

THE ADSTOCK SCIENCE CLUB



Science is man's attempt at understanding the universe. The Adstock Science Club is Adstock's way of trying to be part of this endeavour by holding regular monthly meetings where various aspects of modern science are discussed.

Whether we like it or not science plays a big part in our everyday lives, from waking up in the morning to the sound of the latest pop songs on our Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) radio and cleaning our teeth with an electric toothbrush to logging onto our PC and finding out what all our friends are doing on Facebook. There is not a single aspect of modern human life that has remained untouched by science. However, this may not necessarily be a good thing. Science today is mostly run by governments and big business, gone are the days when scientific discoveries and inventions were made by the little man tinkering in his garage. Ok, so we still have entrepreneurs like James Dyson of vacuum cleaner fame and Trevor Baylis, who invented the wind up radio coming up with some pretty cool gizmos, but they are few and far between.

Big business means money, and profits for shareholders, is this the way that science should be financed in the future? Are there any dangers in this set-up, or alternatively do we want all our science to be financed through the government instead?

From factory farm cows, and genetically modified crops to nanotechnology and large Hadron Colliders are we really aware of what is going on out there in the Brave New World of Science? Are we happy to allow others who do know what's going on to make decisions of what's good, bad, right or wrong for us where our scientific future is concerned.

I hope more of you reading this in Adstock will think about what I have said, it doesn't matter if you agree or disagree, it matters that you have an opinion. Let your views be heard and join us at our next meeting of The Adstock Science Club on June 21st at 7.30.

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