

What's On

Very quiet month this month...you know what they say about no news.....!

GROUPS' NEWS

Archaeology Group

Archaeology Group Field Trip to Bugsworth Basin.

The group visited Bugsworth Basin on Wednesday 27th May and were led by Kevin Wagstaffe. Kevin gave us an excellent talk on the history of the canal basin, and brought this important centre of the Industrial Revolution vividly to life. The Peak Tramway and Bugsworth at the end of the 18th century were a thriving hub of social change, and what is now a much visited rural beauty spot was two hundred years ago a vital hub of Great Britain's industrial and commercial wealth. We are grateful to Kevin for bringing this important site to life. Attached are some pictures, a lovely sunny day, thank you to Kevin for a memorable visit.



The group's next visit will be to Belper on Monday

15th June to walk around the historic area associated with Jedidiah Strutt, as the community celebrates the 250th opening of his first mill. 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of Jedidiah Strutt's first water-powered cotton mill in 1776. This innovation rapidly transformed Belper into the world's first factory town. The visionary Strutt family created one of the world's earliest planned industrial communities, with housing, schools, farms and leisure facilities for their growing workforce. Belper 250 is a celebration



and exploration of the rich heritage of our past and the creativity and community of our vibrant present. More details will follow next week but it will be a morning visit. Please contact Cameron if you wish to attend this visit, new members are always welcome.

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Gardening Group.

The gardening group enjoyed a delightful visit to Felley Priory in May. Whilst a cool day, the sun shone and spring was in full flower.

The group is now active again and welcomes new members.

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