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- 25 April Gig—Peter Coe 7.30
- May Day weekend see P3
- 16 May Gordon Tyrell & Barbara  
Mainland gig 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 (bi-monthly):  
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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**A word from GLC Treasurer, Anne Robinson**

Mary Moss is away on a well-earned break so the introduction to this newsletter is from me as treasurer. And it is a fortuitous time as we have just come into a new financial year, which gives me the opportunity on P4 to present initial analysis of a busy year on the Club bar last year.

This is a shorter newsletter than usual because you will also be sent a members' bulletin within the next week. This is part of the build-up to the AGM and possible changes to the Club constitution that can

only be decided there. That might sound very dry but the discussions about the Club's future and its political allegiances is a really live debate and we would like as many of you as possible to participate in the members' meeting on 8 May and other forums leading up to the AGM.

Meanwhile all the other activity in the Club continues and the newsletter reports on the Together Alliance March and Friendly Fridays, now ended for this year, as well as May Day and other events.

**The Last Friendly Friday —  
On a Wednesday**

Over the winter months, the club ran *Friendly Fridays* for anyone wanting a hot meal, a warm room, and good company. Like previous years, we had activities for children and crafting for adults and kids alike.

This year Eid fell close to Easter, so we decided to hold one final event — on a Wednesday — to celebrate both festivals. As members may know, three Afghan families have recently settled in Glossopdale, and Glossopdale Together Alliance has been helping them get established. Food is a huge part of Eid, especially preparing and sharing dishes in abundance.

The families kindly offered to cook for us all: their traditional rice dish with sides and pastries. The response was unanimous — even people who don't usually go for "foreign food" were impressed.



Being spring, we also held the traditional Easter egg hunt in the garden under lovely sunny skies. We finished with a pass-the-parcel for everyone; although it did seem that the kids enjoyed dancing with the wrapping paper more than the game itself. Altogether it was a special day. The Afghan families and our regular Friendly Friday attendees socialised easily, language barriers and all. The children had a brilliant time, and the atmosphere was genuinely joyful. It was a multicultural celebration that really did the club proud.

**Kasey Carver**

# TOGETHER

**28 MARCH LONDON**

## Glossop joins the Together Alliance march in London, 28 March by Kasey Carver

Our coach left Glossop at dawn on 28 March, carrying the Glossopale Community to London for the Together Alliance march. Passengers came prepared with provisions and warm clothing, expecting a long, wet day.

They arrived in good time and found their allocated block among the carefully planned sections for participating groups. Most of the Glossop contingent stayed together, while others joined the Christian or Environmental blocks nearby. With trade unions, campaign groups, church groups, and charities all represented, there really was something for everyone.

The Glossop group was placed in front of “Fashion Against Fascism” and behind a loud, impressive Samba band. The scale of the march became clear as they navigated the crowds moving through Hyde Park. Their section set off nearly two hours late, and part of the route had to be redirected to Whitehall because Trafalgar Square was already full.



Organisers estimated around 500,000 people attended, making it the largest event ever to oppose the Far Right — far surpassing the 150,000-strong rally organised by far-right activist Tommy Robinson in September 2025. For the group, the message was simple: the loud minority spreading hatred does not speak for the majority.



Vanessa said, “Our small Derbyshire town was taking part in a worldwide response against the Far Right, alongside huge street protests in the USA, Europe and Australia.”

The round trip took fifteen hours for three hours on the march. Was it worth it? Nick thought so: “It really was. Just to feel we’re not alone, to show how many of us oppose hatred towards vulnerable communities.”

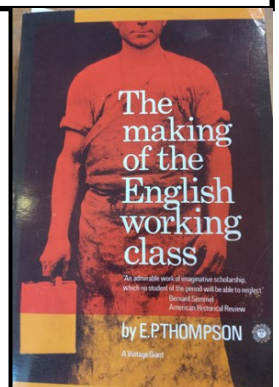
For several in the group it was their first street protest in years. For others, their first ever. As Fran reflected, “I am new to this but it was an incredible experience. A memorable day.”

**1926 General Strike Centenary Open Day—People’s History Museum, Sat 9 May [Details and booking here](#)**

**If there is interest, we could go as a group from the Club. Please contact us on [glossoplourclub@gmail.com](mailto:glossoplourclub@gmail.com) if you would like to join .**

### Political reading group by Anne Robinson

In the September newsletter, Derek Clarke suggested a political reading group, focused on a classic text. The group has met for 5 months and, undeterred by the complexity of Thompson’s arguments, we are finding it fascinating—and also relevant to our contemporary world. For more details about future reading and discussion, contact [glossoplourclub@gmail.com](mailto:glossoplourclub@gmail.com)



# May Day Weekend 2026: High Peak Welcomes Diversity

Organised by Glossopdale Together Alliance | 1-4 May

This year's annual May Day weekend is being led by **Glossopdale Together Alliance** — a group formed late last year after the club hosted a community meeting to discuss how we can respond together to the flag campaign and the rise in anti-migrant rhetoric.

In the spirit of meeting negativity with positivity and hate with love, our theme for 2026 is "**High Peak Welcomes Diversity**": a celebration of cooperation and exchange, resilience and courage, solidarity and friendship.

## What's On

**Friday 1 May, 8pm** — Exhibition Opening: *The Refugee Journey*

We launch the weekend with our May art exhibition on the theme of *The Refugee Journey*. The show features specially commissioned work by previous exhibitor **Yvette Ribot-Smith**, alongside additional pieces from our current exhibitor **John Taylor**.

**Saturday 2 May** — Community Workshop with Nick Beddow

Saturday is dedicated to the serious work of building together. Nick Beddow will lead a workshop developing ideas from our first community meeting, with a special focus on strengthening community bonds. All welcome, no experience needed. Our hard work will be rewarded in the evening with a great gig where we will be entertained by songstress Eliza P and poet Ian Fourcandles.

**Sunday 3 May** — Family Day Film: *The Red Turtle*

Sunday is family day. We'll be screening *The Red Turtle*, a

stunning animated film. It's magical enough to capture children's imaginations, and subtle enough that adults will feel its quiet, emotionally charged themes long after.

**Monday 4 May** — International Walk & Picnic

New for this year: we're inviting recently settled local refugees, families and teenagers, plus friends from Manchester, for an **international walk to Mossy Lea** followed by a shared picnic in **Manor Park**. If the weather turns, we'll move to the club.

**Bring a dish from another country to share** and help us celebrate food, stories and friendship across cultures.

**Full programme and timings are on the club's website.**

## Have your say in the future of the Club

Consultation meeting for all full and social members

Friday 8 May at 6.00 pm

Share your views on the political direction of the Club – or just come to listen.

*Please look out for a briefing paper for with more background information coming in the next week.*

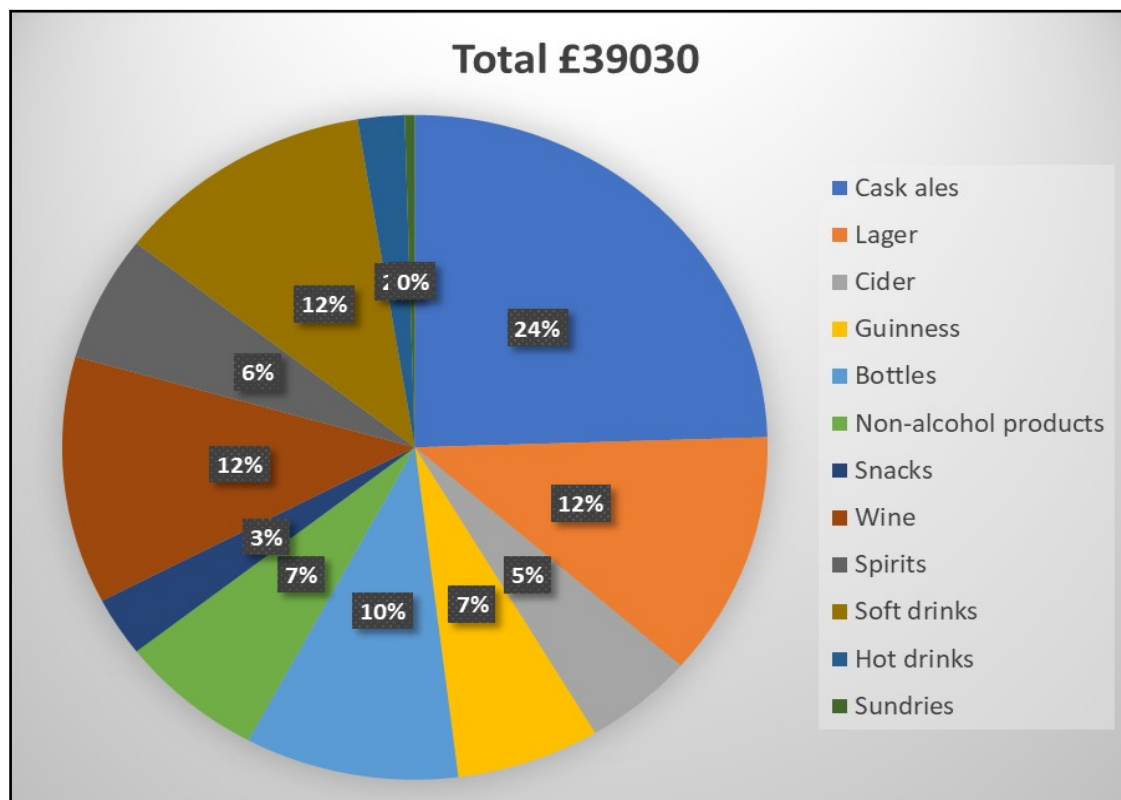
***And note the date of the Club AGM on 15 June!***

## Club finances – and the critical role of the bar! By Anne Robinson

We have various sources of income to keep the Club going, including a monthly Tote, interest on reserves, membership and room hire. But the biggest each year is the Club bar and this is where we have most potential for increasing our surplus to fund the various projects and improvements that we have planned, whilst still keeping our prices modest (especially at the members' rate).

You will hear more about the overall finances if you come to the Club AGM but just to give you a sneak preview, this is the breakdown of sales over the bar. At 24%, the cask ale is the biggest area of sales, enjoyed by many members, and this is why we have committed to Timothy Taylors Landlord and Bradfield as standards, complemented by small local breweries. Last year we sold over 3000 pints and hope to increase that quantity as well as improving quality this next year.

Also notable is the increase in non-alcoholic products - beer, Guinness and lager (7%) - a real change in drinking habits!



## Looking after our Club building by Mary Moss—update

We are pressing ahead with smaller and more achievable improvements, particularly to the lighting. See our new bright cellar and the garden so lovingly maintained by stalwart gardeners, Norman & Hilary.

At the AGM we will discuss some of the bigger projects that we might embark upon during the year ahead.



### 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](mailto: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  
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