

## Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

19th June 2026

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### Where was I?



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### Garden Group Visit to Dutton Hall



On Monday, 30 members of the Garden Group visited Dutton Hall in Ribchester. This historic home dates from the 17th century. The gardens have been developed since 1998 by current owners Catherine and Andrew Penny. They consist of a knot formal garden in front of the house and a 3 acre garden to the north of the house. There are more than 200 varieties of old fashioned roses which create a beautiful fragrance throughout the garden, along with specimen trees, shrubs and perennial plants. Dutton hall has been awarded National Collection Status for its collection of Rosa Hybrid Musk varieties.

The garden blends well with the surrounding countryside ensuring wonderful views over the Ribble Valley.

The group all enjoyed their visit with tea and delicious cakes and the opportunity to buy plants.

We were also lucky with a bright warm day bringing out the fragrance of the roses and a myriad of pollinators buzzing around the plants.

The garden is open this Sunday 21st June in the National Garden Scheme - well worth a visit!

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### Art Trip

Arley Hall Garden Festival.

Saturday 27th June

There may be more places on this trip than ever as it's a better and bigger show this year.

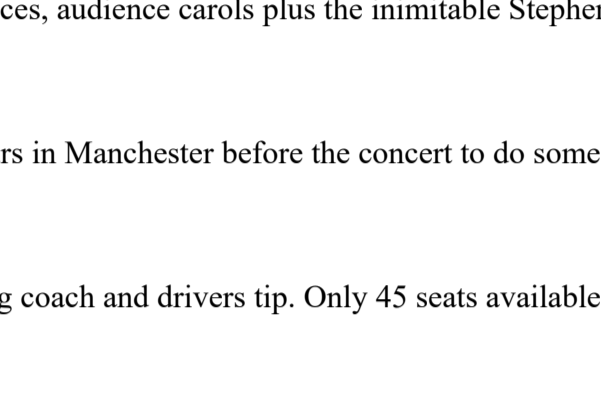
Please contact Val TEXT only on 07960 467 928 regarding places, costs etc.

The coach will be supplied by Don Fraser

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### It's nearly Christmas

Oh no it isn't - oh yes it is!!



On Wednesday we will be launching the Halle Carol Concert on Sat 19/12/26. We are having to launch this early as they want us to pay for the tickets in August, so I need to know how many people want to go this year.

For those who have been before, it is the usual concert with the 3 Halle choirs (with the children's choir stealing the show as usual).

It has a mixture of choir and orchestral pieces, audience carols plus the inimitable Stephen Bell getting you into the Christmas spirit.

We will be going in early so that you have around 3 hours in Manchester before the concert to do some shopping, have lunch or just chill out before the concert.

Cost is £48 including coach and drivers tip. Only 45 seats available so please book early.

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### DIRTY DANCING, LIVERPOOL EMPIRE.

THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, 7.30

Enjoy the uplifting Musical, Dirty Dancing



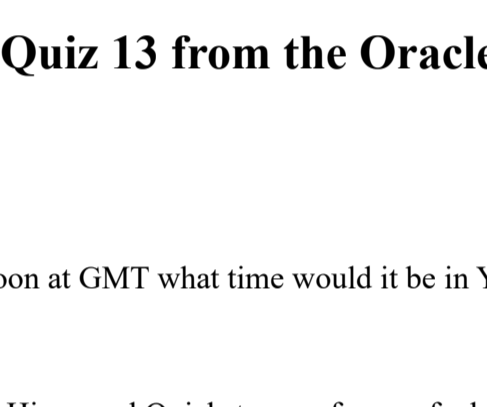
I have 2 very good tickets for sale. Original cost £107, including fees, only £70.

STALLS M10, M11

Please contact Graham on grahamegreen2@btinternet.com

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### Who am I?



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### QUIZ TIME!

#### Quiz 13 from the Oracle

1. If it's noon at GMT what time would it be in Yokohama?
2. Hippy and Quickstep are forms of what?
3. What is the only English anagram of ALSATIANS?
4. Who invented the barometer?
5. From which language does the word "tea" originate?
6. On which river does Cincinnati stand?
7. Who was the first Scot to be Champion Jockey?
8. Bora and Nosouti are in which island group?
9. In Monopoly what is the amount of the speeding fine?
10. In Germany what is a spetsewagen?

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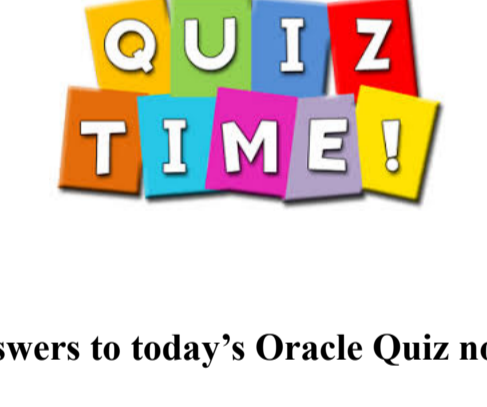
### Where was I?



Answer: Yes, Wembley 1966

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### Who am I?



Answer: History Group Leader Elwyn.

Watch this space for next week's announcement.

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### QUIZ TIME!

#### Answers to today's Oracle Quiz no. 13

1. 9 p.m.
2. Cabbage
3. Assault.
4. Evangelista Torricelli?
5. Chinese
6. Ohio
7. Willie Carson
8. Gilbert Islands
9. £15
10. A dining car on a train

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#### Answers to last week's Diogenes Quiz 2

1. Re-telling a story from the point of view of a different character.
- March by Geraldine Brooks (Little Women)
- The Penelopiad by Margaret Atwood (The Odyssey)
- Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys (Jane Eyre)
- Wicked by Gregory Maguire (The Wizard of Oz)
2. Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah.
  3. Green Bean.
  4. Said by Magicians
- Pick a card, any card.
- Just like that.
- Izzt wizzzy, let's get busy.
- Abraacadabra.
5. Turt.
  6. 6.
  7. The ball of the century.
  8. Coca Cola.
  9. Lewis Morley.
  10. Fingerprints.

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### The events below are in our neighbouring villages but not u3a

#### MAWDESLEY OPEN GARDENS 2026

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Programmes are now on sale at the SPAR

£5.00 (under 16s free)

We hope you will come and support this great annual event.

Plant sales and refreshments available

All proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Millennium Green

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Thank you to all members who have contributed to this publication

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