



Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

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Thank you to all members who have contributed to this publication



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Kildrummy clouds



Thank you to the member who shared her stunning photo of these **nacreous** clouds taken on

Christmas Eve in rural Aberdeenshire.

Nacreous clouds are also known as mother-of-pearl clouds. Unlike their low altitude counterparts, they appear in the stratosphere, soaring at heights of 9 to 16 miles above the Earth's surface and are most commonly observed within two hours after sunset or before dawn, when they remain illuminated by the sun's rays.

Staying safe on-line



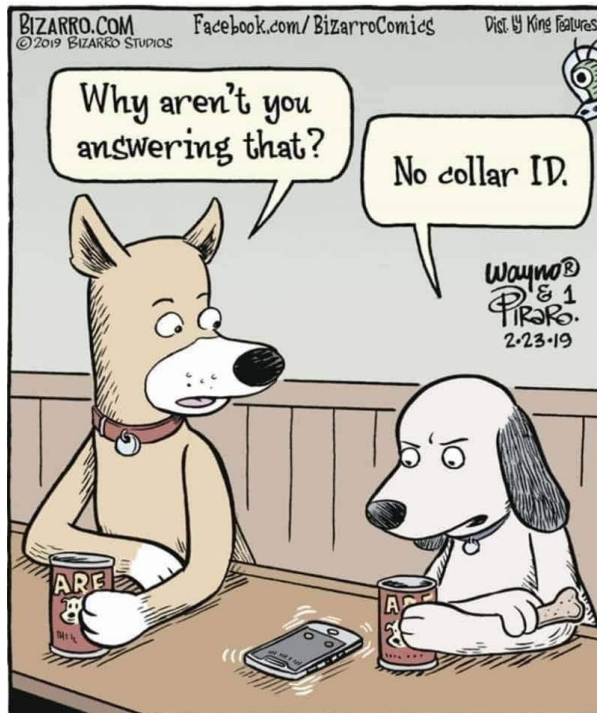
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Don't click on the links within any unsolicited emails you receive

Never respond to emails that ask for your personal or financial details,

Think twice before sharing information on-line.



Politics, a friendly chat

Happy New Year to everyone who has attended over recent months.

The next meeting of the Politics Group will be on

Monday 8th January 1.30 - 3.30 in MVH Lounge.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE ON THE LEAD SUBJECT.

Please contact Grahame via the Politics page on the website.

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Are you interested in The Arts, and particularly art, music, poetry and prose? Many of us are. Are you interested in Artificial Intelligence (AI) – perhaps not.

But here's a thought. If the best chess player in the world is now a computer using AI, will the best artist, musician, poet, novelist in the future also be a computer using AI?

I shall be discussing this question in two talks:

Tuesday 9th January @ 10.00 in Mawdesley Village Hall in the Hall

Thursday 18th January @ 2.00 in Mawdesley Village Hall in the Hall

I hope you will be able to join me.

Martin Lunt.



"Changi POW – How my father spent the war"

Stephen Doyle

Wednesday 10th Jan 12.00noon Village Hall

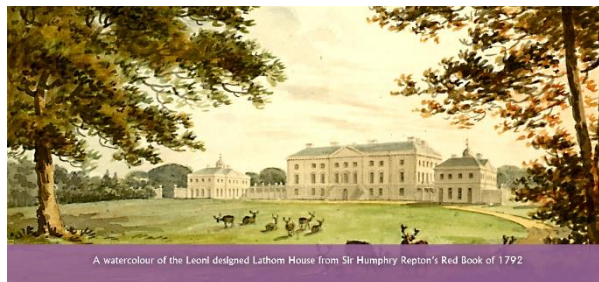
Cost £2 (pay on the door)



My father was conscripted and posted to Singapore, which fell to the Japanese in Feb 1942. He spent the rest of the war as a POW in Changi POW camp on the island. This talk is about life in Changi, which was a mixture of hunger, great friendships and British humour. He kept a small diary, a copy of which is now in the Imperial War Museum.

Please note - this session is free.

Archaeology Talk



History and Archaeology of Lathom House - Talk by Dorothy Hawkes

Mawdesley Village Hall

Tuesday 16th January 10.30 - 12.00

All members welcome

Dorothy Hawkes, of Lathom Park Trust will present a talk on the history and archaeology of Lathom House on Tuesday 16th January 10.30 am - 12.00.

Lathom House has a fascinating history extending from the medieval period, through the civil war and 18th century.

Dorothy was brought up locally and now lives on Lathom Park. She is passionate about local history and in particular the story of Lathom House, and is well placed to spread the word as trustee and secretary of the Trust. She has enthusiastically participated in the excavations at Lathom House and Park.

Several members have expressed an interest in a talk on Lathom House, and I am sure this will be a good one.

French Conversation Group



Bonne Année 2024

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

Friday 19th January in the Mawdesley Village Hall Lounge.

Dr Madeline Moulden OBE will present:

‘My Life as a Prison Governor’ Part 2.

Following her very well received presentation last year, Madeline has more interesting and moving stories to tell including her visits to prisons in Russia.

As usual, her presentation will be in French, and text will be displayed on the large TV screen in both French and English.

There will be opportunities to ask Madeline questions and discuss her experiences.

Coming Soon – dates TBA

- Toujours Lancashire - a personal story by Eric Vrain.
- A real-life financial and legal drama told by the man who rescued a French company – Chris Turner.
- The battle of Waterloo – Nigel Smith.

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

Answers to the Christmas Conundrum

Christmas Conundrum

Answers ?

Baubles	41	Holly (group)	4
Xmas Trees	12	Stockings	3
Angels	2 }	<u>All one only</u>	
mini bell "	2 }	sleigh	
Doves } birds	3 }	gingerbread man	
Snowmen	4	Owl.	
Reindeer	2	Xmas pudding	
Wreathes	7	Sack	
Bells	6	rabbit	
Stars	18		
Snowflakes	3		

Am I right ? !!!

most probably NOT ☺.....

Hope you enjoyed it
Val.

Thanks go to Val for this stunning line drawing.



And a final word about Christmas 2023.....

The photo below was taken by one of our members. The 'tree' is made up of green knitted hats with colourful bobbles, all of which will go to charity in the New Year.



It got us thinking - could we do something on similar lines?

There are only another 353 knitting days to go until Christmas 2024!

Where am I?

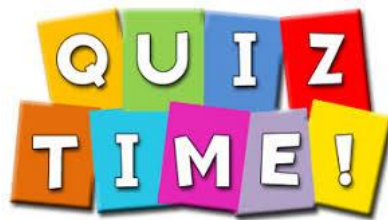


Where was I?



Answer: The Fishtail Mountain commonly known as Machhapuchhre is one of the most beautiful peaks of Nepal.

The second highest peak in the Annapurna Himalayan Range got its name from its top which resembles the tail of a fish.



Quiz 182 Questions

1. What is the capital of El Salvador?
2. Where in the body are the Lachrymal Glands?
3. Which actress played the wife of Ricky Tomlinson in The Royle family?
4. Which rapper did Beyonce marry in 2008?
5. What was the former name of Thailand?
6. Which team won the 1998 football World cup?
7. In computing what does HTML stand for?
8. What did the Rochdale Pioneer found in 1844?
9. What instrument was played by Count Basie?
10. Which English King had 5 children by Eleanor of Provence?

Quiz 181 Answers

1. Number 7
2. Blue
3. Anthony Trollope
4. Thursday
5. "J"
6. New York
7. Cats
8. Pfennigs
9. Arthur Jefferson
10. Centaur

Pause for Thought

I rang up my local swimming baths. I said , "Is that the local swimming baths?"

He replied , "It depends where you're calling from.