



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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Items for inclusion in the next E-news to Sarah before 9am Thursday, **April 4th** please.

OUR WEBSITE Make it a habit to visit our **WEBSITE** www.theadleu3a.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 **online 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.

OVERDUE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - Barry Barnett (Chairman), 6th March 2013

This message is addressed only to those who **have not yet renewed** their membership. If you have done your renewal, skip this paragraph.

Annual subs were due on 1 January with a 2-month period of grace finishing on 28 February. (see Constitution, point 5.3) At the Group Leaders Meeting today (6 March) it was revealed that close to 150 members had still not renewed their annual subscription. The Membership Secretary, Group Leaders and myself are now being put to a lot of hassle in chasing up all of these people. In a voluntary organisation this is not acceptable. Some of this group of people may have good reasons not to renew (e.g. sickness, loss of interest etc.) but in other cases this is not so and we can only speculate as to the reason. Several reminders have been issued through enews since last December so simple 'forgetfulness' is no longer an acceptable reason. The situation therefore is as follows:

1. If you have not renewed your subscription and wish to do so for 2013 then do so immediately. Send a cheque to John Owen by first-class post and don't trouble your Group Leader to do this for you. Paperwork was sent out last Autumn with the Newsletter and this should be filled in as well. The Membership Form is also available **ONLINE** . Use this link to print it off.
2. if you do not do this immediately then please stop attending any groups which you have previously attended.
3. Out of courtesy, if you no longer wish to be a member at all then John or I would appreciate being informed of this to tidy up the data base.
4. On 20 March you will be taken off the database and you will then cease to be a member of Cheadle U3A. We shall not pay a capitation fee on your behalf to Third Age Trust and all the benefits and privileges of membership of Cheadle U3A and the wider organisation will be withdrawn.

If the foregoing applies to you then please act immediately on reading this. If you have a problem and wish to discuss it personally then please get in touch with John Owen 01782 533956 or me 01538 755796 and we can sort it out.

AGM April 24th Guild Hall, Cheadle 10am for a 10:30 start. Details will be posted to all members.

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning is on Wednesday March 13th 10am - 12pm at the Guild Hall. 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.

FOOD BANK

In the current economic crisis will continue collecting for the Food Bank appeal during 2013. A box to collect your donations will be at the coffee mornings. Further details - stokeontrent.foodbank.org.uk

CINEMA - Andrew Bull

U3A members only a showing of **Song for Marion** (93 mins.) has been arranged for **Tuesday 19th March** 10.15am at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. The cost is £3.60. Please take your membership card with you. NB The Cinebowl has altered its booking system and a consequence of this is that tickets cannot be booked in advance for the U3A private showings. However it will be shown on Screen 1, the largest theatre, with a capacity of 215 which should accommodate all who wish to attend.

Full details are shown on our website: [U3A Calendar](#) and [Activities](#).

VERSE AND WORSE - open to all session

This month's poetry on **Tuesday March 19th** 11.30 in the Oakley Room, Guild Hall, Cheadle is to be led by Phillip Holland - a local poet from Derbyshire and is open to **all** members and friends. Phillip has a rather unique way of reading his poetry - accompanying himself on the keyboard. Cost is £2 covers Phillip's expenses and includes refreshments afterwards. He will probably have his poetry books on sale too.

SHORT WALKS

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Mar 11th	Consall	Alan and Beryl	703161
Mar 18th	Dilhorne	Marguerite and Fay	702169/703300
Mar 25th	TrenthamPark	Gerald and Gladys	01782 399519
Apr 1st	No Walk		
Apr 8th	Rudyard Lake South	Lesley and Mel	757133

WHEEL MEET AGAIN

Cheadle U3A' Fair Weather Cycle Group intend to get back in the saddle for rides between April and October 2013. We are a mixed ability group from absolute beginners to the more experienced. Why not dust off that old bike and come and join us. Despite the awful weather in 2012 we did not have to cancel any ride due to bad weather. Interested? Have a word with Joan Charles at the Coffee Morning (details above). Contact 01538 753545 or email joan.charles@theadleu3a.org

COMPUTERS - ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

Four spaces available on the Monday morning session 10-12pm. Guild Hall, Cheadle. Contact Heather: 01538 750139

AFTERNOON TEA 1 - Chairman - Barry Barnett

May I give my thanks to everyone who was involved in the Afternoon Tea event in February. This was the true spirit of U3A, from the people arriving early in the morning to shift furniture, the ladies making all the wonderful food and then the event itself with its mixture of popular musical light entertainment. About 150 members were present and everyone agreed it was a most successful event. The main person responsible for this was Dawn Maley but many more people were involved and I simply want to say a big "Thank you" to everybody who played any part, large or small, on this day. It was a really great afternoon!

Contact: Dawn Maley: 01538 753578, Barry 01538 755796.

AFTERNOON TEA 2 - Dawn Maley

I would like to send a big thank you to my catering team - the bakers, sandwich makers and helpers. A great team who never say no and to all the entertainers who made the afternoon so enjoyable.

CAR PARKING in the small Guild Hall Car Park. - Chairman - Barry Barnett

This remains a difficult problem to manage. We are all well aware that members of the general public misuse this facility. It is impossible to police or control, short of an elaborate barrier/entry key system. All that I would ask is that members, as a matter of conscience, do not misuse this facility. Please take up a space if one is available but only for the time you need it for your group activity. When you leave your group session please move onto the general Morrison's car park if you wish to do some shopping and free up that Guild Hall parking space for another member who may be arriving for the next group. It's just a matter of considering others needs and all of us helping one another. Thanks.

HOGMANAY HOLIDAY 30th Dec 2013 to 3rd Jan 2014 Joining us in a Scottish New Year Break. It will be at the Duke of Gordon Hotel in Kinghussie. Leaving on Monday 30th Dec 2013 to Friday 3rd Jan 2014. The cost will be £395.00pp with £60 supplement for a single room.

For any of the Trips/Holidays contact Margaret Plant: 01538 752756/m0795 6981984 OR email: Margaret Plant

TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE group invite all members to experience "**CHINA**": past & present with Vaughan Richardson & Margaret Plant on **Thursday March 14th at 1.30pm**, Tean Church Hall. Vaughan & Margaret went last autumn and they include some of the classic sites such as the Wall of China, the Yangtze River, The Imperial Palace and much more.....

TRAVEL & LANDSCAPE presents



CHINA

HO CHI MARGE HO CHI RICARDO

MARCH 14th at TEAN Church Hall at 1.30pm



Meetings are held at Christ Church Hall, Upper Tean (off Hollington Road) [Details on website.](#)

RAMBLERS

Cheadle 11/02/13 (Photolink)		Cheadle 18/02/13 (Photolink)	
Tean 25/02/2013 (Photolink)		Withington 04/03/2013 (Photolink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Mar 11th	Hassel Green	Tony	01889 567083
Mar 18th	Thorpe	Dave F	01538 753572
Mar 25th	Macclesfield Forest	John F	01782 395271

Apr 1st	Canal Walk	Keith	01782 280578
Apr 8th	The Roaches	Richard	01782 326427

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*.

STOKE ON TRENT SOUTH U3A ([Doclink](#))

STAFFORD U3A (for details of activities visit their website: www.staffordu3a.org.uk).

LEEK U3A - VIENNA (*proposed holiday*)

Would you be interested in a trip to Vienna in September? Dates to be confirmed. No commitment is required yet, just expressions of interest please. If there is sufficient interest, we could go for either 4 days & 3 nights **or** 5 days & 4 nights. Prices are expected to be around: 4 days 3 nights: double £589.00 (£99.00 single supplement) 5 days 4 nights: double £679.00 (£129.00 single supplement) Draft itinerary on the Leek U3A website. Contact Tessa Abberley on 01538 387438 for more information and to show your interest.

STONE U3A ([Doclink](#))

CHEADLE ARTS FESTIVAL

Many of our members are involved in this week long event please come and support them:

Cheadle Arts Week 2013 commences on **SATURDAY 16th MARCH** 10am - 4pm with the now renowned **CRE-8 DAY** when all the local crafters assemble in the Guild Hall, Cheadle to demonstrate their skills. A chance to "Have a Go" at many of the crafts and create a treasure!! Or just marvel at their expertise!! **Admission FREE.**

SATURDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT – Saturday 16th March, 8pm. George Galway (brother of James Galway, flautist) and his Jazz friends are back by popular request. Guild Hall, Cheadle. Admission is £5. Pay at the door and bring your own drinks and nibbles. An excellent evening's entertainment lined up for you – Don't miss it !!

SATURDAY 16th MARCH - THE PUGIN SINGERS Annual concert in St Giles Catholic Church, Cheadle at 7.30pm. All welcome. Tickets £7 with refreshments. Programme includes Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Handel's "Zadok the Priest".

SUNDAY 17th MARCH Artists' Trail in the Guild Hall, Cheadle, 10am – 4pm. A number of artists will be in residence to chat about their work on an informal basis. Admission **FREE** – collect your passport and gather 5 coloured stickers, fill in your details and you may well be the lucky winner of £20.

WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH Cheadle Flower Club are holding their monthly meeting with a demonstration by Pat Simcox entitled "Worldly Experiences". There is a Competition open to anyone entitled "Simply a Basket" any size, any choice. Cash prizes.

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH Showcase Day – many more artists with their work on exhibition in the Guild Hall. 10am - 4pm Admission **FREE**

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH VARIETY CONCERT in the Guild Hall with local singers, dancers and musicians. 8pm. Admission & pound5 pay at the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

SUNDAY 24th MARCH Peeps into the Past. Exhibition of photos and memorabilia of local interest in the Guild Hall 10am - 4pm. Admission **FREE**

Refreshments available at all events. Any profits from the Arts Week will go to the Donna Louise Hospice.

Further details from Stella on 01538 702124 or mrs.stellaheritage@gmail.com.

PIANO FOR SALE Upright piano urgently needs a good home. Free, but must collect from Alton. Excellent condition and good sound. Ideal for learning and practising but not for concert recitals. Made in 1904 in walnut by Thurmer of Germany. 01538 702680.