Date	Talk Leader	Subject
11-Jan-16	John Cartmell	The first meeting of this new interest group! "A Day in the Life".
08-Feb-16	Alan Hitchcock	"My 1950's Music " by Alan Hitchcock
14-Mar-16	John Cartmell	"Tribute to George Martin" and "In the Mood"
11-Apr-16	John Cartmell	"Satire 1: Gilbert & Sullivan" and "Music Inspired by Shakespeare"
09-May-16	John Freeland	"Protest Songs"
13-Jun-16	Alan Hitchcock	Alan Hitchcock speaks on Sarah Vaughan
11-Jul-16	John Cartmell	Holst's The Planet Suite
08-Aug-16	John Cartmell	The music of Paul Simon & Art Garfunkel - together as Simon & Garfunkel and as solo artists.
12-Sep-16	John Cartmell	1812 Overture - the music that tested our 1960s HiFi systems + request session - ask for any music.
10-Oct-16	John Cartmell	“Jeff Lynne & the ELO” - the Beatles into the 70s?
14-Nov-16	John Cartmell	"Swing". Swing is thought of as the music of the Big Bands of the war years but we will look at its influences, early recordings and videos, the best of those big bands, the 1960s ‘revivals’, and the continuing influence of swing.
12-Dec-16	John Cartmell	Music Quiz
09-Jan-17	Alan Hitchcock	Desert Island Discs - Guest Lyn Fraser; Presenter Alan Hitchcock.
13-Feb-17	John Cartmell	"Dave Brubeck". The music featured in Dave Brubeck’s 'Time Out' and ‘Time Further Out’ albums. Whilst most people know Take Five there are other great pieces of music on the albums that will be recognised and an understanding how the pieces are put together makes them even more enjoyable.
13-Mar-17	Alan Broadhurst	Hoagy Carmichael & One Hit Wonders
10-Apr-17	Brian & Janet Tegg	Desert Island Discs - Guest Brian & Janet Tegg
08-May-17	Steve Prosser	"Drummers who sing". A selection of songs from drummers who have stepped out in front the drum kit.
12-Jun-17	Alan Broadhurst	“It was 50 years ago today, Sgt. Pepper taught the band to play” – in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Beatles’ Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Heart’s Club Band album, Alan Broadhurst will present some familiar tracks.
10-Jul-17	Alan Hitchcock	Film Music
14-Aug-17	John Cartmell	"Portraits in Music" - an analysis of Elgar's Enigma variations from making money from gold and cattle in the USA to a bulldog getting wet!
11-Sep-17	Steve Prosser	"The Colours of Music" - a selection of songs with colours in the title – an interesting mix of artists and genres
09-Oct-17	Alan Broadhurst	"Hello Children Everywhere" - a selection of songs from our very early years based on the format of radio's Junior Choice
13-Nov-17	Alan Walker	Desert Island Discs - Guest Alan Walker
11-Dec-17	John Cartmell	Christmas Quiz cancelled (snow)
08-Jan-18	Steve Prosser	"A Year of Songs" - music with a month, season or holiday in the title
12-Feb-18	Alan Broadhurst	"The Day the Music Died" (anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly and other in the plane crash on 3 Feb 1959)
12-Mar-18	Brian Tegg	Songs by Ella Fitzgerald, Queen of Jazz
09-Apr-18	Malcolm Hall	Dance: its historical development as a social vehicle and its appeal today both as an audience and participant entertainment
14-May-18	John Cartmell	"Vinyl Revisited" Remember those flat, black, bits of plastic that provided our access to music in our times? Was the music really better on vinyl records or was it all just a faff that we put up with because there was nothing else?
11-Jun-18	Alan Hitchcock	“Guitar” – an eclectic mix of guitar music featuring Django Reinhardt, Eric Clapton, Segovia, Jimmi Hendrix, Ry Cooder, Chuck Berry and several others. A personal selection of music and how he discovered these artists
09-Jul-18	Alan Broadhurst	"Here comes Reggae, Reggae." A very ethnic type of music that was and is enjoyed by everybody who has a musical soul.
13-Aug-18	Steve Prosser	“Orchestral Sounds” – an interesting mix of songs that involve instruments traditionally used within the classical orchestral. Music will include some instrumental solos, folk, pop, rock, skiffle and jazz music.
10-Sep-18	Malcolm Hall	“Covers” – Malcolm Hall will play a short extracts of songs by their original artist and then play in full a cover that is either an improvement or just very different
08-Oct-18	Judy Whitmore	Desert Island Discs - Guest Judy Whitmore
12-Nov-18	John Cartmell	"Gallagher & Lyle" - John Cartmell will present a number of songs by the musical duo Gallagher & Lyle. In addition to their own hits during the 1970’s, John will include their collaboration work with several other well-known artists.
10-Dec-18	John Cartmell	Christmas Quiz
14-Jan-19	John Cartmell	"Rodgers & Hart" - John Cartmell will present music by the songwriting partnership composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist Lorenz Hart.
11-Feb-19	Gary Croots	“Stratocaster Legends” - Gary Croots will give a presentation on the iconic Fender Stratocaster and some of the guitarists that played them over the years.
11-Mar-19	Alan Broadhurst	“Hear (sic) it comes again” – Alan Broadhurst will present a wide selection of music types, played and sung by a large range of artists from a particular year. You will have to attend to find out which year, but it will no doubt bring back happy memories.
08-Apr-19	John Cartmell	“The Music of Political Satire part 1” – John Cartmell will present music by Gilbert & Sullivan. Part 2 will follow later this year with music by Flanders & Swann.
13-May-19	Sheelagh Cartmell	“Desert Island Discs” – Sheelagh Cartmell will share her selection of music that holds memories of significant events and occasions for her
10-Jun-19	Malcolm Hall	“Drummers” presented by Malcolm Hall. A talk about famous drummers (including Redditch’s own John Bonham), their different styles, music and video clips. Malcolm will also demonstrating various techniques and sounds using his electronic drum machine.
08-Jul-19	Ros Williams	“Desert Island Discs” - Ros Williams will present her selection of music that holds memories of significant events and occasions for her.
12-Aug-19	No meeting	No meeting - Webheath Village Hall refurbishment
09-Sep-19	Steve Prosser	“ River Deep – Mountain High” – Steve Prosser will present a selection of songs with rivers or mountains in the title. There will also be a fun short quiz to test your memories!
14-Oct-19	John Cartmell	“The Music of Political Satire part 2 Flanders & Swann ” – John Cartmell will present part 2 of his music involving political satire.
11-Nov-19	Gary Croots	“Theme songs that tell stories” – Gary Croots will present an interesting mix of theme songs that tell stories.
09-Dec-19	John Cartmell	“The Christmas Quiz” – John Cartmell will be challenging our knowledge of music with his annual quiz.
01-Jan-20	Bob Pickett	“Covers of American Country songs that made it big in the UK”. Bob Pickett will play and talk about some very well known songs from the past that were huge hits in the UK but were originally American Country songs. Some of them you will recognise, but others are almost unrecognisable from the original.
10-Feb-20	Steve Prosser	“Around the World in 80 Minutes” – Steve Prosser will recreate Phileas Fogg’s epic adventure around the World through an interesting mix of songs.

09-Mar-20	John Cartmell	“Six-Five Special Revisited” - John Cartmell will revisit some of the songs that appeared on the BBC TV show “Six-Five Special” in the late 1950’s.
13-Apr-20	No meeting (Easter)	Easter Monday
11-May-20	Steve Prosser	"Songs that Make You Happy". A mix of songs requested by members of the group.
08-Jun-20	Malcolm Hall	“Best of the Eurovision Song Contest” – a mix of entries from different countries and decades with a range of musical styles and presentation format – some you may know, others not.
13-Jul-20	Steve Prosser	"Happy Families" - an interesting mix of songs featuring families, brothers, sisters and cousins.
10-Aug-20	Alan Hitchcock	"Bob Dylan - Early Days and Covers" - a selection of songs, all written by Bob Dylan, but performed by other artists, including Dolly Parton, Marlene Dietrich and Tom Jones, plus of course a few from the man himself.
14-Sep-20	Alan Broadhurst	"I think I need a tinkle" - a selection of music by piano players and singers who play the piano.
12-Oct-20	Malcolm Hall	"Electric Folk" - a mix of real traditional folk songs that have been updated with modern electric and electronic instruments.
09-Nov-20	Steve Prosser	"Monsters, Witches and Zombies: A Halloween Special" - A light-hearted virtual walk around Redditch on Halloween night with lots of great songs from the past.
14-Dec-20	John Cartmell	"Christmas Quiz" - John Cartmell will be challenging our knowledge of music with his annual quiz.
11-Jan-21	Alan Hitchcock	Alan Hitchcock will be presenting "Music and some Dance in our time" - a range of music with a bit of both!
08-Feb-21	Alan Broadhurst	Alan Broadhurst will be presenting "What was that?" - a mix of songs that are in or contain some lines in a foreign language.
08-Mar-21	Malcolm Hall	Malcolm Hall will be presenting "Forgotten Gold" - a variety of songs that we may have forgotten over the years.
12-Apr-21	Steve Prosser	"Lockdown" songs - a selection of songs around the theme of lockdown submitted by group members
10-May-21	Judy Whitmore	"Folk Music loosely based on the Workman's Trades". Judy Whitmore will be presenting a series of folk songs which have a connection with workman's trades (for example, cobbler, woodcutter, postman and even lacemaking).
14-Jun-21	Steve Prosser	"Forgotten Gold Part 2" Steve Prosser will present a further mix of songs from the 60's and 70's worthy of being remembered.
12-Jul-21	Rob Rowberry	"The Music and Life of Jeff Christie" - Rob Rowberry will show us that Jeff Christie (of the group called Christie) was more than a one hit wonder with Yellow River in 1970 by playing a number of his songs.
09-Aug-21	Alan Hitchcock	Alan Hitchcock will be presenting "Divas of the 1960's and 1970's" - a mix of songs from that era performed by some of the greatest singers.
13-Sep-21	Alan Broadhurst	Alan Broadhurst will be presenting "Savoy Truffles" - join us to find out the subject of the presentation and enjoy a mix of great songs.
11-Oct-21	Alan Hitchcock	Alan Hitchcock will be sharing a fusion of music and photographs "From Erik Satie to Paul Simon - an audiovisual presentation".
08-Nov-21	Steve Prosser	"The Sound of Woodwind". The presentation will include descriptions of the different types and sounds of woodwind instruments (can you tell the difference between the sound of an oboe and a clarinet?). As usual, there will be many examples of the instruments being played in a range of music from classical to jazz to the 60's/70's.
13-Dec-21	John Cartmell	"Music and Images in Our Time" John and Sheelagh Cartmell will be sharing a selection of their favourite pieces of music and places to celebrate the end of their 50th Anniversary Year. The music will reflect their interests over the past 50 years and will be supported by photographic images taken by the couple themselves ranging from the Lake District to the Jurassic Coast.
10-Jan-22	Steve Prosser	"The Evolution of Music in the Western World" To kick off this year's series of monthly music presentations, Steve will be taking you on a journey through time to listen to music from different periods in history. We will experience the changes in music styles from medieval minstrels through baroque and classical to jazz, swing and rock and roll. There will be some quiz questions as well as finding out about the hurdy-gurdy, lutes and the pianoforte.
14-Feb-22	Alan Hitchcock	Alan Hitchcock on "Classic Folk" MacColl, Seeger and MacColl (Ewan, Peggy and Kirsty)
14-Mar-22	Malcolm Hall	Malcolm Hall will be presenting a range of Film music.
11-Apr-22	Steve Prosser	"Acoustic Guitar Intros". Steve Prosser will be presenting at the meeting. The talk is entitled "My Top 15 Songs with Acoustic Guitar Intros". It will be an interesting mix of ballads, rock and folk music - some songs you may know, some may be new to you. They have one thing in common as they all start with a few bars of an acoustic guitar. Can you guess the top 3?
09-May-22	Steve Prosser	Steve Prosser will be presenting a talk entitled "First Names in Song Titles Part 1 (Letters A-L)". Can you guess the songs with a boy's or a girl's first name in the title?
13-Jun-22	Steve Prosser	Steve Prosser will be following up last month's talk with "First Names in Song Titles Part 2 (Letters M-Z)". Can you guess the songs with a boy's or a girl's first name in the title?
11-Jul-22	Alan Hitchcock	Alan Hitchcock will be presenting "Best French Songs in Our Time". The 1950's and 1960's were not just famous for the emergence of Elvis, the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, but for all kinds of music on the radio. Programmes such as Family Favourites introduced many of us to popular French music. Some of us have never lost the taste for it!
08-Aug-22	No Meeting	
12-Sep-22	Roy Vickers	Roy Vickers will be sharing a selection of songs from the 1950's through to the early 1980's that will stir up memories of growing up during those times.
10-Oct-22	Malcolm Hall	Malcolm Hall will be presenting "People I've Met". He will be sharing music from artists that he has seen live on stage together with a few anecdotes about them.
14-Nov-22	Rob Rowberry	Rob Rowberry will be presenting a two part session. Part 1 will be a quiz to guess the link between the songs (there will be prizes) and Part 2 will be a collection of songs with the theme "It's Not English".
12-Dec-22	Malcolm Hall	Special event with live music from Alcedo, the Folk Dance Band. We will be listening to them play a range of music including some seasonal favourites.
09-Jan-23	Steve Prosser	"Birds, Bugs and Other Insects". This will be an interesting mix of songs that contain the name of a bird, bug or insect in the title and some fun to guess the song title based upon an image".
13-Feb-23	Alan Hitchcock	Alan Hitchcock will be presenting "Choirs in Our Time" - an enjoyable mix of choirs and their music from different parts of the World.
13-Mar-23	Alan Broadhurst	Alan Broadhurst will be presenting "Songs My Dad Would Sing".
10-Apr-23	No Meeting (Easter)	
08-May-23	No Meeting (Bank Holiday)	
12-Jun-23	Norman Wheatley	"Is it True?". Norman Wheatley will be presenting stories about songs and music of all kinds, ranging from Puccini to The Beatles ~ but only some of the stories are true; some are not. After hearing the story and the piece of music, you'll be invited to say via a show of hands whether you think the story's genuine or bogus! Musical knowledge isn't needed - you can just decide whether you think it sounds on the level or a pack of lies!
10-Jul-23	Rob Rowberry	"Same Song - Two Versions". Rob Rowberry will be presenting "twins" of songs performed by different artists. A fun session to vote for your preferred version.
14-Aug-23	No Meeting (Hall closed)	
11-Sep-23	Peter Dewell	"Songs of the Northeast". Peter Dewell will be presenting Songs of the Northeast, not a playlist but a look at the history and social aspects behind some of them.
09-Oct-23	Steve Prosser	"A Musical Adventure into Space and Beyond". Steve Prosser will be taking us on a musical journey to the planets, the stars and outer space. Come along and hear some familiar songs from the 60's and 70's all linked to space adventures from both the real world and science fiction.

13-Nov-23	Norman Wheatley	"I've Met 'Im (and 'Er)". Norman Wheatley will be sharing stories, anecdotes and music from the many people he has met over the years working at various radio stations and briefly in TV.
11-Dec-23	Steve Prosser	"Christmas Songs through recent Decades". Steve Prosser will be entertaining us with memories of Christmas songs from the 40's through to the 80's.
08-Jan-24	Steve Prosser	"It's Only A Number". Steve Prosser will be presenting an interesting mix of songs with a number in their title plus an opprtunity to guess the song titles.
12-Feb-24	Malcolm Hall	"Hits that Break the Rules". Malcolm Hall will be presentingsome popular music successes that have broken the conventional rules of Do Re Mi scale and 4/4 time signature by using unusal scales, time signatures or other quirky features.
11-Mar-24	Norman Wheatley	"Songs With A Story". Norman Wheatley will entertain us with the stories behind a number of songs including hearing from of the songwriters themselves telliong their own stories.
08-Apr-24	Steve Prosser	"River Deep - Mountain High". Steve Prosser will be presenting a selection of music under the theme of rivers and mountains.
13-May-24	Rob Rowberry	"Ancient & Modern" and "Whistling Songs". A two part presentation by Rob Rowberry.
10-Jun-24	Roy Vickers	"What's the Connection". Roy Vickers will be presenting a mix of songs mainly from the 60's with a strong local connection.
08-Jul-24	Judy Whitmore	"Songs written by The Beatles (for Others and Covers)". Judy Whitmore presented a potpourri of songs written by The Beatles. Some were covers by various artists, others were songs written by members of the Beatles for specific artists and in addition some solo songs by each of the fab four.
12-Aug-24	No Meeting (Hall closed)	
09-Nov-24	Norman Wheatley	"Songs At The Oscars". Some of the winners you'll know, some you may think "How did that win?!" and some that didn't win, which really should have!". You will also hear some interesting stories about the artists and composers behind the songs.
14-Oct-24	Steve Prosser	"A Halloween Story: Monsters, Witches & Zombies". The story follows a group of u3a members on an imaginary journey around Redditch on Halloween night. Their evening adventures will be described en route through various songs with a ghostly, spooky theme.
11-Nov-24	John Cartmell	"Just A Few Notes".The core idea of the Music in Our Time Group is that we awaken our memories of the music that surrounded us as we grew up in the 1940's, 50's, 60's and 70's. Can just a few notes of a tune awaken those same memories? John Cartmell will test that idea with the music that he remembers hearing, mainly in the late 1960's
09-Dec-24	Norman Wheatley & Steve Prosser	"Christmas Music: Traditional, Alternative and Different Versions". A seasonal mix of songs presented by Steve Prosser and Norman Wheatley - some you will know, others maybe not.
13-Jan-25	Steve Prosser	"Redditch u3a Top Twenty Greatest Songs of All Time". The complied list of songs was presented. Great attendance of 44 members.
10-Feb-25	Rob Rowberry	"The Emergency Services". A mix of songs and TV theme music that had links to our Emergency Services - The Police, Fire Brigade and Hospitals.
10-Mar-25	Malcolm Hall	"Great Song, Great Video". An assorted collection of songs with accompanying videos. The presentation will demonstrate the wide variety of videos produced to promote record sales.
14-Apr-25	Steve Prosser	"The History of Rock and Roll". A presentation describing the early days of rock and roll music in America and playing some well-known classics from that era including Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly and Bill Haley.
12-May-25	Norman Wheatley	"Songs with a Story Revisited". An insight into the ideas and creative process behind some well-known songs. It included hearing from some of the people who wrote the songs, someone who was there the moment the song came to be written, from the person the song was written about and on one occasion, the man who was responsible for making the recorded version of the song.
09-Jun-25	Steve Prosser	"The Story of The Moody Blues". Following some detailed research by Roy Vickers, Steve Prosser presented the second in the series "What's the Connection" which explained how various musicians from Birmingham came together to form the legendary band The Moody Blues. It included many videos of their performances from their early days to more recent times showing how their music evolved.
14-Jul-25	Rob Rowberry	"Sport and Sporting Events". Rob Rowberry presented a wide selection of songs associated with sport and sporting events. Songs from the 60's, film and television programme theme music revived memories of football, cricket, running, swimming and several other sports.
11-Aug-25	No Meeting (Hall closed)	
08-Sep-25	Norman Wheatley	"Female Songwriters of the 20th Century". Norman Wheatley presented a series of songs, including some background behind their writing, by female songwriters of the 20th Century. Until halfway through last century, women were far more scarce in the male dominated business of music. The presentation included artists such as Dorothy Fields, Peggy Lee, Carole King, Judy Collins, Joni Mitchell and Carly Simon and several others.
13-Oct-25	Steve Prosser	"The Ayes (I's) Have It". Complied from the submitted lists of member's Top Twenty Songs, Steve Prosser presented a series of songs with titles starting I ….. (e.g. I Will, I Wish, etc). The attendees were invited to guess the song titles from a series of emojis and images.
10-Nov-25	Steve Prosser	"Ladies Only". With the theme and songs suggested by John Garbett, Steve Prosser presented a diverse mix of songs sung by female artists. They will all be well-known artists including, Cilla Black, Dolly Parton, Tina Turner, Diana Ross, Shirley Bassey, Roberta Flack, just to name a few. The attendees were invited to guess the birthplace of each artist.
08-Dec-25	Norman Wheatley & Steve Prosser	"Christmas Songs Old & New". A mix of festive music to produce another amusing, entertaining festive session with chances for participation (optional) and quizzes with prizes! The Twelve Days of Christmas will never be the same again!
12-Jan-26	Steve Prosser	"10th Anniversary - Songs with "ten". A celebration of the first ten years of the Music in Our Time Group. Our first meeting took place in January 2016. The first of the meeting included songs with links to the number 10. After the break, the meeting was entertained by Russell and Dave, The Melancholy Brothers (acoustic guitar duo).
09-Feb-26	Malcolm Hall	"Local Heroes - Forgotten Gold" - Malcolm Hall presented a series of songs performed by artists who were born in the local region.
09-Mar-26	Rob Rowberry	"The Story of Jeff Lynne" - Rob Rowberry presented the story of Jeff Lynne from his early days in Birmingham to his international success with The Electric Light Orchestra (ELO).
13-Apr-26	Steve Prosser	"A Musical Sea Adventure: The Search for Treasure" - Steve Prosser presented a slightly whimsical adventure will include many songs from the 60's, 70's and 80's with some link to the sea, sailing, pirates and treasure!
11-May-26	Norman Wheatley	"Silly Songs" - Norman Wheatley presented a series of songs under the title "Silly Songs" includeing a mix of live singing, recorded videos and a self-written song plus many asscoiated anecdotes.
08-Jun-26	Bill Haynes	"Remember the Song? Well, Here's the Original" - Bill Haynes shared a personal choice of songs from the 50's, and 60's by playing a clip of a cover of the song followed by its original artist together with interesting facts about the recordings and artists.
13-Jul-26	Val Trim	"Monochrome Music" - Val Trim presetned a variety of songs that comprised sounds made by instruments from the same family group.
10-Aug-26	No Meeting (Hall closed)	
14-Sep-26	Steve Prosser	"Evolution of Music in the Western World" - Steve Prosser took us on an adventure through time to witness some of the significant milestones in musical history.
12-Oct-26	Steve Prosser	"Animal Magic" - Steve Prosser entertained us with songs that have the name of an animal in the title (and some 'guess the song title' questions).
09-Nov-26	Norman Wheatley	"Abbey Road Studios" - Norman Wheatley presented the story of the Abbey Road Studios, named after The Beatles album, and was 95 years old in November 2026. The four guys from Liverpool may have been the most famous and successful of the people to record there but the music coming out of this otherwise quiet suburb of London includes classical, jazz, skiffle, pop, comedy and progressive. All of these were featured in the presentation ~ and we heard from some of the famous people involved. There was also a quiz to identify some of the artists who graced those hallowed halls after the war ~ and before The Beatles!