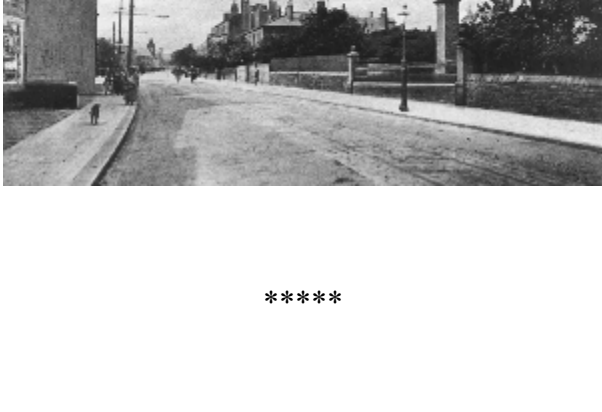


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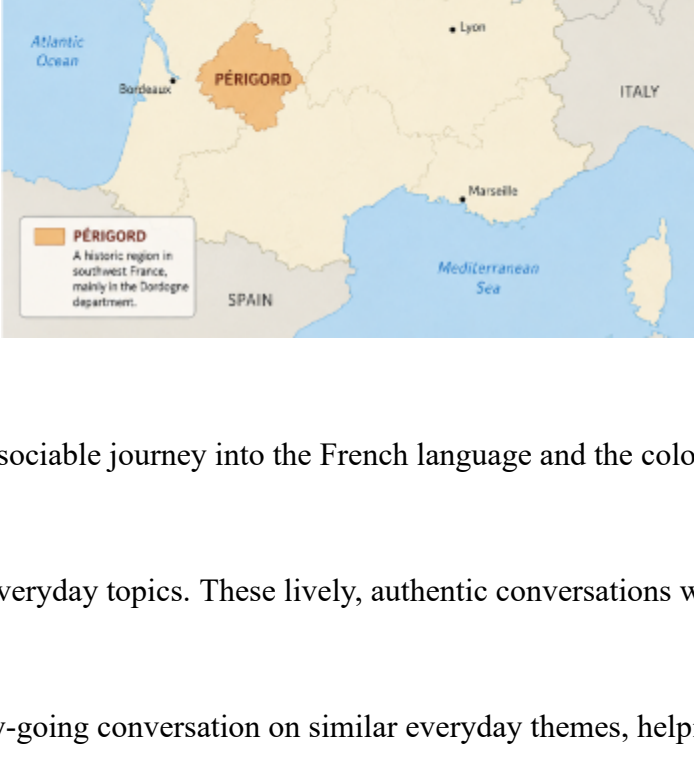
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French Conversation

Friday 25 September, MVH Lounge 10.00-11.30



Come and join us for a relaxed, sociable journey into the French language and the colourful heart of south-west France.

We'll begin with about 30 minutes of practical French, using short video clips of French speakers chatting about everyday topics. These lively, authentic conversations will help us hear French as it is really spoken and pick up useful vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation in context.

We'll then try out what we have heard through ony-going conversation on similar everyday themes, helping us build confidence and get our French flowing.

For the rest of the session, we'll head off to one of France's most beautiful and historic regions through a presentation entitled:

Périgord – A Journey Through Time, Language, Food and the British Connection

The name Périgord conjures up a rich collection of images: medieval castles rising above winding rivers, prehistoric caves decorated by our distant ancestors, charming bastide villages, rolling countryside of walnut trees and vineyards, and some of France's most celebrated food.

Along the way, we'll sample the story of a region famous for foie gras, duck, walnuts and, above all, the mysterious and much-prized black truffle.

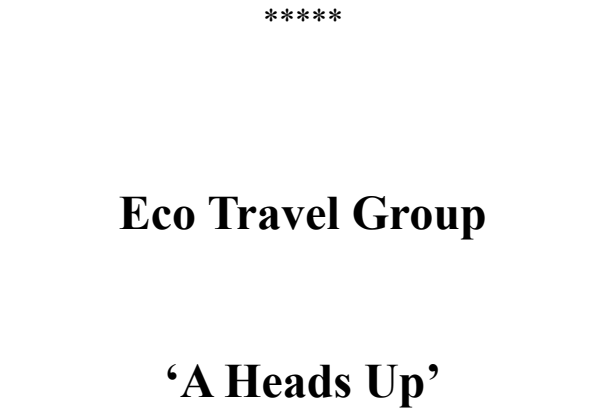
We'll also unravel a small geographical puzzle: look at a modern map of France, and you will not find a department called Périgord. Today, the area is known chiefly as the Dordogne, in Nouvelle-Aquitaine, south-west France.

Do come along for a warm, relaxed session as we explore the language, landscapes, history, food and British connections of this remarkable corner of France, with plenty of chances to chat, share ideas and practise your French.

Pour en savoir plus, contactez Adrian au 07989 343503

The Human Body - Brain and Central Nervous System

Wed 23rd Sept. 12.00 in the lounge. Cost: £2. No booking needed.



This is the first of three monthly talks held on the fourth Wednesday of September, October, and November. This session focuses on our brain and Central Nervous System: how it works, what happens when it goes wrong and how to keep it well. It's the most complicated thing in the universe! Just turn up in the lounge at 12.00, right after the social morning.

Eco Travel Group

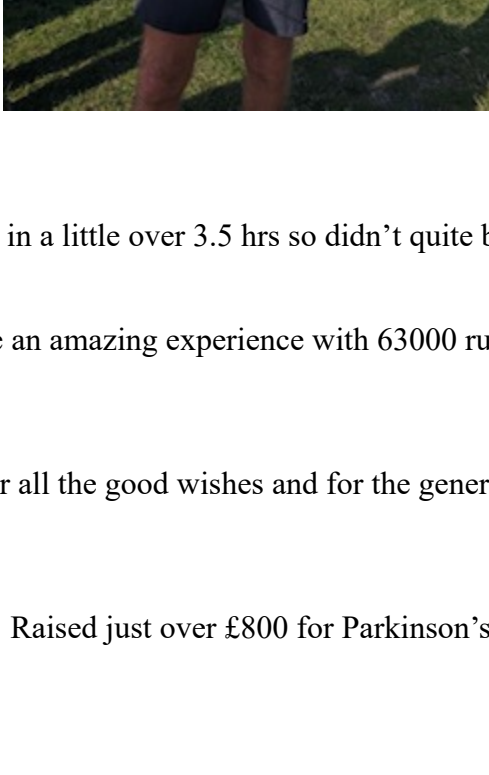
‘A Heads Up’

Mersey Tunnel Tour

Saturday 31st October

Details to follow.

Richard's Success



Mission completed. Finished the Great North Run in a little over 3.5 hrs so didn't quite beat my time of 27 years ago but glad to get round.

Quite an amazing experience with 63000 runners.

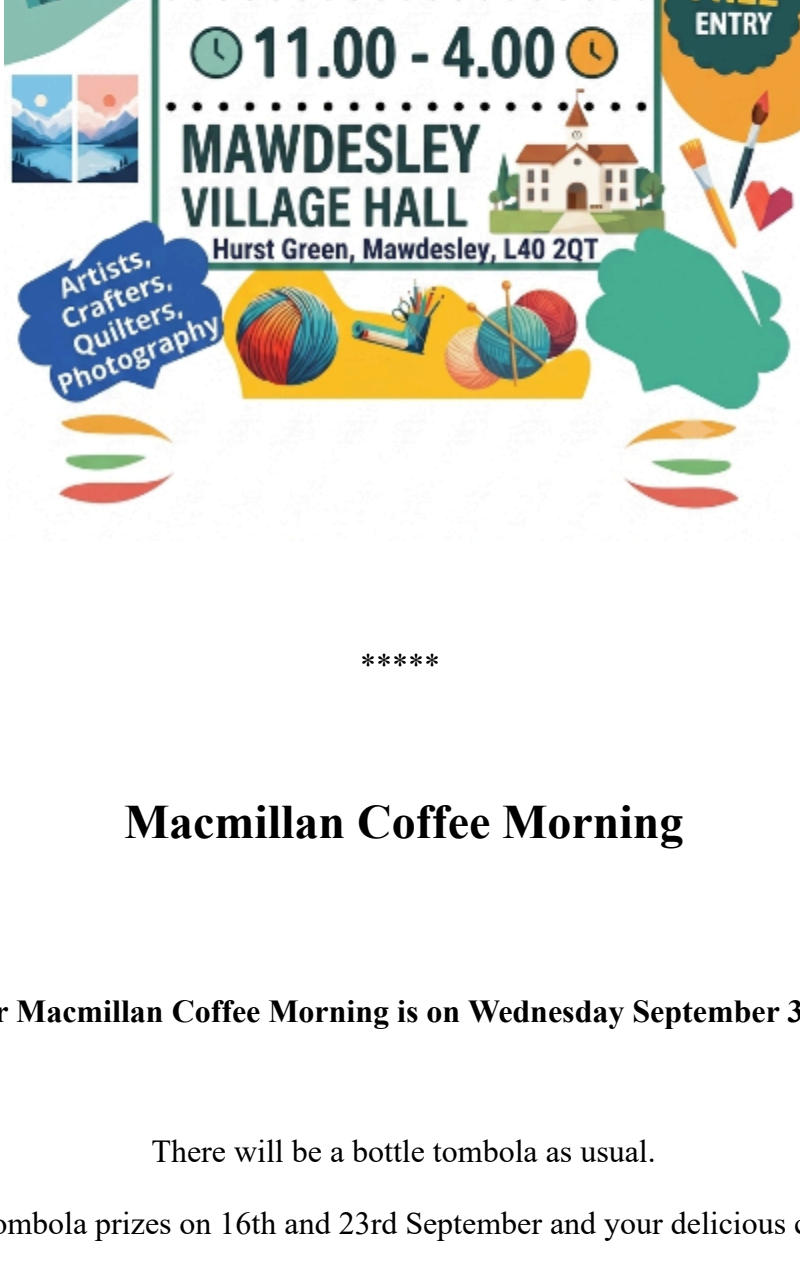
Big thanks for all the good wishes and for the generous donations.

Raised just over £800 for Parkinson's

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

Tomorrow's Arts and Crafts Showcase.

This event is open to the general public so please bring along friends and family to support our Art, Craft, Patchwork & Photography Groups



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our Macmillan Coffee Muring is on Wednesday September 30th.

There will be a bottle tombola as usual.

You can bring tombola prizes on 16th and 23rd September and your delicious cakes on the day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Art Trips

A visit to the Lancashire Art and Museum Conservators

See the current items being preserved or repaired in Art Textiles. General items plus an opportunity to ask lots of questions. We have been five times before. Fascinating. Not to be missed!

Included: a visit to Samlesbury Hall - with an opportunity to buy lunch in the restaurant.

Time to look around or visit the tea shop

Also included Coach transport with four pick up points.

Dates open now Booking

Tuesday 15th October

Thursday 22nd October

There may be a third date (when these are both full)

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Crafts in the Pen Trip

Saturday 21st November in Skipton

230 Artists and Craft stalls, amazing, a huge variety of hand produced items by very talented people. Ideal for Christmas gifts or (to treat yourself)

Includes Coach with 4 pick up points

Ticket and the souvenir booklet

Afternoon tea at the Farmshop

This booking is also open on Wednesday

Urgent questions only by TEXT to Val on

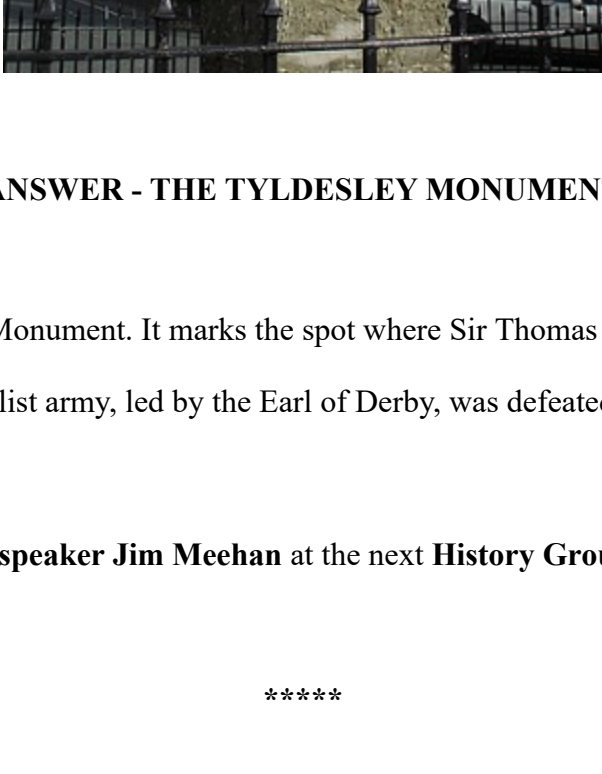
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QUIZ TIME!

SWISH QUIZ 9

1. What are GONGZOOGLERS particularly interested in ?
2. The Dominican Republic and Haiti are separate countries on which Caribbean island ?
3. In music , what 18 letter word means a sixty fourth note ?
4. Malaguetta , Dragon's Breath and Scotch Bonnet are all varieties of which type of edible plant ?
5. What "moving" song was the first ever song played on BBC Radio One in 1967 ?
6. What well-known drink was invented in 1893 by the pharmacist Caleb Bradham ?
7. Which Shakespearean character said " I have come to bury Caesar , not to praise him " ?
8. Fatima Whitbread was the first British athlete to achieve a world record in which Athletics event?
9. What is the name of the archipelago which is situated at the southern tip of South America ?
10. In Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book", what animal is Shere Khan ?

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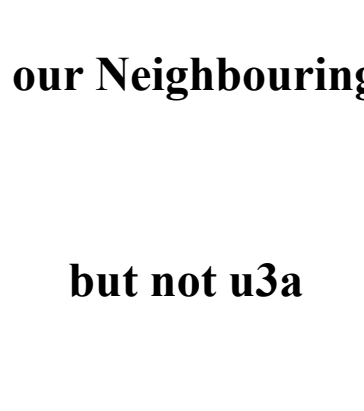


ANSWER - THE TYLDESLEY MONUMENT

Originally erected in 1679, the monument now stands in an enclosure at the junction of Wigan Lane and Monument. It marks the spot where Sir Thomas Tyldesley was killed while fighting for the Royalist cause at the Battle of Wigan Lane on 25 August 1651.

This was a decisive battle in the third English Civil War. The Royalist army, led by the Earl of Derby, was defeated, and never recovered from losing nearly half its officers and men.

For more interesting historical insights you can join guest speaker Jim Meehan at the next History Group session on Wednesday 14th October at MVH 2-4 pm.

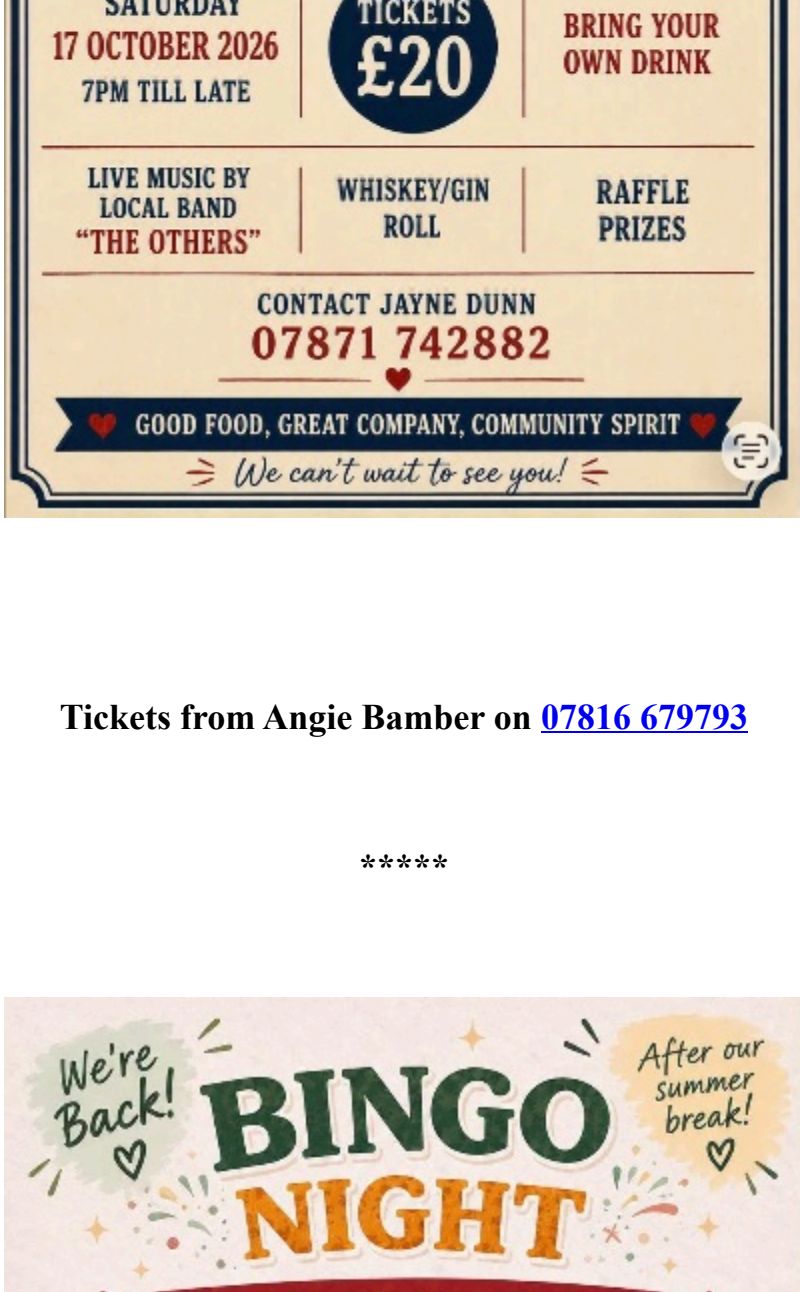


ANSWERS

1. Canal barges and locks.
2. Hipponia
3. Humulidensmiquar
4. Chilli
5. "Flowers in the Rain" by The Move
6. Pepsi Cola
7. Mark Antony
8. Javlin
9. Tierra del Fuego
10. (Bengal) Tiger

Events in our Neighbouring Villages

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Tickets from Angie Bamber on 07816 629293



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