who might like to have a go, new members welcome. It's very relaxed group, no drama skills required, we choose a different play each month and readers sit to read their parts which are randomly allocated.

TEA & CHAT

This Group meets on the Third Thursday of each month at Moor Tea, on Heaton Moor Road.

An opportunity to meet old and new friends and have a catch-up and general chat.

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

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

Looking at Art

Upstairs in the HMUC at 10am

<i>8th February</i>	<i>Visiting Speaker: Clyde Raine</i>	<i>Topic ?????? To Be Revealed!</i>
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LINE DANCING

Our next Line Dancing session is on 9th January 2024.

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

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.

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ARCHITECTURAL GROUP PROGRAMME

2024

The History of Western Architecture

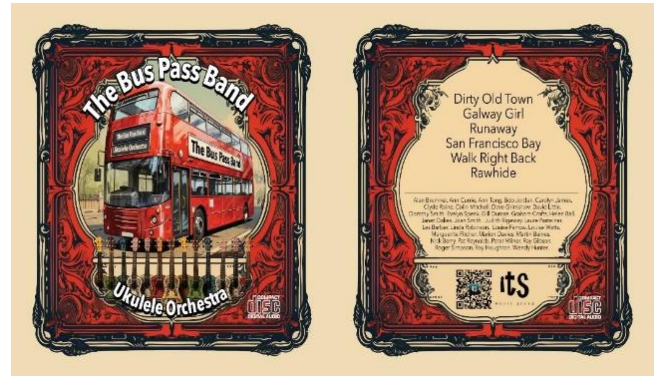
Monday February 12th	Stalin. The New Empire.
Monday March 11th	The Victorians. No Holds Barred
April	A few days visit to Newcastle Upon Tyne. A Victorian City showing off.
May and June.	To be thought about!

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

UKULELE

I've attached some pics from the Ukes Christmas follies - Clyde.

1) The Ukulele Band recorded our very own CD (now completely sold out), and the first volume of The Bus Pass Band can only be heard if you have a friend with a copy. Volume two is in contemplation and will have a yellow bus on the front.



2) The Band played at Manchester Central Library on the Saturday before Christmas and were joined by the city's Mayor



3) Some of the cast for the Christmas Pantomime including Joanne, the Christmas fairy.



4) The ukulele band's Christmas breakfast at the Casa de Moor. 37 of us enjoying a Full English at 10am

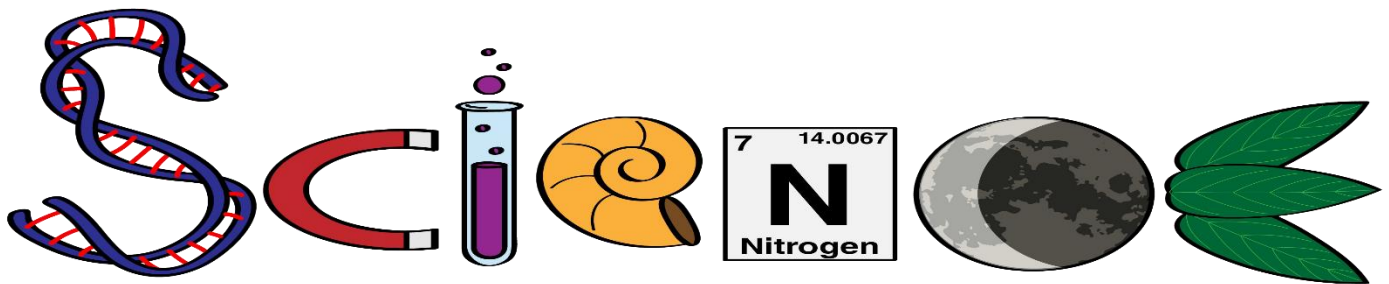




STROLLERS" FESTIVE LUNCH 5 DECEMBER 2023

There was a very good turnout as 16 members partook in the lunch at The Heaton on Didsbury Road. Prior to that Mavis, led a walk, in good weather, round Heaton Mersey Common to give us all an appetite for the meal provided at our venue. With good food and excellent service, we all had a most enjoyable end to a very successful year.

Michael



Science Programme January - April 2024

The first meeting of the new year will be a talk on "Mass Extinctions" by Anne Beswick.

It will be held at the Heaton Moor United Church at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

22 January	Mass Extinctions	Anne Beswick
26 February	Heat Pumps	Graham Crofts
25 March	Acoustics in Buildings	John Howson
22 April	To Be Confirmed	
30 April Tuesday	Jodrell Bank Exhibition and Arboretum	Visit

ESPAÑOL

The two Spanish groups held a combined meeting in December for a celebratory session including Spanish Christmas carols led by Virginia and her guitar, an improvised Spanish nativity and game of 20 questions involving pantomime references.

Can you work out the English versions of the pantomime titles and characters below?
Answers in the next newsletter.

1. Cienicienta
2. La Madre Oca
3. Aladino
4. Bella Durmiente
5. Blancanieves
6. El Gato con Botas
7. Juan y los Frijoles Mágicos
8. Príncipe Encantador
9. El Gigante
10. Una Hermana Fea
11. Capitán Gancho
12. La Hada Madrina
13. El Genio en la Lámpara
14. La Madrastra Malvada
15. La Dama

For the past few months Spanish Workshop and Basic Spanish have had separate sessions but have come together for refreshments and a half hour combined session.

For 2024 the 2 groups will combine as Spanish Workshop. The focus will continue to be on conversational Spanish with topics agreed in advance. There will also be some short sessions of Spanish language development and practice.

There will be no meeting on New Year's Day so the next meeting will be on:
Monday 15th January from 2.00. - 3.30. in the Patio Room at HMUC.

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WILDLIFE & GARDENING GROUP

THE WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP OUTING TO RODE HALL TO SEE THE SNOWDROPS.

This will 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.

Final booking for this event will be at the January Coffee Morning.

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

ANSWERS TO THE WINTER QUIZ

1	David Essex	11	Sagittarius
2	France	12	Saint Petersburg
3	William Shakespeare	13	Richard III
4	6	14	Apple
5	Rio de Janeiro	15	Battle of the Bulge
6	Germanic	16	James Callaghan (1978-1979)
7	Salt	17	Snow
8	Winterfell	18	Finland (1939-1940)
9	Japan	19	Frost Fares (the last was in 1812)
10	A blizzard	20	Mangetout

NEW YEAR QUIZ

1	What word do the Scottish people give for the last day of the year and its celebration?
2	In which European country is it a tradition to jump from a chair right before midnight and also smash plates against friends' doors?
3	On New Year's Day 1993, which former country effectively split into two?
4	What name was given to the predicted computer meltdown at the beginning of the year 2000?
5	Can you name the President of Cuba who fled the country on January 1st, 1959, with the advance of a rebel army led by Fidel Castro?
6	'The ball drop' is a famous part of the New Year's Eve celebration in which touristy part of New York City?
7	Which English author, born on New Year's Day 1879, wrote A Passage to India?
8	Who wrote the song 'Auld Lang Syne'?
9	In 2024, Chinese New Year will be the year of which animal?
10	Is American Samoa in the South Pacific Ocean the first or last place to see in the new year?
11	Literally meaning the 'beginning of the year', what name is given to the Jewish New Year?
12	In Scotland, 'first-footing' is a tradition which involves visiting homes with a gift of whisky and which other item?
13	Who won a Golden Raspberry Award for worst actress in her 2012 film New Year's Eve?
14	The village of Allendale, famous for its New Year fire festival, is in which English county?
15	The month of January is named after which Roman god of doorways?
16	Portuguese navigators discovered 'The river of January' on Jan 1st 1502. What is 'The river of January'?
17	The first mobile phone call in Britain was made by which comedian on Jan 1st 1985?
18	Which European country eat Oliebollen (donuts) to usher in the New Year?
19	Why do the Chinese light firecrackers around the New Year?
20	Who first recognized January 1st as the beginning of the New Year?