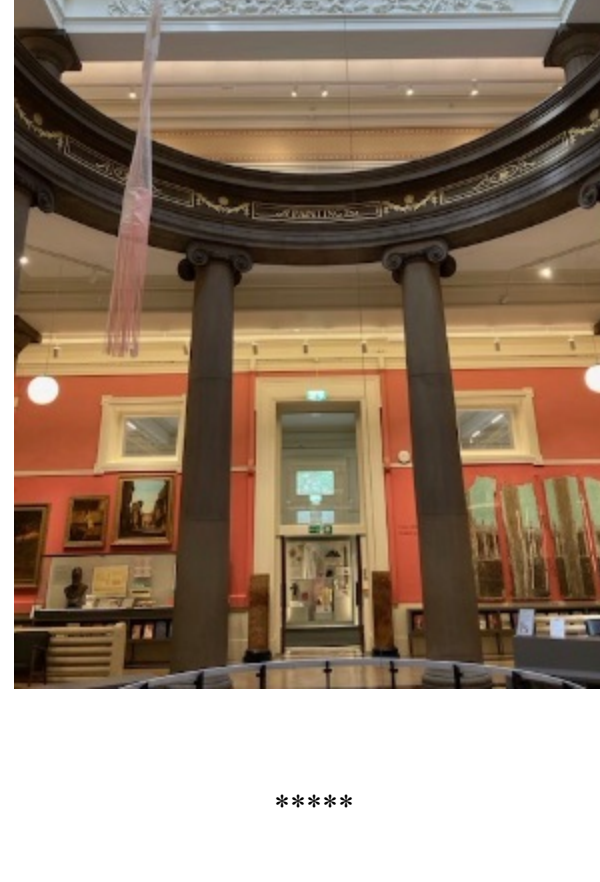


Mawdesley and Neighbouring Villages u3a

3rd July 2026

Where am I?





History Group

Just a reminder that the next History session takes place on Wednesday 8th July from 2 - 4p.m. at Mawdesley Village Hall.

Group Leader Elyn will speak on 'The Rise of Stalin'.

Credit cards can now be accepted for payment.

Local Explorers

Haigh Hall

Wednesday 19th August

Who remembers the zoo, the model village or the little train? Haigh Hall near Wigan is undergoing complete refurbishment. We have booked a talk by Jim Meclun on the history of the hall, followed by a walk round the grounds (weather permitting).

Cost £5

[Haigh Hall](#)

Eco Town Visit

Monday 7th September



A fascinating insight into what happens to the contents of our various wheelite bins!

Booking essential for this unmissable guided tour

[Eco Town](#)

Didn't we have a lovely day, the day we went to Chester.

Normally, when the Social group organise a trip, we can control most aspects of it, but some things are beyond our control, like the weather. All we can hope for, is no rain. Now add to that, not too hot! Because that's definitely what it was last Friday, when 53 members braved one of the hottest days on record, for an afternoon tea on the river Dee at Chester.

An air conditioned coach lulled us into a false sense of security! On our arrival, free time beforehand, which would normally be filled with retail therapy, was taken up with finding the coolest place, with cold drinks! For a lot of us, this was the Cathedral, a magnificent building that is always worth a visit. And especially at the moment, as there is a spectacular textile exhibition on-Threads through the Bible-composed of more than 25 million stitches, across 44 panels & the work of just one lady!

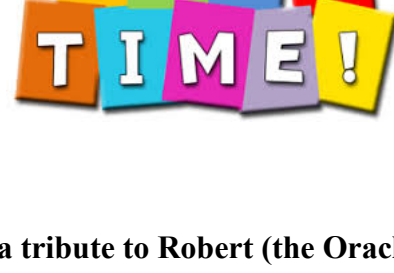
Time to make our way, as quickly as the heat would allow, to the boat, where we enjoyed a very generous afternoon tea & a relaxing sail along the river & back.

A good day out, but maybe we'll do it in Winter next time!

WORLD CUP QUIZ

On Friday 17th July, two days before the World Cup Final, we hope to present a World Cup Quiz. However we need your help. Please submit any World Cup related questions to ray.waterhouse@btinternet.com

No extra time, no penalties, and no V.A.R.



This week's quiz is being published as a tribute to Robert (the Oracle) who sadly passed away last weekend.

1. Who had a 1950's No1 with "I See The Moon"?
2. Which writer produced the work "Gargantua"?
3. What does ALGOL stand for?
4. In Which Dickens novel does Thomas Traddles appear?
5. Who created Dan Dare?
6. In Monopoly how much is paid for school fees?
7. Who invented the first commercial burglar alarm?
8. How was the novelist Henri Beyle better known?
9. If Alpha is A and Bravo is B what is N?
10. Who was George Oldfield determined to catch?
11. From which language does the word "algebra" originate?
12. Who wrote The Sea Wolf
13. Who invented the process of canning food?
14. In which city was Felix Mendelssohn born?
15. How is Tiziano Vecelli better known?
16. What was the trade of Abraham Lincoln's father?
17. In which country is the city of Kitchener?
18. Which title is the Irish Prime Minister also known by?
19. What do the initials J.R.R. stand for in J.R.R. Tolkien's name?
20. From which language does the word "kiosk" originate?

Richard's fundraising challenge for Parkinson's UK



Hi, I'm Richard Iddon, member of Mawdesley u3a. I like to ride my bike and have just completed a ride from Lands End to John O'Groats (unsupported & on a traditional, non electric bike). I have also recently started to do a little running.

It's nearly two years since my lovely wife, Jan lost her battle with Parkinson's. In her memory and to raise a few bob for Parkinson's UK, I have managed to get a charity place in the Great North Run. This is way outside my comfort zone but I intend to do it anyway. When I reached my half century, over 25 years ago, I marked that occasion by doing the same run and finished in just over 3 hours. I haven't run much in the intervening years but my goal this time is to better that time a quarter of a century later. If you would like to help me reach my charity target just click on the link below to donate.

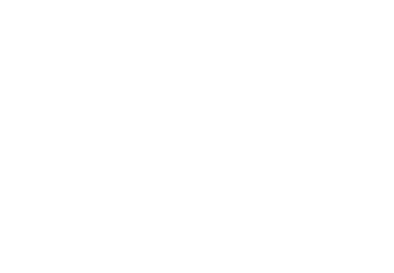
Thanks.

<https://events.parkinsons.org.uk/fundraisers/richardiddon>

Where am I?



Answer: The Harris Museum and Library, Preston

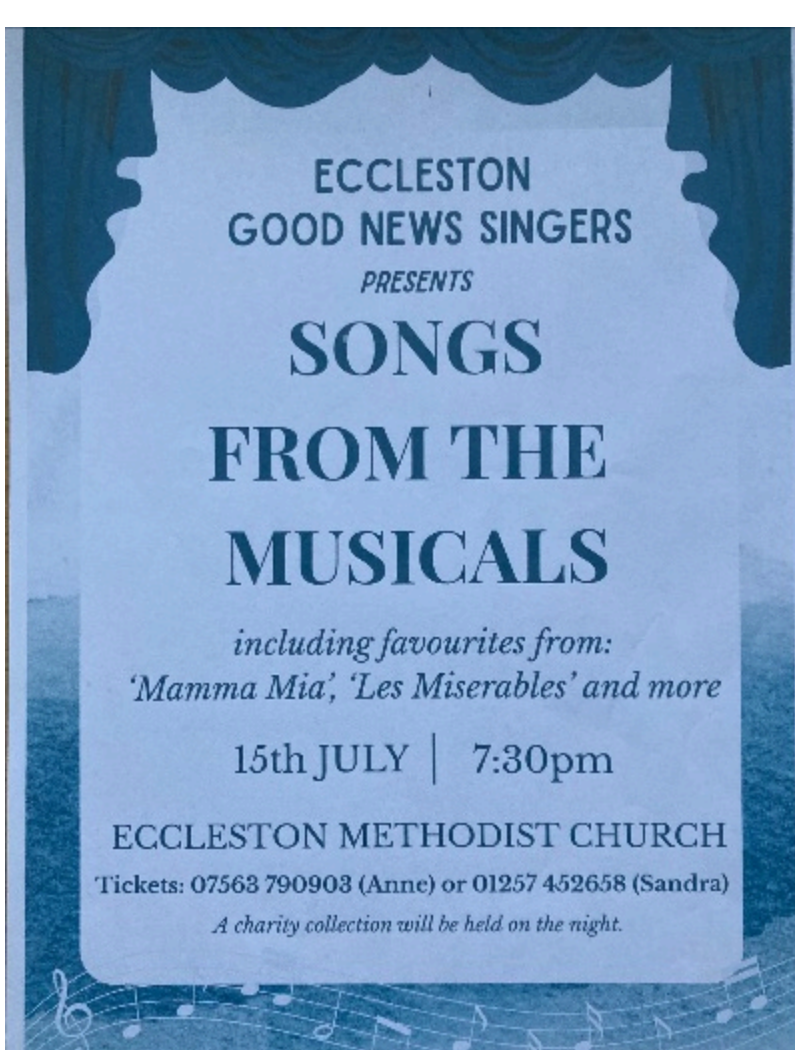


ANSWERS

1. The Stargazers
2. Francois Rabelais
3. Algorithmic Orientated Language
4. David Copperfield
5. Frank Hampson
6. £150
7. Edwin T Holmes
8. Stendhal
9. November
10. The Yorkshire Ripper
11. Arabic
12. Jack London
13. Nicholas Appert
14. Hamburg
15. Titian
16. Carpenter
17. Canada
18. Taoiseach (pronounced Tee- shock)
19. John Roland Reuel
20. Turkish

The events below are in our neighbouring villages

but not u3a



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