



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MEETING



On the 21 January we had our first monthly meeting of 2026 and it was lovely to see so many members attending. Our speaker was Paul Atherton and his love of Viking history was obvious. His tales of their brutal battles against Mercia and Wessex, all repeatedly gaining and losing ground until the final Battle of Brunnanburgh in 937AD. Widely disputed whether this is actually Bromborough (on the Wirral) or as some historians believe, nearer York. Thank you Jackie Ingham for arranging another interesting speaker.

NB: The next monthly meeting will be on 25 February – the 4th Wednesday as United Reformed Church has a prior booking for our usual day.. The speaker on this occasion will be David Poppit, retired Medical Oncologist from Christies (although Jackie has been told “not as grim as you may think”

GROUP NEWS

Film Club

A good attendance at this month's meeting and we all enjoyed a “gentle feel good “ story called The Ballad of Wallis Island. There was one star Carey Mulligan but the two main characters were the writers too – Tim Key and Tom Basden. Add humour and a bit of romance and it was a winner. Thanks Phil.

Line Dancing

The extra half hour for this Group was enjoyed by all the members who attended this month and we were able to include 3 more dances in the extra time. Time for some new ones Ladies !!

Remarkable Women

The subject this month was The Mitford Sisters – a more diverse family you couldn't imagine.. Life in that household was certainly never dull. It was a very interesting meeting.

Strollers

January's “stroll” had to be called off because of the snow so we are all looking forward to next month to see what Jim has in store.

Tea & Chat

This group is always very popular so give your name to Marian if you wish to be included on her mailing list. Cream scone, limitless tea or coffee, all for £4.

Ukulele

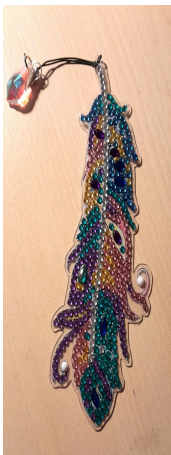
We welcomed another new member to this group – Michael Roberts who plays guitar and wanted to try the ukulele. He said he'd enjoyed his first session.

Wool & Natter

This new group is growing and we had a very enjoyable meeting as one of our ladies brought some excess Christmas goodies. Thanks Sue

Saturday Workshop

Another great meeting this month when Jules and Jackie had us doing three crafts in one session. They are hard taskmasters !!



Diamond Art bookmark



Greetings Card



Paper Flower

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Olympic Themed Cake Bake-off

7 February United Reformed Church 2.00-4.00pm

Our contestants are ready (?), our judges are chosen so all you have to do is come along and enjoy a variety of cakes and a cup of tea/coffee at the amazing price of £2.50

* 15th Anniversary Celebration

11 February At Ways Green Conservative Club. You are invited to a **FREE** party with a live band and buffet. Open to all members but you must give your name to Jackie Fowke before **31 January** to be included

Chinese New Year

17 February – Join us at The Jade Buddha for 6:30pm
Cost £5 deposit + £1 session fee

FULL

Quilling Workshop

28 February United Reformed Church 2.00-4.00pm £7:50

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Rag Wreath Workshop

14 March United Reformed Church 2.00-4.00pm £3:50

Easter Bingo

1 April The Gate 6.30-9.30pm £15.00

Choice of chicken or cheese pie, with chips and peas and also cake
Very popular so book and pay to secure your place

Resin Workshop

18 April United Reformed Church 2.00-4.00pm Cost TBA. **Limited Places**

St George's Day Afternoon tea

PLEASE NOTE: After some confusion (the Gate could not accommodate us on 23rd at first) we can confirm the correct date for this event is

23 April 2026

at The Gate 2.00pm £16.75

Retreat Workshop

16 May at 10am – 4pm in United Reformed Church £20.00

A selection of Crafts to try. Lunch provided

Limited Places

So we have plenty of extra events for 2026 as well as the regular groups so why not try something new for the New Year.

AGAIN **COORDINATORS** please publicise your Groups via the Newsletter and send me any news and contributions.