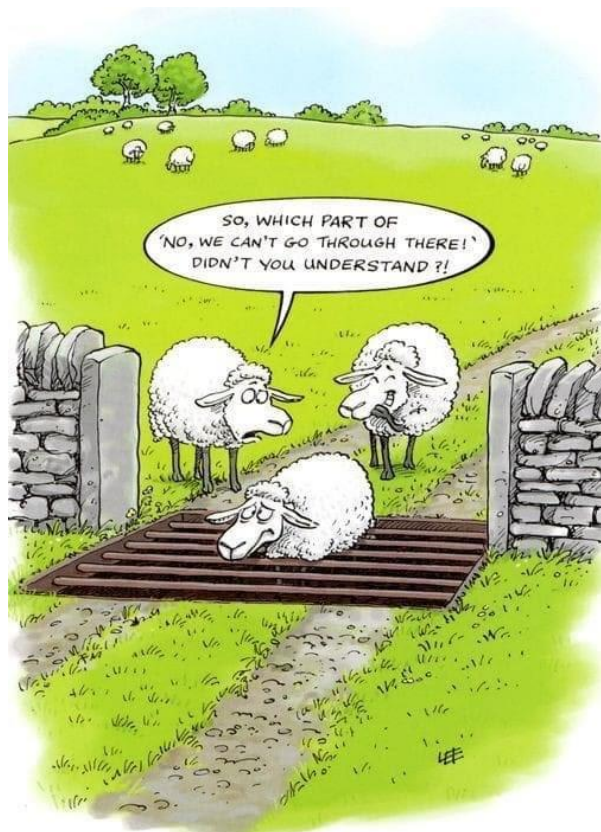


Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

5th 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



A date to remember 3rd April 1973....

The first handheld cellular phone call was made by Martin Cooper in New York City, at a press conference held by the Motorola company

to unveil its new "DYNA T-A-C radio-telephone" Fondly known as the "Brick" "This will never take off," said an executive.!!!!!!

Was this man one of the causes of the First World War?

Ian Clayton will be posing this controversial question



Otto von Bismarck was a Prussian politician who became Germany's first-ever chancellor, a position in which he served from 1871 to 1890.

Through a series of wars, he unified 39 individual states into one German nation in 1871 and European history was never the same again.

Bismarck gained the remarkably appropriate nickname of the 'Iron Chancellor' in the process, but how much was he to blame for the horrors to come?

Monday 15th April from 2-4pm in the MVH lounge.

The relatively new History group has quickly become established, so much so that we are running out of space in the MVH lounge.

This will be our last session in the lounge and we will be moving to the main hall from now on, starting with **Wednesday 22nd May (2-4pm as usual)**

More details to follow.

Philosophy of Language. Tuesday 9th April, Main Hall, 10am-12.

Philosophy examines the nature of language as a vehicle for human thought and consequent knowledge; indeed does the use of language determine the way we think? These ideas will be examined through philosophers such as Wittgenstein, Russell and George Orwell.

And how is language actually acquired---according to Chomsky, Skinner and Piaget? Is it merely a learning process---evolutionary, cultural or cognitive? Dawkins and Sam Harris have opinions on these aspects of the debate
Much of the ensuing discussion should be interesting---if not fascinating--- as we examine the impact of our own English language usage in our modern society, politics and media.

John has provided a printed handout to further engage those who attend.
There will be coffee and biscuits at half time of course.

Garden Group Meeting

Next garden group meeting is at Charity Farm Cafe 15th April, 1.30pm.

A talk by 1 of our members Mike Iddon - Japanese Maples

ART CLASSES AND VAL IS BACK !!!!

Monday 8th April

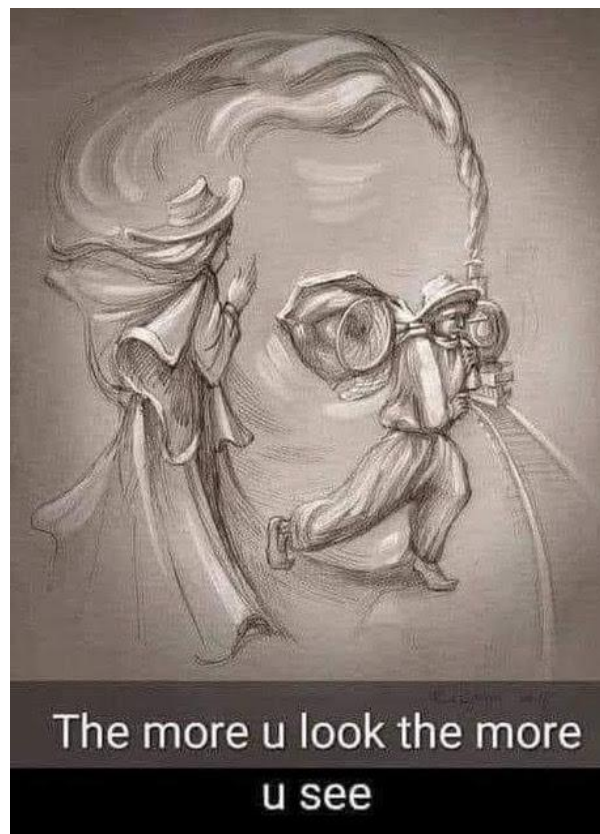
Art Classes. Monday. Val is back to run the morning and afternoon classes next Monday. 8th April. Can all artists attending bring a small table cover, ie black sack newspaper unwanted wallpaper as the topic is Pastel work. Pencils, sticks and oil pastels. Please bring a picture that you would like to paint - although a small selection will be available.

The Townley Hall trip on Tuesday 14th May is now Booking. It includes a tour and lunch with a drink. With an added treat! See Val on Wednesday at the art table.

We are still taking names on the interest list for the gardening/art trips: Barbara Hepworth Gallery/Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Thursday 6th June. Also the Arley hall and garden festival on the Saturday 29th June.

I still have places on the international watercolour exhibition, with a visit to Shrewsbury in the afternoon. That is on the Tuesday 21. May.

Look Closely



MAWDESLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024, 7.00pm

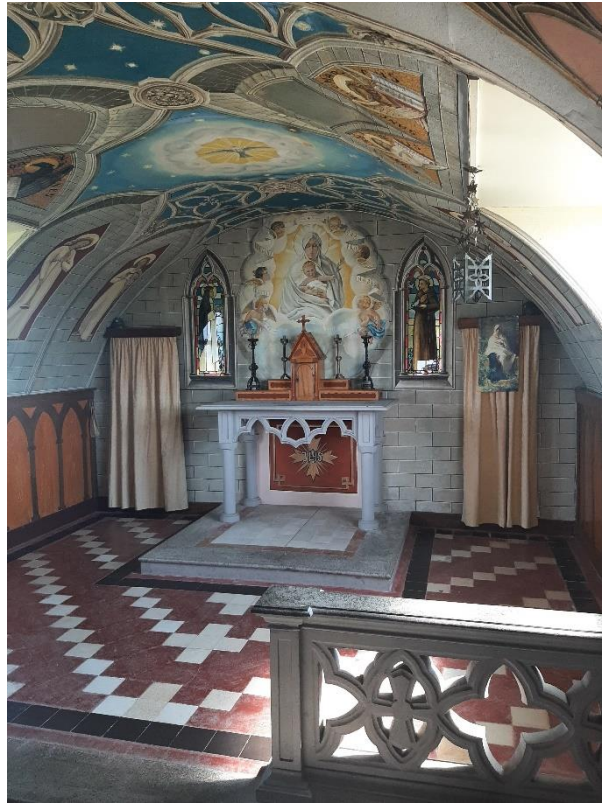
A reminder that the AGM of the Mawdesley Village Hall Committee will be held in the Lounge, MVH on Monday 8th April at 7.00 pm.

Reports will be given on the projects undertaken during 2023-24, what the Committee aim to achieve in the coming year, the financial outlook and the appointment of officers for 2024-25.

Members of the community are welcome to attend

If you would like to learn more about the work of the Trustees with a view to joining us now, or in the future, then please come to the AGM and speak to any of the current Trustees for further information.

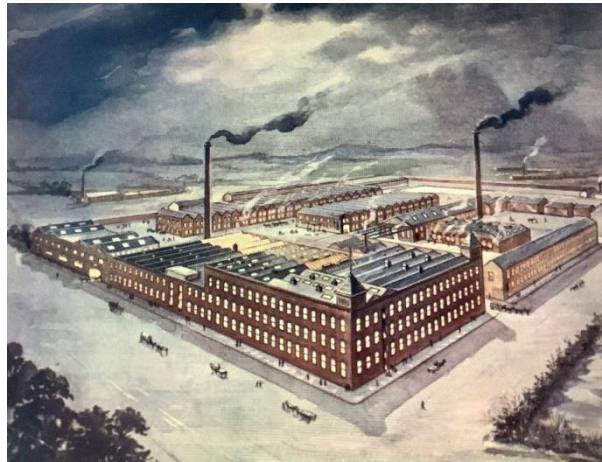
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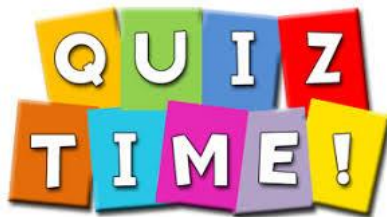
Where was I?



Answer: Leyland - Golden Hill, by the entrance to Morrisons carpark, once the site of the old rubber works.



The Leyland Rubber Company as it would probably have looked in 1896



True or false No guessing!
The answers are at the bottom of the page

1. The first motorway was opened in 1958 and is now part of the M6.
2. The Golden Gate Bridge is located in San Francisco
3. Queen Elizabeth II opened the Sydney Opera House in October 1963.
4. The Taj Mahal was completed in 1653.
5. The "Angel of The North" is Britain's largest sculpture.
6. Stonehenge is located near Amesbury in Wiltshire.
7. From 1922 to 1971, you needed a licence to listen to the radio in the UK.
8. A giraffe can go for longer without water than a camel can.
9. The largest island in the Mediterranean is Cyprus.

10. There are 12 points on the Statue of Liberty's crown

Quiz 195 Questions

1. What is the name of the Worcestershire town noted for its mineral springs?
2. What was the name of the brothers who sang "You've lost that loving feeling"?
3. What is the capital of California?
4. In folklore what is the name of an elf said to do work at night?
5. Who was the composer of the opera La Traviata?
6. What was the name of the 1949 musical starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly?
7. Name the 1939 John Ford western starring John Wayne.
8. What do you call the head of a tribe or family? (Begins with a P)
9. Author of the "Devil's Dictionary" who disappeared in Mexico in 1913?
10. What is the name of a book containing a list of medicinal drugs?

Quiz 194 Answers

1. Tralee
2. Baccara
3. Plasterwork
4. Duke of Wellington
5. Aluminium
6. Louise Veronica
7. 1948
8. France
9. Republic of Congo
10. Steve Carrell

Answers to True / False...

1. True
2. True
3. False Opened by the Queen in 1973
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. True
9. False Largest Island is Sicily
10. False The Statue of Liberty has only 7 points

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

How to tell the difference between a cold and flu: if there's a £50 note in the middle of a field and you can reach it, you haven't got flu. (Diana Wainman)

HAVE A GREAT DAY