

Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **January 2013 E-news**- Keeping "In touch with ewe"!

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Items for inclusion in the next E-news to Sarah before Thursday, **February 7th** please.

OUR WEBSITE Make it a habit to visit our **WEBSITE** www.cheadleu3a.org It contains a calendar of events, information on activities, how to contact committee members, group leaders and much, **much** more.....

Help to keep our "hard copy" members up to date - be a "buddy". **SHARE** this information with a friend or neighbour if you know they are not on the internet. Why not drop them off a copy next time you pass so that as many members as possible receive this information update.

We encourage you to use the **attached PDF** file to print out a copy as this ensures the format remains accurate. You can also click on the link at the top of this page to obtain a copy from our website!

LINKS

Please send me photos of group activities with a short description of the event to insert in our **(Photolink)** click spots. Look out for the **(Doclink)** click spots too.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (Due January 2013)

Membership Renewal Forms have been sent to all members by post as a reminder that payment is **DUE** and the **fee is £10**. Those members paying by standing order are reminded that they will need to amend this with their bank/building society. For more details see website: www.cheadleu3a.org.

DIARY DATE

The **Group Leader's Annual Meeting** will be held on Weds. March 6th at the Guildhall, Cheadle. Richard will be sending out invitations and the proposed agenda to you all in the next few weeks.

COFFEE MORNING

January's coffee morning is on **Wednesday, January 9th, 10am - 12pm** at the Guild Hall. **THIS MONTH** you can **book your Quiz team in for the Quiz Night, buy tickets for Afternoon Tea and if you wish donate to the Foodbank Appeal (more details below)** Committee members and Group leaders will be available, for consultation. Meet your friends, book and jigsaw exchange, book holidays and trips, buy home-made cards for charity plus Cheadle's Fair Trade Society's Stall and more.

QUIZ NIGHT, Wednesday January 16th, Guild Hall, 7:30pm

Now that the festive season is well and truly over, there's not much time left to get your tickets for the Quiz! Don't leave it too late because (in a Jeremy Clarkson voice) tickets are selling like cakes that are soooo hot you could yoooz them to brannnd cattle (back to your normal voice). Don't worry if there are only one or two of you, we will do our best to put you together with others to form a competitively-sized team if you wish. Tickets will be easily available at the Short Walks (Jan 7th & 14th), the Country Dancing (Jan 8th & 15th), the Coffee Morning (Jan 9th), the Ukulele Group (Jan 10th), and at home if you live not far from me. Anything else will be slightly more difficult, but not impossible. Tickets are only £2 each - I'd go for the Coffee Morning myself... Contact: chrisbees2@hotmail.com Tel: 07790689173.

AFTERNOON TEA Music and light entertainment - Saturday 23rd Feb 2013, 2.00 - 4.30 pm at Cheadle Guild Hall. Tickets are £3.50 and will be on sale at the January and February coffee mornings. Contact: Dawn Maley: 01538 753578, Barry 01538 755796.

CHEADLE U3A FOODBANK APPEAL

Are you willing to help feed local people in crisis by donating small, in-date, nonperishable foodstuffs? We shall put out a box at the next Coffee Morning on Wednesday January 9th for donations. These will be taken to one of the distribution centres. Those in need have to produce a voucher to claim help. Suitable items - tins of soup, jars of jam, rice, pasta, baked beans, sugar, packets of biscuits, teabags, tinned rice pudding, UHT or powdered milk and such like. In the current economic crisis we hope to continue this appeal during 2013. For further details stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk

CINEMA

Special showings of the following films have been arranged for U3A members only at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. The cost is £3.60. Please take your membership card with you. Full details are shown on our website click links to - [U3A Calendar](#) and [Activities](#) - Cinema Tuesday 8th January at 10.15 am: Life of Pi and Quartet; Friday 18th January at 10.15 am: Les Miserables, Life of Pi and Quartet . www.cheadleu3a.org

GERMAN - Phil Boyer ([Photolink](#))

GARDENING GROUP

New leader urgently required to take over this group. The organisation could be shared between several people so that no one need be over worked. It would be a great pity for this thriving group to fold up after so much hard work went in to setting it up 3 years ago.

Contact: Richard Moore 01782 396728 - richardmoore45@yahoo.co.uk

TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE Xmas Party - Phil Boyer ([PhotoLink](#))

The group meets at Tean Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Tean (off Hollington Road), at 1.30 pm (to 3.30pm) normally on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from October to March. There is ample parking in the hall grounds. Information: phil.boyer@cheadleu3a.org

2013 Winter Program

A New Year's treat of stunning photography from around the globe!

January 10: Autumn in the Trossachs and the Western Isles of Scotland by David Slade. See the magnificent colours and scenery of the Trossachs, Isles of Skye and Mull and Glen Coe surely as pretty as it gets in life.....**and..... Colourful Craters and Fuming Fumaroles:** by Beryl Slade.

Landscape on the edge of the earth's tectonic plates: A journey around some of New Zealand's volcanic and geothermal areas.

February 14: Three Canaries in the Atlantic! by Noel Clarke, Phil Boyer and Vaughan Richardson. A comprehensive tour of the volcanic landscapes of Tenerife, Lanzarote and Fuerteventura. Cliffs, sea, volcanic mountains and beaches.

March 14: China Past & Present: by Vaughan Richardson and Margaret Plant. Includes some of the classic sites such as the Wall of China, the Yangtse River, The Imperial Palace and much more!

SUGAR CRAFT Val Egerton

In the nineteenth century it was traditional for the affluent Victorians to dress their dining tables with a stunning centrepiece made out of sugar. Sugar was very expensive and therefore a sign of prosperity. Our Sugarcraft Group were asked by Sudbury Hall to make such a piece for Sudbury's Victorian Christmas open days. Dawn and Pat made the magi and then asked the other members to make further figures and animals. After a few weeks the piece was ready to be displayed at Sudbury Hall in December. This photo ([Photolink](#)) shows the result - A Nativity Scene made entirely of white sugar paste on a board edged with a wooden fence.

SHORT WALKS

07-Jan	Tittesworth Reservoir	Shirley and Janet	360646/360852
14-Jan	Stallington	Chris and Val	07790689173
21-Jan	Stone	Tony Scheuber	722130
28-Jan	Dilhorne	Marguerite/Fay	01782 396461
04-Feb	Dilhorne	Clive Brassington	752775

RAMBLERS

Loggerheads 20/12/12 (Photolink)	Moddershall 17/12/2012 (Photolink)
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"Xmas Lunch Walk" - Please book your meal by 7th Jan with Phil and Lyn 01538 756256

Jan 14th	Ash Bank (walk/lunch)	Sarah	01782 302310
Jan 21st	Withington	Tony	01889567083
Jan 28th	Oakover Park	Rose/Terry	01538752705

SOMME BATTLEFIELD TOUR For more info click ([DocLink](#))

With the 100th anniversary of the Great War fast approaching, Cheadle (Staffs) U3A are hoping to organise a tour of the area where the battle of the Somme was fought in 1916. (30th September, 2013 ‐ 4th October, 2013) This tour will be your opportunity to visit some of the sites associated with the battle with the support an experienced battlefield guide, Richard Porter, who will be with us for two of our three days on the Somme. On the final day of the tour we hope to spend the morning visiting sites connected with some of the most famous Great War poets such as Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, Robert Graves and A.P. Herbert, as well as lesser ones such as W.N. Hodgson and E.W. Tennant. A deposit of £40 will be required by Monday 21 January 2013 to secure your place. Contact Barry Barnett 01538 755796 (thebarnetts63@talktalk.net) or Richard Ellis 01782 326427 (richard_ellis@talktalk.net)

U3A NEIGHBOURHOOD LINKS

Members of Cheadle U3A can take part in our neighbouring U3A activities (Stone, Stafford Stoke on Trent South, Burton on Trent, Cannock Chase (Rugeley), Uttoxeter) without having to pay an additional annual subscription (subject to availability of spaces). More details from: www.theadleu3a.org click [here](#) followed by: *Mid Staffordshire Neighbourhood Link*.

FILES

Phil Boyer has a dozen or so A4 **spring lever clip files** which are used but in good condition. If anyone can make use of them. Contact phil.boyer@theadleu3a.org