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GENERAL MEETING at DIDSBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 2.00pm

“The Life and Times of Casanova” by Jim Williams

See page 6 for details

Parking at Didsbury Baptist Church – Members please note that there is no parking at the church with the exception of temporary drop-off for the catering team and book stallholders. (Blue badge holders could use double yellow lines)



Message from the Chair



Hello and welcome to the May newsletter

As I write this, I am looking at my spring garden. It is blazing with reds, yellows and white flowers and pink and blue-wonderful! I am no gardener but I potter and mow the lawns and plant. I loathe weeding and rain but both seem in abundance at the moment. For several years we had a gardening group in our U3A but it has stopped, although I feel there are several members who would love one again. So, I am calling all gardening enthusiasts to join up together in another group. This will not mean manual work but involves some planning of garden visits near and further away. The group could organise garden centre visits and speakers on plants. My husband and I went to talks on vegetable growing and got hooked. Maybe plants could be exchanged. However, it needs people to organise a group so if you are interested, make yourself known so we can get you together. Please see Diane and she will get you started. Our u3a is vibrant but there is always room for more groups. On that note, if you are interested in the Southport flower show you can get discounted tickets if you use the code U3A which is worth doing.

On another note The Big Sing is back in Liverpool and is open to all u3a members. It is a great day out so give it a try and exercise the vocal cords. Our Sing for Fun choir has a new conductor and she is great. Come along next Tuesday and give it a try.

See you soon

Beryl



Message from the Editor

Hello everyone.

This is my first newsletter as editor. I have some pretty big boots to fill following on from Jill Evans. I hope that I can do the newsletter justice. I join the newsletter team when there have been multiple face changes. Helen Chambers has stood down as proofreader and Megan Bennett has stepped up to the plate to take on this role. Megan and I will be on a steep learning curve together.

Thankfully, we have the steady hand of Trish Ramsden who has been part of the newsletter team for some time now. This newsletter can only be as good as the news articles it contains so, as usual, I rely on features and stories submitted by yourselves.

I hope that you enjoy the new look newsletter and I would welcome any feedback.

I can be contacted on editor.smu3anews@gmail.com

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National: www.u3a.org.uk for latest news of u3a around the country and courses/events on offer.

National Newsletter: April's newsletter can be found here: [April National Newsletter](#)

North West Region: www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west for the latest information and newsletter



THE BIG SING

**Saturday 15th June 2024, 10.15 a.m. – 3.30 p.m. at
The Quaker Meeting House, School Lane, Liverpool.
Led by Fredrik Holm, music specialist and Members of
the North West Regional Team.**

PROGRAMME

10.15	Refreshments and registration
10.55	Welcome & Introduction
11:00	First practice session
12.15	Lunch - bring your own or use the local cafes
13.15	Second practice session
14.15	Comfort break
14.45 – 15.30	The Big Sing – putting together everything you have learned

The venue is accessible and there is a lift to all floors. Parking is limited but there is a public carpark nearby and the venue is within walking distance of Lime Street and Central Stations.

If you book parking in advance through Q-Park you can obtain a discount using QUAKERSLV.

Please indicate if you have any special requirements with regard to seating or large print.

Cost for the event: £15.00 including refreshments. **STRICTLY u3a MEMBERS ONLY**

Please note, lunch is not provided. Bring your own or use nearby cafes.

Please register by 7th June 2024 by online form: <https://forms.gle/EY9hUmvagdTJQzqQ7>

or send name, u3a and contact details with a cheque for £15 payable to North West Region of u3as

To G. Russell, [REDACTED]

If you prefer to pay by BACs pay to North West Region of u3as

Account No: 00197002 Sort Code: 30-19-16 Ref: Big Sing

For more information contact Gill Russell: 07710 531876 u3anwchair@gmail.com

SMu3a welcomes the following new members

Annie Horner	Brian McClintock	Pam Roberts	Peter Blundell
Graham Watkins	Terri Tivenan	Anita Westmoreland	Josephine Hughes
Audrey Miller	Sylvia Graham	Tim Wallace	Julia McMorrow

Tradesperson Book

Is available at general meetings. It will only be of value if members use it, so please do

BOOKSTALL

Last month we were able to donate £20 to Manchester Mind. In May we are highlighting Maggie's Manchester, a welcoming refuge linked to the Christie Hospital for expert cancer support and information.

This is Janet and David's last charity collection as they are moving house very soon and will no longer be able to store the books, so a big thank you to everyone who has supported the bookstall so far.

If you would like to take over the running of the bookstall, please contact any committee member for more information about what is involved.



New Poetry Writing Group

Sonnet, Ode, Elegy .. or even Limerick?

If you're interested in writing poetry, whatever the type, there are plans for a new group, just for you, to be led by Paul Grace.

Please contact Diane at smu3agroupscoord@gmail.com for further info. It would be a help if you could let Diane know what days and times for meetings would suit you best.

Spanish Conversation

¡Hola!

¿Qué tal?

SPANISH CONVERSATION

Fancy practising your Spanish before your next holiday? A new Spanish conversation group is being formed and will meet on Thursdays.

In the first instance, please contact: smu3agroupscoord@gmail.com.

South Manchester u3a September General Meeting

Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 2pm

At Didsbury Baptist Church, School Lane

“The Life and Times of Casanova” by Jim Williams



Giacomo Casanova is the great lover and adventurer, whose wit, intelligence and daring made him famous in 18th century Europe. This talk follows his extraordinary career and describes the world in which he lived. It is populated by outrageous characters including a lecherous cardinal, a cross-dressing French diplomat, and the remarkable Count of St. Germain who was believed to be immortal and to have the power of making diamonds.

Jim Williams first hit the news when his early novels had the uncanny knack of coming true. *The Hitler Diaries* was published nine months before the celebrated forgery came out and *Farewell to Russia* dealt with a nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union months before the Chernobyl disaster. He was born in Oldham, the son of a coal miner and a cotton mill worker and grew up in circumstances that would today be considered poor. However, he had loving parents and benefitted from a good education. He has a degree in law and sociology. Since 1970 he has been a qualified barrister, though he no longer practices.

South Manchester u3a General Meeting Speakers

All meetings take place at Didsbury Baptist Church

Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 2pm	“The Life and Times of Casanova” by Jim Williams
Tuesday 4th June 2024 at 2pm	“From Divorce Lawyer to the Duchess of Domestic Noir” by Caroline England
Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 2pm	“Wythenshawe Good Neighbours Scheme” by Helen Davies
Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 2pm	“I Have Survived Having the Best Job in the World – Twice” by Ann Treneman
Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 2pm	“The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary People” by Merryn Myatt
Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 2pm	“Beekeeping in South Manchester” by Alan Towse
Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 2pm	“The Heritage of Gilbert & Sullivan” by Bernard Lockett
Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 2pm	“A Crooning Christmas” by Kevin and Joy Siddall



SMu3a Facebook Weekend Photos

“Weekend Photo” subjects for May

3 May:	Bridge	10 May:	Clothes/fashion
17 May:	Street photography	24 May:	Culinary delights
31 May:	Shades of green		



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COMMUNITY SING-ALONG GROUP

Our next engagement is **Monday 13th May at 2pm** at **BELONG** on Palatine Road (M20 2UW).

As ever, anyone who enjoys singing in unison in a group, popular songs without rehearsal, is most welcome to join us.

Contact Mike Evans for more details ([REDACTED])



HACKSPACE MANCHESTER

We are a community run workshop, providing the foundations for Manchester's creative community to make, collaborate, work and socialise.



Manchester Hackspace is a DIY workshop and makerspace that provides its members the space they need to get making. It is one of many Hackspaces around the UK, which are all run independently but have a common cause.

The space is run by its members, for its members. There are no staff, employees or cleaners. Just lots of helping hands. Because of this we can offer very generous membership rates and try and create as accessible a community as possible.

We're a place where you can come in, at any time of the day or night, and get making. We're very proud of the diverse maker community we have created and everyone is welcome to feel safe in our space.

Our address is Wellington House, Pollard Street East, Manchester, M40 7FS www.hacman.org.uk



Gardens open for charity



Why not spend a sunny weekend looking around other people's gardens. Prices range from £5 to £6 and all proceeds go to charity.

Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th July 2024

The Shakespearean Garden, Platt Field Park, Manchester, M14 6LA

11.30am to 5.00pm £5 Light refreshments available

Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th August 2024

Fallowfield and Ladybarn Gardens

A trail running from 27 Clifton Avenue, M14 6UD to 7 Rose Cottages, Ladybarn Lane, M14 6YR taking in 7 gardens with each garden having something different to offer.

11.00am to 5.00pm £6 for combined admission Light refreshments available

www.ngs.org.uk



POTENTIAL GARDENING GROUP?

SPRING IS SPRUNG, THE GRASS IS RIZ, I WONDER WHERE THEM BIRDIES IS

Remember that silly old rhyme? It's a reminder that it's time we got the gardening group going again, to swap plants and gardening knowledge, hear interesting speakers on gardening matters and perhaps even go on a trip or two to each other's gardens or allotments, local garden centres or nearby public gardens. It's a group which could easily be run by two or even three people working together and of course lots of support would be given. If you'd like to take part, please contact Diane Ward in the first instance:

smu3agroupscoord@gmail.com.



Didsbury Probuss Club

Programme 2024

Thursday May 2nd

Guided walk around Castlefield

Thursday May 16th

"Amazing Women Pilots" by Victor Crawford

Amy Johnson and others, through to the women who delivered the aeroplanes in WW II

Thursday June 6th

3D Printing - Is it any use? by Dr Ernie Hill

3D printing is the making of items, components and models using a computer which controls a printing machine to create shapes by laying down thin layers of material continuously, one on top of another, to create all kinds of intricate products, from engineering components to architectural models. Ernie will demonstrate how this is done.

All meetings are held in the Didsbury Baptist Church, School Lane, opposite the Scout Hut and Didsbury Metrolink station.

Tea / coffee and biscuits are served from 10.30am before the talk at 11am.

Visitors are very welcome. Any donations to help with running costs would be very helpful



LUNCHTIME CONCERTS FROM CHETHAMS

Please see below for information about these concerts with links for further information.

The remaining Relaxed Lunchtime concerts for this school year are as follows:

Wednesday 1st May - 1:30pm

Wednesday 12th June - 1:30pm

<https://chethamsschoolofmusic.com/whats-on/chethams-lunchtime-concerts-14/>

There are regular weekly free Lunchtime Concerts every Tuesday to Thursday also commencing at 1:30pm during term time.

For more information see here:

<https://chethamsschoolofmusic.com/festivals/chethams-lunchtime-concerts/>

NEW MEMBER COFFEE MORNING

A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Tuesday 16th April we held our new member coffee morning at HOME café in Emmanuel Church, Didsbury.

The coffee morning was held for all recently-joined members who have been in SMu3a for up to 6 to 12

months. It was a huge success with 20 new members joining us for tea/coffee and a chat.

Beryl introduced the committee members to everyone and talked about what to expect from the coffee morning. It was a great opportunity for new members to meet new people and to find out what groups are available to meet their interests.

We had enquiries about walking, circus skills and art appreciation and also about groups which are currently just being formed – namely Poetry Writing and Spanish Conversation. We also had 2 people who volunteered to start up a theatre group. More details of this will be published when available. Someone also volunteered to lead the Spanish Conversation group.

Everyone left the session much better informed and feeling confident that they had made the right decision to join South Manchester u3a.



QUIZ



Its on the tip of my tongue



A RADIO

1. Which Radio 4 comedy star features in his own touring production of The Sound of Mucus?
2. This singer of Jilted John later became a Radio 4 character who plays his compositions on his Yamaha portable keyboard. Name the character.

B TV

3. Which Oasis B-side was the theme tune to 'The Royle Family'?
4. Which cult BBC series has a theme tune of Nick Cave's song 'Red Right Hand'?

C ADVERTS

5. In the 2009 Cadbury's award -winning ad, what song does the Gorilla play?
6. The classic ad for Levi jeans saw Nick Kamen strip off in a laundrette to which famous Motown song?

D FOOTIE

7. What football first did Rebecca Welch achieve in December?
8. What football first did Hannah Dingley achieve in July?

E TEXTS

Two years ago, Asda drew up a guide for parents to explain teenagers' text abbreviations, all in capitals.

9. What does IIRC mean?
10. What does TL; DR mean?

F 2024 SONGS

11. Which song is Olly Alexander taking to the Eurovision Song contest in May?
12. Who is the singer of 'Escapism' who won six Brit Awards recently?

G NEOLOGISMS

13. Which word of the year chosen by the OED in 2022 is defined as *"a type of behaviour which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations."*?
14. Which word of the year chosen by the OED in 2023 is defined as *"style, charm, or attractiveness, and the ability to attract a romantic or sexual partner."*?

H FAST FOOD

15. To within a year when did the first branch of McDonalds open in the UK?
16. How much did a Big Mac cost then to within ten pence (under £1)

I FAMOUS fictional ADDRESSES

17. Who live at 62 West Wallaby Street, Wigan, Lancashire?
18. Which woman trades at 186 Fleet Street, London?

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A JOKE TO MAKE YOU GIGGLE

So, this senior citizen was walking across a damp meadow when he heard a female voice say, "Sir, I would like to ask a great favour of you "He looked around and saw only a frog sitting on a grass pod. "I must be going mad," he thought, "There's no one here."

The voice then said, "Please, sir. Please help me." Again, all he saw was the frog which was looking straight at him. "Who said that?" he asked rather loudly.

"I did, sir. I'm the frog. I was a beautiful 19-year-old princess but a witch put a spell on me. Please help me."

The old man picked up the frog and held it in his hand. "How can I help you?" he asked.

"The only thing that will break the spell is to have a man kiss me on the mouth. Please do it for me, and then I will again turn into a beautiful, sexy princess, and I will really make you feel young again. I will make great love to you."

The man closed his hand around the frog and stuffed it into his pocket. "At my age," he said, "I'd rather have a talking frog."



RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS WANTED

The University of Manchester are looking for adults aged 65 or over to participate in a research study.

We want to assess the usability and acceptability of a digital tool to improve dietary intake and prevent malnutrition

If you are interested in taking part or would like to know more information, please contact Chloe French: [REDACTED]





Walking for Health Group 1 – Tuesday 26th March 2024

Heaton Park



Today's walk was done in lovely sunny and dry conditions. The days beforehand had been wet and miserable so we were blessed when the sun was shining. Sadly, our numbers were well down on normal with 8 people pulling out of the walk in the previous 24 hours due to ill health. A sure sign that we're all getting old!

We met at Victoria station to catch the tram to Heaton Park. Our walk took us in and around the park which is the largest municipal park in Europe. We had varying views with walks through woods and walks with vistas across Manchester. We paused at the base of what was the observatory for our photo opportunity. We also passed by Heaton Hall which was the home of Lord Egerton up until 1902 when it was bought by Manchester council for £230,000.

We were joined on our walk by Bethany, a student from Salford University studying media. Her final year project is about life in the third age, so she did some filming of our group walking and also did some interviews with us.

The walk was finished off by a tasty lunch at the Beefeater pub where we discussed what we were going to do with ourselves now that we are all film stars.

Walking for Health Group 2 Walk Wednesday 8th May 2024

Hyde to Romiley

A 3¼ mile walk along the Peak Forest Canal. Mostly level, with a few steps, no stiles, mostly good surfaced paths, can be muddy in places. Wear suitable shoes or boots, bring a wet coat and a bus pass if you have one. Bring a torch for passing through Woodley Tunnel. Meet at Piccadilly Station near platform 1 at 10.30. Lunch available at Duke of York pub in Romiley. If you want to come, phone Anne Clarke on [7582 526440](tel:07582526440) or [0161 312 3002](tel:01613123002).

South Manchester u3a Walking for Health Walk - Tuesday 28th May 2024

Radcliffe to Ringley

A 3½-mile walk. Slightly more challenging than normal so not for those with major mobility issues. A steep hill up about halfway and a steep hill down at the end. Two sets of steep stairs up. No stiles and mainly good paths but a section of field walking which could be muddy. Wear stout shoes and bring a wet coat and a bus pass if you have one. Meet at Victoria Station by the information board at 10.15 to catch Bury tram. A pub lunch is available at the Horseshoe in Ringley. If you want to come, phone Ian Burn on [REDACTED].

CHESS GROUP



The Chess group in full swing. Last Thursday of the month at 10.30 in the Parsonage in Didsbury.

We could do with more people coming along. It doesn't matter if you've never played chess. If you want to learn, come along. If you're a grand master, come along. All welcome. Next session is on May 30th.

Rosemary Mallace [REDACTED]

SMu3a Groups A-Z List

Check Group News and this month's diary. Contact Group Leader before attending.

ANGLO SAXON AND MEDIEVAL HISTORY	Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 10.30 via Zoom. This group covers all aspects of Anglo Saxon and Viking life in depth through language and social history readings and discussions. Beryl Cowen
ART APPRECIATION	Monthly meetings held at Didsbury Parsonage on the afternoon of the third Wednesday of the month cover a wide variety of artistic topics. Talks are either by the leader Diane Ward or guest speakers, followed by tea and discussion. Diane Ward
BIRDWATCHING	Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month from 11-12 noon at 11 Arley Avenue, West Didsbury. Ideal for the experienced as well as newcomers to birdwatching. Rita Berriman
BOARD GAMES	Lots of different games are played by this group which meets at the Parrs Wood pub from 2-4 pm on the second Friday of the month. Christine Salamone
BOOK GROUP 1	Meeting at 10.30 am at [REDACTED], Didsbury, on the first Wednesday of the month. A small friendly group who enjoys reading and discussing a wide variety of books. Meg Davis
BOOK GROUP 2	Held at Didsbury Library 1.30 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month, meetings are led by members in turn to discuss titles suggested and agreed by the group members. Tom Grimshaw
BOOK GROUP 3	This group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 1.30 pm. There's no fixed venue but we meet in our homes on a rota. Johanna Keane
BRIDGE	Held at the Nazarene College, Didsbury. This group meets fortnightly on Fridays from 10 to 12 noon. This group is for experienced players only. Liz Thornhill
BRIDGE for BEGINNERS	This group meets fortnightly on Mondays from 1.30-3.30, at Emmanuel Parish Centre on Barlow Moor Rd. This group is for beginners and improvers although more experienced players are also welcome to join. You don't need a partner. Hilary Poole
CHESS	The Chess group meets at 10.30 am on the last Thursday of the month at Didsbury Parsonage. Rosemary Mallace
CINEMA	Meeting on the last Friday of the month at 12.15 in the downstairs bar of HOME, 2 Tony Wilson Place. This group watches a variety film then meets afterwards to discuss them. Group Leader emails what's on the Tuesday before the meeting. Russell Ramsden
CIRCUS SKILLS	This group meets at St Nicholas Church on Kingsway (near junction with Fog Lane) on the first and third Thursday from 2.00— 3.30 pm. We are having a lot of fun learning how to juggle, spin plates and hoola-hoop. Some weeks we practice by ourselves and some weeks we have a juggling teacher from Circus House. Equipment provided and no skill needed apart from being able to pick a ball up from the floor. All welcome. Joanie Yoffe
COMMUNITY SING-ALONG	This group sings well known songs in unison (no rehearsal time needed) in residential homes. Dates and times vary. Mike Evans
CRAFT	Lots of different skills are practiced by this group on the first Thursday of every month from 1.30 pm at the Old Rectory, Emmanuel Church. Karen Malies or Margaret Lackey
CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY	The group meets at Didsbury Parsonage at 10.30 on the second Monday of every month. The emphasis is on creativity rather than technical skill. Ann Howarth

CREATIVE WRITING	New members are always welcome at this group which is held at Withington Library on the last Friday of the month at 10.30 am. Members read and discuss their writings. . . . Diana Bradley [REDACTED]
CURRENT AFFAIRS	This group meets to share and discuss items in the news on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1.30pm in Ye Olde Cock pub, Didsbury. Adrienne Simpson [REDACTED]
DRAMATIC READERS	Held on the 3rd Friday of the month, both face to face and by Zoom at 23 Bristol Ave. . . . Beryl Cowen [REDACTED]
EGYPTOLOGY	This group meets at 10.30-12.30 on the third Thursday of the month at Didsbury Parsonage, to discuss all aspects of early Egyptian art and culture. Kathryn Fyfe [REDACTED]
FRENCH CONVERSATION	Meeting on the third Tuesday of the month 2 - 3pm at Pizza Express in West Didsbury. Speakers of all levels of conversational French are welcome. Jean Thompson [REDACTED]
GERMAN CONVERSATION	This group is for those who would like to practice their spoken German. . . . Diane Ward [REDACTED]
GETTING BY IN WELSH	At 10.30 on the first Friday of every month, this group meets at East Didsbury Methodist Church on Parris Wood Road, to discuss the language, history and culture of Wales. . . . Beryl Cowen [REDACTED] or Wena Stevenson [REDACTED]
HOLIDAY GROUP	Keep an eye on the monthly newsletter for information about forthcoming holidays.
ITALIAN CONVERSATION	A small group with a range of abilities, these Italian speakers meet at [REDACTED] on the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings of every month at 10.30 am. We learn by helping each other. This group is currently full but there is a waiting list. Meg Davis [REDACTED]
ITALIAN for BEGINNERS	This group is for those with no or minimal Italian but want to learn, meeting at St Christopher's Church, Moorgate Avenue, from 10.30 – 12.00 on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. . . . Andrew Bradbury [REDACTED]
KEEP FIT	This group caters for a variety of fitness levels – there is no competition! It meets on Friday mornings at 11.30 at St Nicholas Church Hall in Burnage. Anne Clarke [REDACTED]
LOCAL INTEREST VISITS	These will be advertised in the newsletter from time to time. Jill Evans [REDACTED]
LUNCH CLUB	The club meets monthly at a variety of local restaurants and pubs, chosen with a view to ease of parking or public transport as well as price. John Olbrich [REDACTED]
OPERATIC AND VOCAL APPRECIATION SOCIETY (OVAS)	Lovers of opera and music meets from 3.30 – 5.45 on the last Wednesday of every month. . . . Len Evans [REDACTED]
PHILOSOPHY	This group meets at 1.30 pm at Withington Library on the third Tuesday of the month. . . . Sandra Grant [REDACTED]
PLAYREADING	Meetings are at Withington Library at 1.30 on the third Tuesday afternoon of the month. Numbers are limited for this group, but please contact the group leader to register your interest. . . . Helen Nicholson [REDACTED]
POETRY APPRECIATION	Poems on a chosen theme are discussed on the 1st Monday of the month from 11.00-12.30 at Victoria Grange, Barlow Moor Road, and alternate months at meetings via Zoom. The group is currently full. Contact group leader to go on waiting list. Lynne Taylor [REDACTED]

PSYCHOLOGY	This group meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 2 pm via Zoom and the 4th Monday of the month face to face at East Didsbury Methodist Church, Parris Wood Road at 1pm. Beryl Cowen [REDACTED]
SINGING FOR FUN	This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 2 pm. Beryl Cowen [REDACTED]
TABLE TENNIS AND BADMINTON	Every Tuesday from 10-12, this group meets at the Armitage Centre, Moseley Road, Fallowfield. Equipment can be provided and the cost per session is £3.50. June Slatter [REDACTED]
TAI CHI	Gentle exercise which benefits balance and calmness at the Lower Hall, Emmanuel Offices, behind the church from 1-2 pm every Tuesday. Peggy Foster [REDACTED]
UKULELE	Would you like to strum and sing along with the ukelele group? Beginners are welcome. We meet from 10 – 11.15 at the Upper Hall of Emmanuel Parish Centre, behind the church, every Thursday. Gerard Allcock [REDACTED]
WALKING FOR HEALTH 1	Walks of around 3 miles are enjoyed by this group on the last Tuesday of every month. Details are given in the newsletter. Ian Burn [REDACTED]
WALKING FOR HEALTH 2	This group meets on the second Wednesday of every month to follow the same route as Walking for Health Group 1. Anne Clarke [REDACTED]

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- A1.** Count Arthur Strong **A2.** John Shuttleworth **B3.** Half the world Away
- B4.** Peaky Blinders **C5.** In the Air Tonight **C6.** I Heard it through the Grapevine
- D7.** She was the first woman referee (Fulham versus Burnley) in the Premier League
- D8.** She was named as first female manager of men's professional football team. (*Hannah Dingley has made history by being named the new Caretaker Head Coach of Forest Green Rovers, becoming the first woman to manage a professional men's football team in England. 5 Jul 2023*)
- E9.** If I remember correctly **E10.** Too long, didn't read **F11.** Dizzy **F12.** Raye
- G13.** Goblin mode **G14.** Rizz **H15.** 1974 Woolwich **H16.** 45 pence
- I17.** Wallace and Gromit **I18.** Nellie Lovett (accept Mrs Lovett) pork pies

May 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Book Group 1. Meg's house 10:30 . Bird Watching. 11:00 – 12:00 If interested, contact Rita: [REDACTED]	2 Ukulele 10:00-11:15 Craft 13:30-15:30 Circus Skills 14:00-15:30 . St. Nicholas Church Hall	3 Bridge 10:00 – 12:00 Italian 10:30 (Meg) Getting by in Welsh 10:30 East Didsbury Methodist Church Keep Fit 11:30
6 Early May Bank Holiday	7 Table Tennis / Badminton 10:00 Tai Chi 13:00-14:00 General Meeting 14:00- 16:00 Didsbury Baptist Church	8 Walking for Health 2. See Newsletter	9 Ukulele 10:00-11:15 Book Group 3. 13:30 (Closed Group).	10 Italian for Beginners 10:30-12:00 St. Christopher's Church Moorgate Ave. M20 1HE Keep Fit 11:30 Board Games 14:00-16:00 Parrswood Pub
13 Photography 10:30 The Parsonage Stenner Lane. Anglo Saxon and Medieval History via zoom 10:30 Poetry Appreciation 11:00 Victoria Grange Psychology 14:00 Zoom Community Sing-Along 14:00 BELONG M20 2UW Improvers & Beginners' Bridge 13:30 - 15:30 (See 20 th Below)	14 NO Table Tennis / Badminton this week Tai Chi 13:00-14:00 Singing for fun 14:00–16:00 Didsbury Baptist Church.	15 NO Art Appreciation this month.	16 Ukulele 10:00-11:15 Circus Skills 14:00-15:30 . St. Nicholas Church Hall Egyptology 10:30-12:30 The Parsonage Stenner Lane.	17 Bridge 10:00 - 12:00 Italian 10:30 (Meg) Keep Fit 11:30 Dramatic Readers: Suspended until further notice.
20 Anglo Saxon and Medieval History via zoom 10:30 Improvers & Beginners' Bridge 13:30 - 15:30 <i>Please Note: New players must email Hilary before the session date.</i>	21 Lunch Club see → NO Table Tennis / Badminton this week Tai Chi 13:00-14:00 Playreading 13:30 Philosophy 13:30 French Group 14:00 Pizza Express.	22 Tues 21 Lunch Club 13:00 DISHOOM 32 Bridge Street M3 3BT If anyone is interested in coming contact: [REDACTED]	23 Ukulele 10:00-11:15 Current Affairs 13:30 Old Cock Pub Didsbury Book Group 2. 13:30 Didsbury Library (Closed Group).	24 Italian for Beginners 10:30-12:00 St. Christopher's Church Moorgate Ave. M20 1HE Creative Writing 10:30 Keep Fit 11:30
27 Spring Bank Holiday	28 Walking for Health 1. See Newsletter NO Table Tennis / Badminton this week Tai Chi 13:00-14:00 Singing for Fun 14:00–16:00 Didsbury Baptist Church.	29 OVAS 15:30–17:45 [REDACTED]	30 Ukulele 10:00-11:15 Chess 10:30 The Parsonage NO Circus Skills New Group: Spanish Conversation 14:30 Nazarene	31 Bridge 10:00 - 12:00 New: German Conversation 10:30 Nazarene. Keep Fit 11:30 Cinema 12:15