



Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

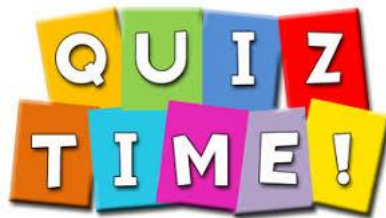
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The newsletter is compiled and published by the press team.

Thank you to all members who have contributed to this publication

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

Only a fraction of people will get this!



PROSPERO'S QUIZ NO. 23

1. Which Conservative politician from Sir Winston Churchill's era, is David Cameron related to?
2. What perilous activity takes its name from the Greek for 'high walking'?
3. Name five novels by Charles Dickens which contain the name of a character in the title.
4. Solomon Grundy was born on Monday. On which day of the week did he die?
5. What was Sony's format of video tape that was overtaken by the V.H.S. system?
6. What is the name of the Society of London Theatre's annual awards?
7. Which 1954 film ends with the line 'I now pronounce you men and wives'?

8. Jacob Zuma is a former President of which country?
9. Which country's flag has been officially changed 26 times since it was introduced in the eighteenth century?
10. And finally, true or false? The hardest substance in the human body is bone.



Thank you to everyone who donated prizes or bought raffle tickets.
We raised £276 with the raffle and £46.51 from the small change jar, making a total of £322.51

Archaeology Talk

On Tuesday 10th December 10.30-12.00 in the Village Hall Annexe, the Archaeology Group have a talk on The Portable Antiquities Scheme.
This scheme allows members of the public to report notable small archaeological finds - it is run by the British Museum.
Alex Whitlock of the PAS will talk on finds from our local area,

Here is a striking example. It is an Elizabethan Sixpence found in Croston in 2018 :-



Mawdesley Village Hall with Mawdesley u3a

Food Bank and Toy Collection



(NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS ONLY PLEASE)

at Mawdesley Village Hall

Saturday 14th December

9.00 - 12.00

All proceeds to go to the Salvation Army

French Conversation



29th November Nigel Smith - The Dreyfus Affair

The Dreyfus affair was the single greatest miscarriage of justice in French History. It centred on the question of the guilt or innocence of army captain Alfred Dreyfus, who had been convicted of treason for allegedly selling military secrets to the Germans.

The affair divided French Society, which led to rioting across the country and left lasting scars on French political life. It has everything – spying, cover up, falsification of evidence, institutional corruption, the tabloid press and ultimately heroism.

Date TBA - La Provence en voiture, including experiences of eight hotels/chambres d’hôtes en route and places to visit – Adrian Dean.

All French Conversations take place on a Friday at 10.00-11.30 in the Lounge, Mawdesley Village Hall.

There is a lot more information on the u3a website

https://mawdesley.u3asite.uk/u3a_groups/french-conversation/

For more information contact Adrian Dean, Group Leader on [07989 343503](tel:07989343503).

Better still, why not just pop in to see whether you would enjoy being part of the group?

Canasta

The Canasta Group are meeting on Friday 29th November (being the fifth Friday of the month). The next meeting on 6th December is the last before Christmas.

We will recommence on Friday 17th January 2025.

First Aid Sessions

**If you have signed up for either of the two sessions on 27th November or 4th December,
please note that the starting time is 10.00 prompt.**

Last Week's Art, Craft & Patchwork Exhibition

The Photographs show some of the excellent work from the three groups

Val's Three Art Classes



Patchwork Group



Craft Group



Many members came into the annexe to admire the outstanding skills of the three groups.
Lots of appreciative comments were made, along with interested questions asked.

Thanks to All for the great support and also for the group members' hard work.

Photography

The Photography Group meeting next **Tuesday, 26th November**, at 13.30 in the Annexe

It is an Open House & Planning Workshop.
This is an opportunity to get help and advice about your camera settings and controls and see a demonstration of different photo-editing software.

The latter part of the meeting will be a group discussion about next year's programme, so come along with plenty of ideas, including possible locations for Group Photography visits.
All members welcome, cost £2.00.

Shakespeare

The Shakespeare Group are showing a film of the iconic 1978 production by Trevor Nunn of Macbeth starring Ian McKellen and Judi Dench.

It will be shown in the lounge at Mawdesley Village Hall in two parts. Part 1 on **Monday 25 November and part 2 on Monday 9th December**. Both sessions 10.15am to 12.15pm.

All welcome. £2 including refreshments.

Philosophy of Friendship and Love

Just an early reminder of the next session on Tuesday 3rd December, 10am-12 Main Hall.

With the season of goodwill approaching, John is presenting such topics of natural familiarity and appeal.

Ethical Philosophy has debated these concepts since Ancient Greek times---up to modern days.

Much discussion and reflection should take place.

Hope you can attend.

Luncheon Club - 15th January

LUNCHEON CLUB

THE NEXT LUNCH IS ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY
12.30 AT THE FARMERS ARMS, BISPHAM

AS THEY HAVE AGREED TO SERVE THE CHRISTMAS
MENU THEY REQUIRE ALL ORDERS BY 18TH DECEMBER.

COST FOR 2 COURSES, TO INCLUDE GRATUITIES IS £26
(NON REFUNDABLE)

PLEASE BOOK WITH VIV OR BARBARA

News you can use

**Hurtigruten are also doing a deal for u3a members similar to Riviera Travel.
If you mention you are a member when booking a holiday, they will donate money to your
u3a**

Events in our local area (not u3a)

Mawdesley

Celebrating 50 Years
MAWDESLEY AMATEUR DRAMATICS
PRESENTS

Cinderella

Written by ADRIAN BARRADELL



Affiliated to the
National Operative and
Dramatic Association
Bar
Available

Thursday 28th NOVEMBER 7.30pm	Friday 29th NOVEMBER 7.30pm	Saturday 30th NOVEMBER 2pm & 7.30pm	ADULTS £10 CHILDREN £5 UNDER 5 YRS FREE
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TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM RUFFORD PRINTING
 TUESDAY - FRIDAY 10am - 4pm (Card payment preferred)



Rufford



Croston

Croston Christmas Tree Festival

St Michael's and All Angels Church

Come along and see a selection of trees decorated by local Community Groups,

including our u3a hat tree.



Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th November

Chairman's moan

It was estimated that 150 teas or coffees were served on Wednesday and the 'donations' amounted to £32.

Yes it is a donation, but as we make a loss on the Wednesday Social Mornings, I think it is more than reasonable for people to donate a minimum of 50p for a hot drink and a biscuit.

Moan over.

Stuart.

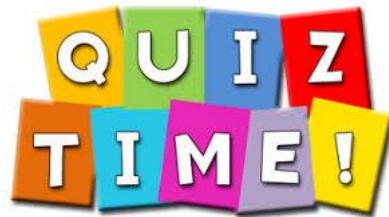
Where am I?



Where was I?



Answer: Ashness Bridge on way to Watendlath, Cumbria.



PROSPERO'S CONNECTIONS QUIZ

**Over four weeks you will see a series of clues. All you have to do is connect them.
The 'a' clue will be a date and the following week there will be a second clue ('b') followed
by a second date for the next clue.
In other words, four clues each in two parts.**

Not as complicated as it sounds. So...

Clue 1a 9th April 1954

To help or possibly hinder next week we have Clue 1b.

Good luck.

Answers to Quiz 23

1. Sir Alfred Duff Cooper. Find a picture and you will see the resemblance.
2. Acrobatics.
3. Any five from, The Pickwick Papers, Oliver Twist, Nicholas Nickleby, Barnaby Rudge, Martin Chuzzlewit, Dombey and Son, David Copperfield, Little Dorrit, The Mystery of Edwin Drood.
4. Saturday.
5. Betamax.
6. Oliviers or the Laurence Olivier Awards.
7. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.
8. South Africa.
9. USA - new star added each time a new state joins the union.
10. False - it's enamel.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time.

Roots & Shoots

And on that note next week we will be asking for your

‘Pledges for the Planet’

eg: Recycle soft plastics.
Avoid pesticides in the garden.
Use LED lightbulbs.

There will be cards on the signing in table where you can write your suggestions or you can submit them by email via the link below

[Pledges for the Planet](#)

HAVE A GREAT DAY

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