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Special events

- 29 Nov 'Murder At The Grange' - a
Christmas Murder Mystery 7.00
- 30 Nov Gig Kirk McElhinney 7.30

Regular Events

- 1st Monday: Reading Group: 8pm
- 2nd Monday: Poetry & A Pint 8pm
- 4th Monday: Political Mondays
8pm
- Tuesday (Alt) : Creative Writing
Every Tuesday: Foodbank 10-11am
- Every Tuesday: Folk Club, 8pm
- Every Wednesday: Gamers 8pm
- 1st Thursday: Open Mic
- 2nd Thursday: Record Club 8pm
- 3rd Thursday: LGBTQ+ Social
- Every Friday: Foodbank 10-11am
- Every Friday: Club Night (snug)
7pm-9pm: Board games (snug)
9pm-11pm Folk music (main room)
- 1st and 3rd Sats: Gamers 12-5pm
- 2nd Saturday: Repair Café, 11-1pm
- 1st Sunday: Film Night, 7.30pm
- 2nd Sunday: Quiz, 7.30pm
- 4th Sunday: Michelle's Music
Night, 8pm

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GLC Chair, Mary Moss saying welcome to all and a big thank you to our volunteers

The Club is as busy as ever and hosting many festive events at this time of year.

It's fantastic that we are able to sustain so much activity, all organised by volunteers.

Running social events, keeping the bar stocked, maintaining the premises, taking bookings, organising political discussions, looking after the books, looking after the garden, serving as a bar volunteer and/or committee member, developing Club policies, updating the noticeboards, updating the website, putting on filmsthe list goes on.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all our volunteers and everyone who makes the Club tick.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the big thank you meal on 13 December.

There's always a welcome for more volunteers though– if you have skills, expertise or knowledge you think would be useful, if you have time to help out with activities, please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you. Email glossoplourclub@gmail.com or have a chat with a committee member.

Changing the Narrative – migration is not the issue

By Mary Moss and Anne Robinson

The last newsletter expressed concern about the Raising the Flag campaign and how we should respond. We decided to create a forum to bring interested (and worried) people together. The result involved two excellent speakers, Pauline Town from We Shall Overcome (WSO) and Maggy Moyo from Right to Remain, who spoke to a well attended meeting on 12 November. They described the work of



their organisations and ways in which we could support them. One particularly chilling aspect highlighted was the terrible impact of anti-migrant feeling on all people of colour. For example, Maggy talked about those who are working here on health care visas and how isolated and scared they have become.

Our meeting attracted Club members and others from local organisations, including churches and Glossop Welcomes Refugees. We brainstormed ideas for future actions, recognising that it will take time to respond to complex cultural and political issues.

Email Kasey.carver@btinternet.com or speak to a member of the committee if you would like to be involved. **The next meeting will be at the Labour Club on Wednesday 26 November from 7.30 pm.**



International Day of Disabled People 2025

Saturday 13 December 2.00-5.00 pm

By Joan Rutherford

After last year's successful event (pictured here), High Peak Access is hosting a celebration of the International Day of Disabled People at the Labour Club. The international theme for the day is **"Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future."**

High Peak Access exists to promote access for all disabled people living, working, or visiting the High Peak and surrounding areas, so that all members of society can participate in their community. (See our website <http://highpeakaccess.org.uk/>)

We are consulted about planning applications, adaptations and schemes to improve accessibility. Recent projects cover housing, transport, churches, Glossop market hall, and retailers. Our members bring a wealth of training and lived experience to inform changes and influence decisions. Come and hear where we have seen progress and some of the challenges and priorities we will continue to work on.



On 13 December we will speak about our work and our plans for the future, and there will be chance for you to ask questions and share your experience of coping with access issues in High Peak.

We will provide tea, coffee, snacks and entertainment, and the Club's bar will be open.

This is a free event, but donations would be appreciated.

Please note that we will have a BSL interpreter and that the Club's accessible toilet can accommodate all but the largest wheelchairs.

We hope you can come and celebrate with us.

Friendly Fridays launching on 28 November

By Kasey Carver

Social Sundays have been running at the club for the past three years as our response to the cost of living crisis. For two years, our partnership with the Whitfield Food Club meant they provided their surplus food for us to cook on the Sunday and many of their members became regular attendees at the Sunday sessions. When the food club moved back into Whitfield Community Centre at the beginning of last year, they decided to continue running the event at their centre just over the summer. But their sessions were popular and helped the centre to reestablish itself in the community, so it was decided to keep running the Sunday sessions in Whitfield.

Not wanting to compete with the Whitfield Sunday Events, those involved in running Social Sundays agreed to move our event to Friday afternoons as a "Friendly Friday". The format for the Friday events will be similar to the previous Sunday sessions. The main difference being that food will be served continuously from the bar from 3.00-5.00 pm. In this way we hope to cater for children coming straight from school and adults who would normally eat later. Crafting and other activities will take place through the session until we close at 6.00 pm.

Our first "Friendly Friday" of the year will be launched with a special event; the popular children's entertainer, Chris Mitchell will run a session for us pro bono. On this occasion, we are partnering with the Glossop Hummingbird Project and including a few fun fundraising activities for the Project.

Friendly Fridays will then run weekly until 27 March. Funding for the sessions has come from the Community Fund (Lottery).

Richard & Jess Arrowsmith Saturday 18th October—Review by Margaret Peters

The Arrowsmiths entertained a packed club with their mix of tunes and songs played on fiddle, viola and melodeon. As well as being accomplished musicians, Jess's voice is strong and clear, and Richard's harmonies blend well. Their set ranged from traditional tunes and songs including the toe-tapping 'Set de la Baie St Paul' and 'I'll have a Collier for my Sweetheart', to songs written by Jess such as the wonderful 'All the Salt in the Sea' and Alec Thompson's excellent 'A Bright New Year'. The night ended with all joining in with 'Bright Morning Star a Rising'.

Feel-good it was, with a liberal sprinkling of magic. Their infectious and obvious love and enthusiasm for the music shone through everything they did.

The audience loved them and I know I'm not the only one who went home with a smile on my face that night.



Next gig 30 November from 7.30

Love Music Hate Racism

With Kirk McElhinney

Tickets £10.00/£12.00 on the door

Festival of Stubborn Gladness, 2025



**A day of song and music
to celebrate the life of**

**Michelle
Holding**

**Glossop Labour Club
Saturday, November 22nd, 2025**

**1.00 - 6.00 pm: open session with guest spots from
Clive Gregson and Richard Moss**

7.30 pm (doors 7.00): concert with special guests:

**Stanley Accrington
Bonz Barnes
Cajun Specials
Matt Fahey
Illya and Caroline Gosling
Zoe Mulford
Brian and Margaret Peters
Ken and Chris Wilson**

Entry free but reservation essential: wegottickets.com - search 'Stubborn Gladness'.
Or put your name on the list behind the bar at the club.

We welcome donations to MacMillan Cancer Research and Dr Kershaw's Hospice.
In cash on the night or through justgiving.com - search 'Stubborn Gladness'

Celebrating Cic at 90 years

On 14 November, a host of family and friends braved atrocious weather to gather at the Club to mark Cic Deloughry's 90th birthday. It was a moving occasion, enjoyed by all—Cic especially!



Cic is still an active member of the reading group, comes to poetry evenings and recently put together a joint exhibition of paintings with David Fowler. She is also a force to be reckoned with on the Scrabble board—so be warned, anyone who is thinking of coming to Friday evening board games!



Memories of David Bryson 1939-2025

We are sad to hear of the loss of David Bryson. He was a long-term member of the Club and regular bar volunteer, where he was always good company. Many around the Club have fond memories. He was also chair of the Re-open the Woodhead Line campaign which met monthly at the Club at the same time as the craft group, Stitch Sisters, an often amusing combination!

David's son, Patrick, says "Dad was a huge fan of Classical music. He was even invited to visit a fellow classical music lover's house in Hawaii! Which dad did indeed do! A keen runner in his late 30's into his late 50's, completing 6 marathons (his favourite was the Windemere marathon in the Lake District)

"Grandad to 4 beautiful children (3 boys, 1 girl)

"Dad was an Oxford graduate and was instrumental in choosing the Oriel team which won University Challenge in the mid 1960's! Dad was also on TV himself, representing the Cheshire Cheese pub in Broadbottom on "The Great British Quiz." He was a keen traveller into his 80's - visiting Morocco, China, Argentina and Brazil. A warm and gregarious man whom all my friends really liked. Dad also liked to look after other people—indeed setting up the neighbourhood watch scheme in Gladstone St."

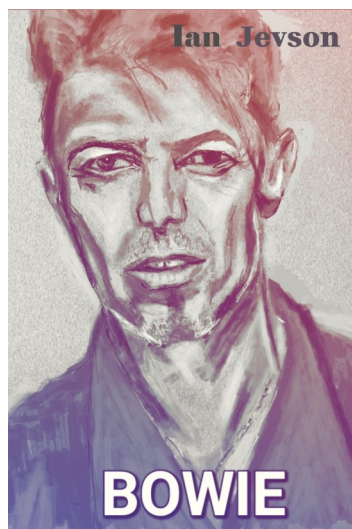
**David's funeral is at 1.00 pm 26 November at Stockport Crematorium
followed by a wake at the Club from 3.00 pm.**

**Organised by High Peak CLP: 'The Populist Right & How To Fight Back'
Sunday 23 November 11.00 am Fairfield Socialist Club, St Peters Rd, Buxton
with Dr Jon Bloomfield, author of *The Little Black Book of The Populist Right***

Art in the Club by Kasey Carver

The Club has long been a place which fosters community music and drama. Two years ago, one of our members, Susan Eversfield, suggested that we do something similar for local artists by offering the main room as exhibition space.

Now approaching our third anniversary, "Art in the Club" has proved an amazing success. As with our approach to music,



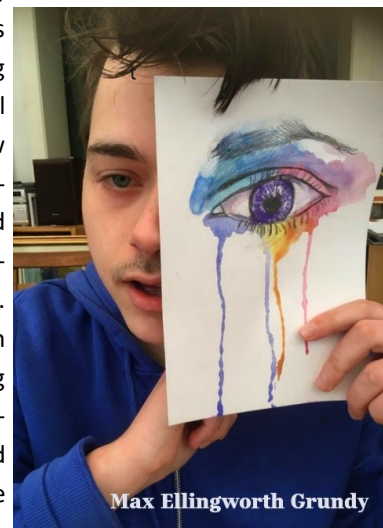
the objective was to encourage and support artists irrespective of their proficiency and experience. We have therefore shown a very wide range of artists, both professional and amateur, using a wide range of media and styles.

Art in the Club has been a win-win for all. It has certainly created a warm and interesting environment for the main room and the exhibitions have brought lots of

new people into the club. For exhibitors, several exhibiting for the first time, sales have been at respectable levels and many have used the Friday Night Previews as an excuse to have a party, often renewing long distance friendships.

What has been unexpected are the amazing stories of determination and resilience that many of these exhibitions have

represented: Alfred Halliday, now in his late 80s, who couldn't get to art college because he needed to work with his father at Glossop Auto Spares, started painting in the back office with car spray samples; Ian Jevson, who suffers from significant learning difficulties and mental health issues, now paints incredible portraits as therapy and posts the results on Facebook to critical acclaim; 23 Yr old Max Ellingworth Grundy who, suffering from a serious degenerative disease, has adapted his work to accommodate the impact of his condition.



Current exhibitor, Eddie Copeland took up painting when his promising career as a boxer was cut short by injury and went on to be awarded in the Hadfield Open Art Show. The next exhibition will be something different; we will be showing the works of art created on pre-loved clothes to follow on from the Fashion Show at the Club (24 Nov) in support of New Mills Fashion Activistas' campaign against Fast Fashion.

The exhibitions are monthly, require the equivalent of 10 – 14 medium sized artworks and help is provided to set up. There is always the option for artists to share the space.

A big welcome to Christmas at the Labour Club



Friday 12 Dec Traditional Derbyshire Carols 7.30

Saturday 13 Dec Club volunteers big thank you –
from 7.00, vegetarian Christmas food from around the
globe + quiz

Sunday 14 Dec Seasonal quiz – 7.00 for 7.30 start

Thursday 18 Dec Christmas Folk Train – a must for all
folk train fans!

Saturday 20 Dec members'
Christmas Party starting 7.00,
featuring music from Pastry Shoes
and buffet – bring food to share,
sweet or savory



Sunday 21 Dec Michelle's Music
Night from 8.00

Friday 26 Dec Friendly Fridays Xmas
Party 3.00

The Club bar
will close on 23
Dec, re-opening
fully on 2 Jan

**Wishing you the very best of the season.
We look forward to seeing you in 2026**

Calling all members

Thank you for your support and being part of the Club in 2025

Retain all the benefits of membership in 2026, including your card that gives you members' prices at the bar.

Membership payments are due 1 January. You can pay via cash, standing order or BACS (but do tell us you have made the BACS payment)

Subscription rates have gone up to £10.00/£3.00 (low or unwaged)

Please remember to adjust existing standing orders

Contact us on glossoplabourclub@gmail.com if you need help or bank details to set up a new standing order or BACS payment

We look forward to welcoming you into the Club in 2026

Does the Club need updating?

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete our premises survey. We have had 15 very useful responses – but we would like some more please!

Ideas so far have been mainly about improving the furniture and lighting downstairs, with quite a few comments about the toilets. The committee will be deciding on priorities in the New Year, so the survey remains open until 1 Jan 2026 .

Here's the link <https://forms.gle/YbaJ8qSYoMvfStPX8>
Let us know what you think!

Call out for volunteers

We welcome help with a range of tasks in the Club but at this point especially need support around the bar with:

- ♦ *Cleaning the beer lines*
- ♦ *'Restoring' glasses and cleaning shelves*

Interested? Contact Martin on glossoplabourclub@gmail.com

Write an Article for the Newsletter!

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, send it to Anne Robinson margannerobinson@btinternet.com

Room Hire

The Labour Club is a wonderful space for local groups to meet on a regular or ad-hoc basis.

To book, contact Angela Dale
bookings.glossoplabourclub@gmail.com



Glossop Labour Club & Glossop Hummingbird Project Presents



Chris Mitchell

Children's Entertainer

"Thank you Chris for making special memories for my girl!!"

"He had their attention engaged from the minute they walked in"

"An incredibly fun entertainer, wouldn't hesitate to recommend!"

"The games were amazing and things that all children could play "together."



Friday
28 November
1500 - 1800 hrs

1500 hrs hot food
1630 hrs Entertainment

Launch Event for Friendly Fridays at Glossop Labour Club
Pay As You Can: Chris will be offering his services for free as a Fund Raiser for the Hummingbird Project. He is very popular so it is advisable to book tickets beforehand on Eventbrite "Chris Mitchell at Friendly Friday". There will be no charge for these but it is hoped that you can make donation upon arrival or take part in the raffle/tombola.



Tickets limited to two adults/family and all children must be accompanied by an adult.