



# Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

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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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### Today is Red Nose Day



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### THINK ABOUT IT

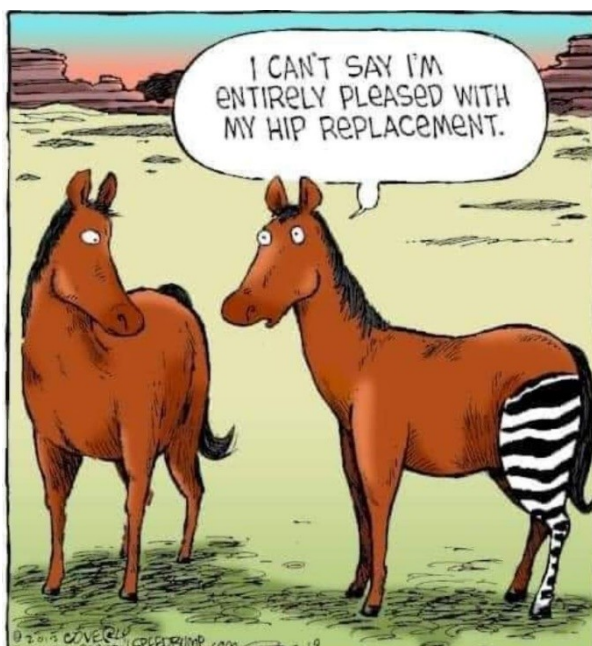
We use tables to keep food off the floor.

Tablecloths to keep food off the tables.

Placemats to keep food off the tablecloths

And, plates to keep food off the placemats.

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**NEW NEW NEW!**

## **DRAMA WORKSHOP GROUP**

**Have you ever wondered whether you could act? Are you up for something different? Are you up for some fun?**

We have recently made contact with Mark Jones, the Artistic Director at Chorley Theatre. He regularly runs very successful drama workshop groups for adults and he is now offering the same to us.

This is not about putting on plays. This will be trying out some gentle drama activities in a friendly, non-threatening environment. A bit of improvisation, script writing, games etc. - with no pressure but no doubt lots of laughs. Mark is a lovely guy and he is really good at what he does.

Sessions will be an hour and a half in Mawdesley Village Hall (or on occasion in the theatre itself) and the cost will be £12 a session to cover his time and the cost of the hall. He is able to run more than one group if there is the demand but the first group will be on Tuesdays 1pm - 2.30pm. There will be fifteen places in the group. We will take names for a waiting list once those places are filled.

Sign up with Lindsey next Wednesday (20th) from 10am at the community meeting.

*Please email Lindsey on [Lheaton1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Lheaton1@hotmail.co.uk) if you have a question.*

**GIVE IT A TRY. You know you want to!**

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## TIME FLIES – AND NOW SO CAN YOU



Bids to fly in a microlight with Terry – you may even take control yourself – will open at 10am on Wed 20th Mar 2024, so get ready.

Applications will be taken by e-mail to [pickleball.u3a@outlook.com](mailto:pickleball.u3a@outlook.com) and/or in person at the Community Morning from that date/time. Your application MUST include your full name and MNV u3a membership no. Applications received by e-mail or in person BEFORE that date and time will be rejected, and applications will be accepted in the timed order they are received!

Remember, you will need:

To make a donation of £30 minimum to NW Air Ambulance BY CHEQUE (hand to Terry) OR via JUST GIVING at [JustGiving u3a](https://www.justgiving.com/u3a) (**don't donate just yet!**). (CAA rules don't allow me to take cash!)

To be a 2024/25 Member of MNV u3a by 5pm on 31 Mar 2024. It's too difficult for me to keep checking renewals after that date and would be unfair on active members to add someone to the list and let them fly if they haven't then renewed.

To be quite flexible – microlight flying depends on the weather and we all know how that can be. In return I will be flexible in switching would-be pilots between dates to try and accommodate you all.

Full details will be provided to those successful applicants.

The idea is to hold the event on 2 weekend days in Spring and it is obviously dependent on good weather. I will fly 10 members on each of the 2 days of (hopefully) consecutive weekends from an airfield near Garstang.

You will need a working e-mail address very soon after you are added to the list but it will be for this activity only – use a friend or family member's, just as long as they

can contact you quickly. When the weather changes at the last minute I cannot make 10 individual phone calls, but can send one e-mail to 10 people!

Please remember, this opportunity is ONLY available for current MNV u3a members so get your renewal in ASAP!!

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## **In response to the item about St Peter's Church**

We have been asked to point out that St Peter's Church has been part of a United Benefice with Croston and Bretherton for over 10 years, with only one Rector. The move to a United Parish is just the next step and the PCC voted unanimously to move forward in this way, but as the item said, people are entitled to comment.

On Palm Sunday the Bishop is coming to Croston so it was felt this should be a joint service.

We understand there are services planned in Mawdesley in Holy Week.

Please consult the church website for details.

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## **Concert at Mawdesley Methodist Church**

On Easter Monday (1st April) at Mawdesley Methodist Church at 11am, there is a Coffee Morning followed by a concert performed by some very talented musicians, who are related to two of our Mawdesley u3a members (Susan Powell and Ruth Munslow).

The concert will be performed by Stewart Smith, a very experienced Choir Director and Organist will be giving a short organ recital.

Joanne Smith, who teaches singing and herself sings with several choirs and as a soloist, plus their sons Oliver & Henry, who also sing in various choirs, will all sing for us.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Church Organ Fund.

I will certainly be there as I am looking forward to hearing these performers here in Mawdesley.

I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and have a musical Easter Monday morning.

Roger

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## **THIS IS A HISTORY TIMETABLE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT**



The next History group session will be arriving in the MVH lounge on

**Monday 25th March 2-4** (instead of Monday 18th).

Apologies for the delay but we're sure you'll find the wait worthwhile. The presenter is group member Chris Heaven, pictured in his garden with an ex British Rail 20 ton guards van.

The link is quite simple. Chris stumbled on a historic railway document which mentioned Christopher Morris who was an Honorary Surgeon at Wigan Dispensary in the 19th century and the rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Chris has unearthed a fascinating picture of Wigan in the period 1824 - 1874 which has more than its fair share of surprises.

History group leader Elwyn says: "I have seen his Power Point presentation and I'm sure members will be fascinated by what life was like in what was described as one of the unhealthiest English towns in the 19th century."

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## **Gardening Group**

**Our next meeting is on Monday 18th March at Charity Farm Cafe**

**To start 1.30pm**

Cost **£2**

**Talk by Sue Beacon 'Project Rainbag' about the development of her garden at Rainbag Cottage, Halsall, which Sue opens for NGS.**

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## **French Conversation Group**



Our next French Conversation will be at 10h00 - 11h30 on

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in the Mawdesley Village Hall Lounge.

Nigel Smith will present – The Battle of Waterloo Part 2

Nigel is very knowledgeable about military battles of this era.

Coming Soon All Dates to be agreed

Eric Vrain revisits Mme Guison's rustic retreat, group discussion about childhood holidays, future tense revision, Eric's driving experience in France with group discussion of members' experiences.

Dr Madeline Moulden returns to describe her career as prison governor, including visits to Russian jails Part 3.

Susan Lunt The Life & Times of Coco Chanel.

Susan Lunt Oradour-sur-Glane a WW2 Tragedy.

There is more information on the Mawdesley u3a Group website including future dates of conversations. <https://u3asites.org.uk/mawdesley/page/75524>

To discover more, contact Adrian on [07989 343503](tel:07989343503) or, better still, why not just pop in to see what's going on?

Adrian Dean

Group Leader French Conversation

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## **THE LUNCH CLUB UPDATE**

It is with some sadness and after almost 17 yrs that I feel it is now time to step down from my role as organiser. I would very much like to express my thanks and gratitude to all of you who have supported the Luncheon Club over so many years.

It has been a great pleasure to meet you and make so many friends.

I was very fortunate when Valerie stepped back, that Viv Taylor volunteered to be my partner and I am delighted to say that Viv has agreed to continue to run the Luncheon Club.

I know you will give Viv all the support you gave me.

I very much look forward to seeing you at future lunches.

kindest regards  
 Sue Reddish.

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**Going to stay local this year - it's going to be a great summer!**



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## Thanks to one of our members for this limerick

This guy played his Uke in bars.

He tried to sing loud tra la lars.

But his voice couldn't peak.

'cos his tonsils were weak.

Now he just hums along to guitars.

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## Where am I?





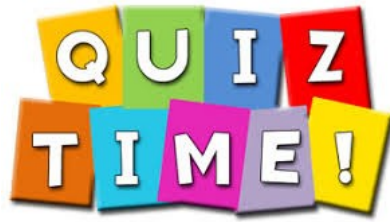
**Where was I?**



Answer: The Floating Visitor Centre, Brockholes Nature Reserve, Preston

It sits on a concrete raft, made buoyant by hollow chambers, held by four steel posts to stop it drifting across the lake. This is the building's way of dealing with flooding, to which the site is prone.

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## What work does this fictional character appear in.....

1. Athos
2. Bilbo Baggins
3. Barkis
4. Sir Percy Blakeney
5. Pinkie Brown
6. Richard Carstone
7. Mrs. Danvers
8. James Dixon
9. Blanche Du Bois
10. Estragon

Answers at the bottom of the page

## Quiz 192 Questions

1. What is added to icing sugar to make royal icing?
2. Who is the patron saint of tax officials?
3. Destiny Hope are the real first names of which singer?
4. What is the English translation of Buenos Aires?

5. Whose law states that the pressure and volume of a gas are inversely proportional at constant temperature?
6. Which sporting venue has the postcode M16 0RA?
7. What Kent resort is approximately 8 miles north of Canterbury?
8. Glen Cova and Malling Joy are types of what fruit?
9. In what century was Mozart born?
10. Which statement of belief is based on the results of a Council in AD 325

## **Quiz 191 Answers**

1. Philadelphia
2. Paul McCartney and Wings
3. Iceland
4. David McCallum
5. Iron Age
6. High Jump
7. Sandwich Islands
8. Clement Atlee
9. China
10. Pumas

## **Fictional Characters appear where.....?**

1. Three Musketeers

2. The Hobbit. Lord of the Rings
3. David Copperfield
4. The Scarlet Pimpernel
5. Brighton Rock
6. Bleak House
7. Rebecca
8. Lucky Jim
9. A Street Car named Desire
10. Waiting for Godot

## **PAUSE FOR THOUGHT**

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.

## **HAVE A GREAT DAY**