

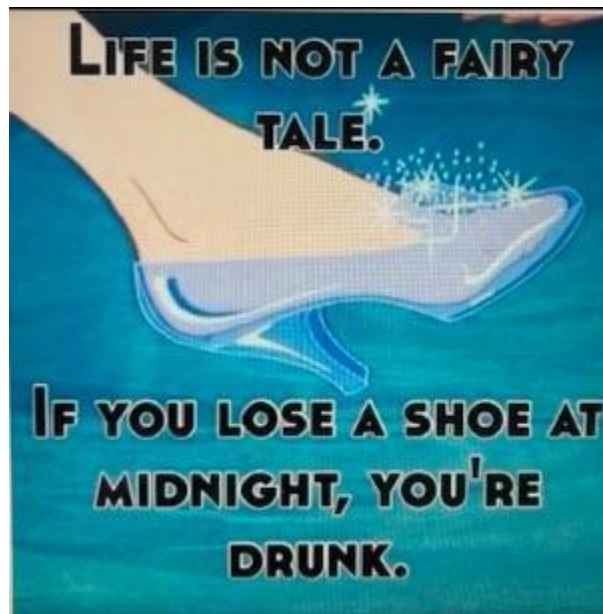


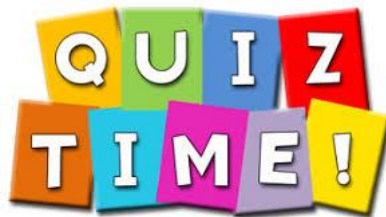
Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

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Le Quiz Numéro 24

Salut, ici Monsieur Prospero avec notre quiz mensuel thématique. Devinez le thème.

Grâce à Adrian pour la traduction

1. Quelle ville française est connue pour son festival annuel du film ?
2. Dans quelle gare de Paris se trouve le terminal de l'Eurostar ?
3. Quelle ville de Normandie, située à l'embouchure de la Seine, assure la liaison par ferry avec Portsmouth et possède un nom qui signifie « le port » ?
4. Quelle est la vitesse maximale autorisée (en km/h) sur une autoroute en France ?
5. Quelle est la nation européenne qui compte le plus grand nombre d'habitants au kilomètre carré ?
6. Quel lac situé entre la Suisse et la France est également connu sous le nom de lac Léman ?
7. Quelle reine française est associée à l'expression « Qi'ils mangent de la brioche » ?
8. Quel est le fleuve le plus long de France ?
9. Quelle chaîne de montagnes forme une frontière naturelle entre la France et l'Espagne ?
10. Et enfin, vrai ou faux ? La Révolution française a commencé en 1798.

Bonne chance,

Can you spot the deliberate mistake in this week's History item below?

History

Dreyfus – an Enemy of the People

The next History session will be presented by Nigel who has already given a shortened version of this subject - the Dreyfus affair - to the French Conversation Group. Luckily he will be doing it for us in English this time - **Wednesday December 11th from 2-4 in the MVH hall.**

The Dreyfus affair was the single greatest miscarriage of justice in modern French History. The affair divided France society and led to rioting across the country, embittered its politics, and brought into the open a previously nascent Anti-Semitism. It left lasting scars on French political life.

The press played a crucial role in exposing information and in shaping and expressing public opinion on both sides of the conflict.
The affair centred on the question of the guilt or innocence of army captain Alfred Dreyfus, who had been convicted of treason in December 1894 for allegedly selling military secrets to the Germans.

It is a tale of cover up, falsification of evidence, heroism and Jack Hughes.
But truth, as always will out.

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

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, which is run by the British Museum and allows members of the public to report notable small archaeological finds.

Alex Whitlock of the PAS will talk on finds from our local area,

Philosophy



Philosophy of Friendship and Love :

Tuesday 3rd December, 10am - 12 in the Main Hall.

This should prove a more light-hearted session as Xmas approaches. However, these human topics have continued to fascinate philosophers ever since Aristotle wrote his book on Friendship (350 bce); within its Ethical philosophy, writers of all types have striven to define, describe and explain such complex human behaviour---novelists and poets too!

As separate topics, John will attempt to consider various viewpoints, including Sceptics/Existentialists, psychologists. Of course he expects individual reflections and comments from a very experienced gathering..(u3a and Friendship)...

Questions will undoubtedly be raised about whether Love and Friendship change as we get older, or whether Love represents a differently perceived emotion in male and female.

Let us have no controversy as we approach Xmas---but should be an interesting session.

Hope you can make it.

Friendly coffee and biscuits at half time.

Theatre Group

Evita

Saturday February 8th 2025

Ticket, Coach and Driver's Tip £27. Ticket only £17.

Payment needed ASAP but definitely by January 8th.

I will confirm pick up times when I give out the tickets.

Jacque

Politics

Our next meeting is on Monday 9th December 13.30 - 15.30 in MVH Lounge

As there is so much going on in the World the next meeting will be the full 2 hours on Current Affairs.

Please send me your ideas and I can collate them and send out to the Group in advance.

Obvious topics are

CLIMATE CHANGE AND COP29

LIFE ON PLANET TRUMP

LIFE ON PLANET PUTIN

THE RECENT BUDGET (which is still daily news)

THE NEW CONSERVATIVE LEADER

PROPOSALS ON ASSISTED DYING,

Regards

Grahame

News from National u3a

A resolution was passed at the National u3a AGM in October. The idea is to form two 'committees'.

1. A smaller Board of Trustees who will deal with the governance of u3a and deal with the Charity Commission.
2. A new u3a Council who will deal with all other matters and will have representatives from all regions of the country.

If any member of our u3a is interested in standing for election to this new Council please contact me for more details.

Stuart. (Chair)

Christmas Wreath Makers

Two workshops have taken place over recent weeks and participants are proudly displaying their Christmas creations, made using natural foliage.



St Mary's Rufford Christmas Tree Festival

The theme this year is 'Looking after our World'

We are asking members to suggest Pledges for our Planet - ideas such as

Recycle soft plastics

Choose eco-friendly alternatives

Change to LED lightbulbs

There will be cards available on Wednesday for you to write your suggestions or you can submit them by email via the link below

[Pledges for the Planet](#)

The pledges will be used to decorate our u3a tree.

First Aid Sessions

If you have signed up for the next first aid session on 4th December,

please note that the starting time is 10.00 prompt.

Local Explorers

Leyland Heritage Centre (not the museum)

Friday 10th January at 2.00

An exhibition of photos depicting the history of Leyland with a talk by one of the Historical Society Volunteers

At the moment their lease is due to run out in early February, so this may be our only opportunity to visit.

Contact Christine

[Leyland Heritage Centre](#)

BBC Scam Safety Quiz

At this time of year in particular, we need to be aware of possible scams and throughout the week, the BBC have been advising on how we can app protect ourselves against unscrupulous criminals.

Google BBC Scam Safety Quiz and see how scam savvy you are.

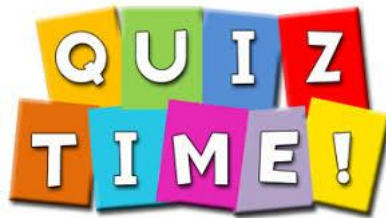
Where am I?



Where was I?



Answer: The old pilot cottages Llanddwyn.



PROSPERO'S CONNECTIONS QUIZ.

Here you have a repeat of the first clue, a further hint for the first clue and the date for the second clue.

Are you seeing the connection?

Clue 1a: 9th April 1954

Clue 1b: Making the last mortgage payment

Clue 2a: 9th December 1960

Réponses

1. Cannes
2. Gare du Nord
3. Le Havre
4. 130 km/h
5. Monaco a 16,000 habitants au kilomètre carré mais n'a que 2 kilomètres carrés.
6. 'Lake Geneva'
7. Marie Antoinette
8. Loire
9. Les Pyrénées
10. Faux. La Révolution Française a commencé en 1789.

And the deliberate mistake in the History item?

It's a play on words and Jack Hughes should be translated as J'Accuse.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Il faut croquer la vie à pleines dents

(Live life to the fullest)

HAVE A GREAT DAY

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