



**Social Meeting: 10am, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Elm Bank Conference Centre M30 9BA**

**Speaker: Jim Williams: Charlatans, Frauds and Fools**



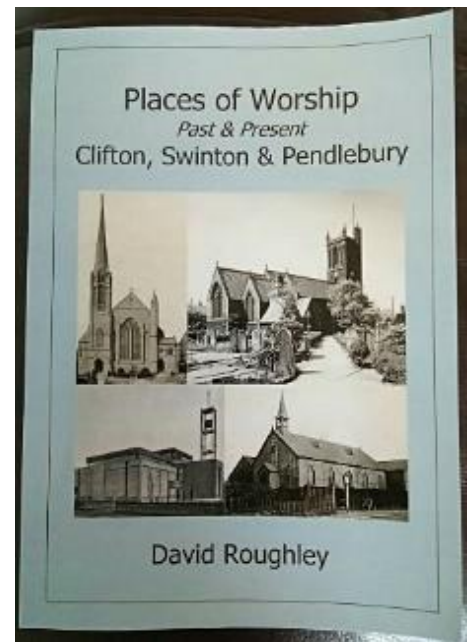
## Last month's meeting

Guitarist, Neil Smith, gave us a history of the guitar and its relatives, across the centuries and continents, showing his classical skills and ending with his performing days at the Ritz and in the US from the 60s onwards.

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Local History group member, **David Roughley**, who entertained us at the December meeting with Christmas memories, has published his research on **Places of worship in Clifton, Swinton and Pendlebury**.

Copies of his book, priced £4, are available from [droughers@gmail.com](mailto:droughers@gmail.com) and at the May meeting.



## New group – Spanish language



Are you interested in Spanish? Have you picked up a few phrases on your travels? Would you like to progress from *Dos cervezas, por favor?* Or have you studied it in the past and are wanting to take it further? Gill Skurok is setting up a new group, with a first meeting in June. Please see the new [Spanish Conversation](#) webpage or register on the sign-up sheet at the May social, letting Gill know roughly what level you are at.

And don't forget, we're also starting a brand new **Crown Green Bowling** group for the summer, on the final Friday of each month at Beesley Green. Thanks to those who signed up at last month's social and please get in touch if you haven't already let us know you're interested. More details are available on the [Bowling](#) webpage.



## Also at this month's social...

Janet Ball will be taking names and £50 non-refundable deposits for our 3-day Autumn trip (2-4 September) to the **West Country**. The booking desk will be open before the meeting, so get there early and don't forget your cheque book – it's going to be popular!

This photo, that we shared on Twitter, caught the eye of our Mayor, Paul Dennett, who wrote:

*“Great to see this! Hope everyone from Salford u3a [Gardening Group](#) enjoyed their visit to Ordsall Hall”*

and he tagged it ‘Spirit of Salford’

What a photogenic bunch they are!

It also caught the eye of well over 2000 Twitter followers, all of whom can be spreading the word about Salford u3a.



*Judith, flying the flag for the u3a*

Sophie, a Salford University student of journalism, found a lot to interest her in our [Exploring Greater Manchester](#) group.

She interviewed Judith, asking about the group, how it came about, where they visit and how Judith came to be involved.

This was outside the football museum with the camera set up on a tripod and attracted quite a crowd, so the u3a sash came in very handy in raising awareness about us. Judith also gave Sophie a copy of the TAM magazine and she was very interested to see the range of activities on offer to u3a members. You can read Sophie's piece [here](#).

The Explorers recently visited Leigh Spinners Mill. The Mill provides affordable space for business and community organisations while the Heritage Centre has re-creations of domestic and work life in the Leigh area. The Centre welcomes donations of vintage articles and, after the visit, Judith donated a Tala icing set – a boxed set with syringe and decorative tubes – which has been photographed and included in their donations file.

The [Local History](#) group had a trip to Liverpool last month, visiting the Anglican cathedral followed by Speke Hall. Excellent guides set the context for both venues and made this a fascinating trip.

This proved a very popular photo on Facebook and was liked by local MP Barbara Keeley amongst others.

See a gallery of photos from the trip [here](#).



*Photo: Paul Sherlock*



### Remembering Audrey Jones

We were extremely sorry to hear of the sudden death of Audrey, a longstanding member of Salford u3a.

Audrey was an active member of the walking groups and is remembered as a friendly, kind and elegant lady. She was also a member of the Luncheon Club and enjoyed trying out the different restaurants.

Her friend, Brian Briggs, had been a great support to her, bringing her to monthly meetings and encouraging her to get out and about, so she could stay in touch with u3a activities and her friends.

Audrey will be sadly missed by all her friends and family.



[Walking with dogs](#) in Worsley Woods.

All welcome, with or without dogs, just as long as you enjoy canine company.

Their next walk is at Alkrington Woods Nature Reserve at 10.30 on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**Contact:** Beverley Robinson

### Group of the month: Poetry



This is a friendly, laid-back group, coming together each month to share their poetry choices on a topic chosen at the end of the previous meeting.

They cover a wide range of subjects: some recent themes have been Sonnets, Tennyson (the choice for May), Song Lyrics, War and Peace, and Humour.

Not everyone likes everything, but that is interesting in itself. Discussing a poem often leads to broader discussions: a poem can touch on ideas and feelings that the group explores, giving members much to take away and reflect on after the meeting.

They meet at Boothstown Community Centre which has a small amount of parking on-site but plenty more across the road, with bus stops on Simpson Road.

A charge of £3 covers room hire.

Next meeting: Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 10-12.

New members are very welcome.

Webpage [here](#). Convenor: Alan Corbett.

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### Salford University School of Health and Society: Lecture series

(A member has asked us to publicise these)

30<sup>th</sup> May: Tackling the Obesity Epidemic

14<sup>th</sup> June: Psychological Trauma and Self Care

5<sup>th</sup> July: Using Behaviour Change Approaches to Improve Population Health Care

All lectures are from 6.30 – 8pm in the Mary Seacole Building, Frederick Road Campus. Lectures are free but booking via [Eventbrite](#) is essential.

## Welcome meetings and Membership

Our membership is growing, year on year. The most common way for new members to learn about u3a remains word of mouth so please keep spreading the message, and if you know anywhere to post a flyer, speak to Andy.

It was great to meet eight of our newer members at a Welcome meeting at the Salford Museum and Art Gallery café last month.

We're planning further meetings for newbies to get together with others and with committee members, to make sure you know what's on offer and how the u3a works. If you've joined recently, you will get an invitation but anyone who has missed out previously is welcome to attend: just let Mary know.

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## Dutch Delights



**41** of our members have recently returned from another fantastic overseas trip – this time to the country of clogs, windmills and tulips. In the capable hands of Janet and Ken, and with good weather (for the most part), our travellers had a wonderful time, taking in fascinating trips to The Hague, Delft, the beautiful Keukenhof Gardens, De Haar Castle and Kinderdijk.



To see many more photos from the Dutch Delights trip, please click [here](#).