

# **Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a**

## **12th April 2024**

The newsletter is compiled and published by the press team of Sam and Christine.

Thank you to all members who have contributed to this publication

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**More on the history of Leyland.**

We are always delighted to receive contributions from members and do our best to verify the information before publication.

Last week's 'Where am I?' has sparked some discussion and thanks go to Janice for the information and photo below.



The photo is of the entrance to the Leyland Motors site on Golden Hill taken in the 1950s.

It is now the entrance to the retail park which includes Morrisons.

The contributor to last week's newsletter isn't wrong as the area was acquired in WW2 to use as a storage depot for the ministry of supplies and to set up a facility to make gas masks.

Some of the components for them were made by the Rubber Works and transferred across Wheelton Lane by a bridge.

After the war the facility was acquired by Butec which was part of Leyland Motors. They manufactured electric motors and alternators used in Leyland vehicles and then later a truck assembly plant was added on the same site.

The OS map below shows the site of the Golden Hill Rubber Works in 1893.



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# History Group

**Otto von Bismarck -1815 - 1898.**



During his long life Bismarck held a large number of political and state roles, Diplomat, General, Minister of State, Chief Minister and Chancellor.

His main political aim was the unification of Germany, which was finally achieved in 1871, after victory in the Franco-Prussian War.

Bismarck finally left office in 1890 after a number of disagreements with Kaiser Wilhelm.

AJP Taylor concludes his excellent book Bismarck, The Man & The Statesman, with the following assessment:

"At all events, Bismarck would be content that his name is still a symbol of policy and he himself a subject of controversy."

We shall discuss in more detail in the lounge on Monday 15th April 2-4

Ian Clayton

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## French Conversation



All meetings are on Fridays 10am-11.30pm in the MVH Lounge

19th April Madeline Moulden returns to describe her visits to Russian and Canadian Jails in frightening detail as part of an international prison governor exchange programme.

3rd and 17<sup>th</sup> May Susan Lunt, Oradour-sur-Glane, a WW2 monument to a tragedy. The village remains exactly the same as the Nazis left it in 1944 after massacring the inhabitants and burning the buildings to the ground.

7th June Eric Vrain Revisits Mme Guison, small groups discuss childhood holidays, Eric's proposed 2024 holidays (use of future tense), Eric's experience of driving in France.

19th July Mick Hughes recalls his experience working for Les Petits Frères des Pauvres.

"Une personne âgée isolée est une personne en souffrance et pour nous, cette situation est inacceptable"

Coming soon dates TBA

Susan Lunt, The Life & Times of Coco Chanel

Adrian Dean, What the French media are saying

For more information contact Adrian Dean, Group Leader on [07989 343503](tel:07989343503). Better still, why not just pop in and see what's happening.

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## **Philharmonic Group**

**Faure Requiem Concert Trip with Free Time in Manchester**

On Thursday 2nd May we going into a concert at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, to hear the beautiful Faure Requiem performed by the Halle Choir & Orchestra and conducted by their new Principal Conductor Kahchug Wong.

As this is a Rush Hour concert, starting at 6pm and lasting 75 mins., we have decided to go in early, leaving Mawdesley at 2 pm (Parbold at 2:10 pm), so that people can have approximately 3 hours in the city before the concert and coming back right after the concert at approx 7:30. The cost for the trip is £30 (Incl driver tip and bus).

If anyone else would like to join us, but don't want to attend the concert, they are welcome to join us at the reduced cost of £18, which would give them approx 4.5 hours in Manchester instead.

To book please come to Philharmonic Table at the Coffee Morning or email me on [treasurer.u3amawdesley@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.u3amawdesley@gmail.com)

Thanks  
Roger

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## **Theatre Group**

A reminder that 'A Murder is Announced' is on Monday April 15th at 7.30pm at Chorley Theatre.

Parking is free in Chorley after 6.00pm.

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## **Mawdesley Village Hall - booking arrangements etc**

Please can groups who put out tables and chairs, make sure they are put away after use.

Regular bookings can continue as normal with Group Leaders contacting Gurby. However, anyone wanting an extra slot or a new one, please contact Pat first, before Gurby. This is because Pat has an overview of all regular sessions and can advise on availability

Parking - please can we avoid using the resident parking spaces on Hurst Green. We are aware that parking is an issue on a Wednesday morning, but we do have permission to use the Red Lion car park.

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## **Social Group**

## **A New Trip**



**Thursday 20th June**

**Cost £15 for National Trust Members**

**or**

**£26 for non National Trust Members**

**Rufford 9.15am**

**Croston 9.30am**

**Mawdesley 9.45am**

**Parbold 10.00am**

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## **Anyone interested in playing Canasta?**

Would anyone be interested in playing Canasta, a card game which originated in South America?

Please contact Stuart if you would like to learn how to play.

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## **Art Trips**

**Townley Hall 14th May.**

The booking for Townley Hall on Tuesday 14th May, which includes Don Fraser coach, entry including an hours guided tour. Lunch / drink and, surprise event

afterwards. Is now open. Please attend the Wednesday morning at the Art table to pay.

**International watercolour exhibition. Tuesday 21 May.**

Usually over a hundred or two pictures plus, demonstrations.  
Visit to Shrewsbury in the afternoon.

Booking again at the Art Table

**Interested in Harrogate or the quilting show.**

See Val at the Art Table

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**Car Treasure Hunt**

Anyone fancy a Car Treasure Hunt in May?

The idea was borrowed from Croston Together, who ran a similar event as things were opening up after Covid.

The cost would be £10 per car to cover printing and prizes, with any remaining monies going to a local charity.

Sign up with either Karen or Christine from next week.

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**Where am I?**





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**Where was I?**



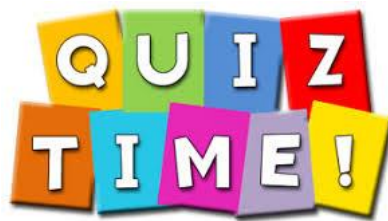




The Italian Chapel is a highly ornate Catholic chapel on **Lamb Holm** in the Orkney Islands.

It was built during World War II by Italian prisoners of war, who were housed on the previously uninhabited island while they constructed the Churchill Barriers to the east of Scapa Flow

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## TRUE OR FALSE.....?

1. George Stephenson built the first steam engine.
2. The tuk-tuk is a Thai version of the black cab.
3. The study of body language is called kinesics.
4. The tallest roller coaster loop is 65 feet high.
5. Roald Dahl was born in Cardiff.
6. Lego is a famous Swedish brand.
7. Hotpoint was named after an iron that was "hot at the point".
8. La Paz in Bolivia is the highest capital in the world.
9. The Sydney Harbour Bridge has the nickname "the Coathanger".
10. The talking car in "Knight Rider" was called Keith.

**Answers at the bottom of the page.**

## **Quiz 196 Questions**

1. What do the initials ISBN stand for?
2. Who played Oddjob in the James Bond film "Goldfinger"?
3. Which novelist wrote "The Plumed Serpent"?
4. In 2016, which musical won 11 Tony awards?
5. What is the name of the professor in "The Adventures of Tintin"?
6. Who starred in the 2014 film "The American Sniper"?
7. Which constellation is also called Crux?
8. Of which African republic is Luanda the capital?
9. What was the first UK top ten hit for George Benson?
10. In what sport would you perform the movements a quarte and quinte?

## **Quiz 195 Answers**

1. Malvern
2. The Righteous Brothers
3. Sacramento
4. Brownie
5. Giuseppe Verdi
6. On The Town.
7. Stagecoach
8. Patriarch
9. Ambrose Bierce

10. Pharmacopoeia

## **ANSWERS TO TRUE OR FALSE....**

1. False. Robert Trevithick built one 40 years before.

2. True

3. False. It is called Kinesics

4. False It is 127 feet high.

5. True

6. False Lego is Danish

7. True

8. True

9. True

10. False The talking car was called KITT

## **PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**

**Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but  
today is a gift. That's why it is called the  
present.**

**(ELEANOR ROOSEVELT)**

## **HAVE A GREAT DAY**