

## Beetle Drive

We recently ran a beetle drive which was great fun, Eileen was the winner and Anne won the booby prize which in keeping with our Time Banking logo was a pig shower cap. Here she is modelling the cap and also wearing comic glasses!



We have been asked to repeat this event in the future on an evening, so just wondering if there

is enough demand. Please contact Elaine or Julie to register your potential interest.

## Picnic in the Park

After last years' very successful summer picnic in King George V Playing Fields, we are planning another such event.

Join us on Tuesday June 3, in King George V Playing Fields, Ladbrooke Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8JS between 1 – 3pm to enjoy some quality outdoor fun and games for all ages! Bring your picnic and rug.

This is taking place during school holidays so bring your children and grand-children so they can have a run around. Dogs on leads are welcome! If the weather dares to rain, we can move inside to George Porgies cafe and still enjoy some fun and games!

## Spring into Summer Walks

Our regular walks are proving more popular, both as a way of getting out and about into the fresh air for some gentle exercise and for meeting up with new found friends.

We are going on two very different walks this time. The first, in June, is a scenic walk of about two miles with quite steep incline that can be taken at an easy pace, ending with a fantastic view over the surrounding towns. There will be time to catch your breath before descending back the same way. Don't forget to take a drink. The Waggon & Horses have very kindly agreed to let us use the car park.

The second is a circular walk of about one & half miles around Park Bridge, Ashton. There's lots of history en route and a café and toilet facilities at the end of the walk

Why not give this a try with us at this lovely time of year? Everyone is welcome. It isn't a race, we pace all the walks to everyone's speed, just make sure you wear suitable footwear and take a waterproof coat, you never know what the weather will do!

Take a look at the 'Dates For Your Diary' section to find the meeting points and times.

Hope to see you there.



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## New Milestone Reached

Whilst keying the Time Bank Members credits for the successful skills workshop that we held at Hyde Football club, we reached the amazing total of 4,000 hours of time being exchanged.

This is a fabulous achievement and a testament to the dedication of our Members for which we would like to say a big THANK YOU!

It was our Time Bank Member Mavis's time credits earned for displaying her craft skills by demonstrating card making, which brought us to this fantastic total.



## Skills workshop @ Hyde FC

Hyde FC has joined Time Banking in Tameside as our newest organisational member. They have very kindly offered their facilities for us to host forthcoming events.

The first event held there was a successful member led 'Skills Workshop' on 12 March. Members were displaying a small selection of their vast wealth of skills from cycle maintenance and DIY tips and craft work. Angela, one of our members, baked some delicious cakes for the event that went down extremely well with the cups of tea! We had great comments from prospective new members as they came to find out what Time Banking is all about.

Glenise got everyone on their feet doing some Tai Chi which helped work off the cake! A huge 'THANK YOU' to all our members who contributed on the day!



## Walk to Portland Basin

Thank you to Robert for guiding us along the canal path from Denton to Portland Basin and providing local information along the way. Everybody walked at their own pace to enjoy their own experience. In parts it was very muddy, not sure Anne's training shoes will ever be white again! Thankfully everyone stayed upright!

Robert, who is never short of 'surprises', arranged for us to call and meet Don, a local sculptor. Don invited us into his beautiful garden to see the amazing life size stag statue he had sculpted out of fallen trees and branches. Members were amazed by his interesting 'snake' fence, which he designed and made himself. Don also told us the interesting history of his home that had been originally built for the manager of the local cotton mills.

On arrival at Portland Basin everyone had a browse around the wonderful museum taking them on a trip down memory lane. After some light refreshments some people headed off home whilst others walked back. Thank you to The Lowes Arms for providing us with parking space.



## Operation Farm

Who would have believed April 1 could have been such a beautiful hot day? Sounds like an 'April Fool' prank, but it certainly wasn't!

A group of hard-working Time Bank members joined forces to help clear the ground at Operation Farm Community Allotment, Hyde Park (an organisational member of Time Banking). In the summer, the members will be invited back to share a lunch together to eat the produce that has grown there. It was a good work-out and a great social get together accompanied by the essential tea and cake!

Grateful thanks have been received from the team at Operation Farm. To find out more about the work of Operation Farm, please log onto their website at [www.operationfarm.wordpress.com](http://www.operationfarm.wordpress.com)



## Dates for your diary—cut out and keep

When	What	Where
<b>Monday 12 May</b> 2pm – 4pm	Coffee Event	Denton Library, Peel Street, Denton, M34 3JY
<b>Friday 23 May</b> 10am – 12pm	Tea, Toast & Time Banking	New Charter Hub, Gorse Lane, Ashton-u-Lyne, OL6 9AU
<b>Wednesday 28 May</b> 10am – 12pm	Coffee & Catch-up	Haughton Green Library, Tatton Road, Haughton Green, Denton, M34 7PH
<b>Tuesday 3 June</b> 1pm – 3pm	Picnic in the Park	Georgie Porgies' Cafe, King George V Playing Fields, Ladbrooke Road, Ashton-u-Lyne, OL6 8JS
<b>Wednesday 11 June</b> 10:15am to set off for 10:30am	Roy's Walk (see article for further info)	Leaving from the car park at Waggon & Horses, 300 Mottram Road, Matley, Stalybridge, SK15 2SU
<b>Monday 23 June</b> 2pm – 4pm	Tea & Time Banking	Droylsden Library, Manchester Road, Droylsden, M43 6EP
<b>Friday 27 June</b> 10am – 12pm	Tea, Toast & Time Banking	New Charter Hub, Gorse Lane, Ashton, OL6 9AU
<b>Wednesday 9 July</b> 2pm-4pm	Coffee Event	Stalybridge Library, Trinity Street, Stalybridge, SK15 2BN
<b>Tuesday 15 July</b> 2pm – 4pm	Tea & Time Banking	Hyde Library, Union Street, Hyde, SK14 1NF
<b>Sunday 20 July</b> 10:15am to set off for 10:30am	Keith & Barbara's walk (see article for further info)	Park Bridge Heritage Centre, Park Bridge, Ashton-u-Lyne, OL6 8AQ
<b>Friday 25 July</b> 10am – 12pm	Tea, Toast & Time Banking	New Charter Hub, Gorse Lane, Ashton OL6 9AU

Everyone is welcome to attend these events, if an existing member brings along a friend they will earn a time credit. If you want to offer a lift and earn a time credit - please let us know. If you require any further information please contact Elaine or Julie.

## Bee keeping talk

Time Banking members had an excellent talk on Bee Keeping by John Urwin from Manchester and District Bee Keepers Association on Monday 31 March.

John was helped by Eva Holland and Michelle Finneran from the Bee Keepers Club, part of 'Friends of King George the V Playing Fields', Ashton.

We met in Georgie Porgie's community room in the park, made very welcome by members of the park and enjoyed a cuppa before the talk started.

