



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **May 2013 E-news**

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Items for inclusion in the next E-news to Sarah before 9am Thursday, **June 6th** please.

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 click on the link at the top of this page to obtain a PDF copy of this e-News from our website!

LINKS Look out for the **(Doclink)** click spots. Please send me **photos** of group activities with a short description of the event to insert in our **(Photolink)** click spots and (with your permission) to submit to the **LOCAL NEWSPAPERS**. We need to keep potential members aware that we exist and inform them of what we have on offer.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (Photolink)

The AGM was held on Wednesday, 24 April. 64 members were present with 32 further apologies. Thus, out of a total paid-up membership of 937 just 96 (10.25%) demonstrated their concern for the running of the U3A. Firstly, I would like to say a sincere thank you to all those who made the effort to attend the meeting. Your support is valued and I hope you enjoyed the meeting. Some came despite difficult personal circumstances of which I was aware and I extend a special thanks to them. Others are coping with health issues and in some cases necessary hospital treatment and we think very much of their situation and understand that they could not be present. There are so many people who give of their time freely to help our organisation to run smoothly for the benefit of all. However, I did feel a degree of concern that the turnout was lower than previous years. Your Committee is giving thought to this for the future and it may well be that changes in the format of the meeting are thought necessary.

Having said that the AGM had a successful outcome. Our finances are in a healthy state. Four retiring Group Leaders were thanked for their work (Andrew Bull, Doreen Tildesley, Margo Colgate and Margaret Joyce). Presentations made to these people at the meeting or will be made shortly. Three retiring Committee members were similarly thanked. (Phil Boyer, Margaret Plant and Bill Locker). Three new Committee Members stepped forward and were elected to fill those places (Walter Jaggli, Pat Forbes and David Slade). Reports were made by myself and by John Owen (Membership Secretary), Chris Mawdsley (Treasurer) and Mike Keighley (Groups Co-ordinator). So the work of running our vibrant, active, absorbing organisation continues. It is my constant hope that, in my final year as your Chairman, this activity will continue and flourish. I shall work as hard as I am able to make this happen.

To all those who attended, again I offer my sincere thanks for your support. In the meantime, to everyone, go ahead and enjoy Spring and Summer and all your U3A activities!

Best wishes to you all,

Barry Barnett.

COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning is on Wednesday May 8th, 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.

FOOD BANK CRISIS - Joan Charles has received the following from the Food bank office. **"Thank you to Cheadle U3A who donated 15.6 kg of food in February 2013.** Helping to feed hungry people in Stoke-on-Trent." However, the Stoke on Trent Food Bank is having to ration it's distribution because demand is far outstripping supply of donated items. Help us to restock the shelves, please. If you are able to do so, bring along an in-date item of food to the May Coffee Morning. Thank you.

CYCLE NEWS - (Webpage)

The first ride of the season is on **Wednesday May 15th**. This will be a traffic free ride along a well made canal towpath from the bridge by the Wedgwood Visitor Centre towards Etruria and then on towards Endon. Suitable for all abilities. Contact Joan Charles: 01538 753545 / [Email:joan.charles@theadleu3a.org](mailto:joan.charles@theadleu3a.org)

ACCESS TO GUILD HALL COMPUTER SUITE - Barry Barnett (Chairman)

I am aware that for some people access up the stairs to the Computer Suite is too difficult. If anyone would like to learn some aspect of computing and finds access to this room difficult would you please contact me to discuss the situation. Please telephone me on 01538 755795 (or e-mail to thebarnetts63@talktalk.net.)

SHORT WALKS - (Webpage)

| Date: | Details: | Leader: | Contact: |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 13-May | Stone | Tony Scheuber | 722130 |
| 20-May | Alton | Dorothy and Betty | 702169/703300 |
| 27-May | ----- | Bank Holiday no Walk | ----- |

HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE - David Slade (Webpage)

Following a super day out at Lincoln and the cathedral **(PhotoLink)** (thanks to Vaughan Richardson & Maggie Washington for the pics) we gathered again in April to look at the middle Gothic period. The next gathering (all welcome) is on the 15th May in the Guild Hall at 10am to continue looking at the Medieval Gothic age where we will be looking at encaustic tiles, medieval paintings, law and order, the Perpendicular Period of churches and cathedrals, and the general

social conditions of the 14th and 15th century. Beryl Slade will be giving a talk on misericords those seats on which the aged monks could lean when they had to stand through long services, and my oh my what a comment on the society of the day these carvings gave. We will discuss whether we would like to go on local field trips in the summer, perhaps Tideswell, Bakewell, Croxden, Denstone, All Saints Leek, not all in one day but we could probably manage four sites including tea rooms.

SINGING FOR FUN ([Webpage](#))

Over the summer months our singing group (Not Strictly Barbershop) have several Friday afternoons booked at Blythe Bridge Methodist Church Hall. (Jun 14, 28, Jul 12, 26 , Aug16, 30) It is an ideal time to think about joining us. At this time of the year we begin to learn new pieces, therefore everyone is at the same level. Our sessions are good fun. Why not come along and see how you get on. Interested? [Contact Sarah](#) (see top of e-news).

RAMBLERS ([Webpage](#))

| Roaches 08/04/13 (PhotoLink) | | Wincle 15/04/13 (PhotoLink) | |
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| Smallthorne 22/04/13 (PhotoLink) | | Wincle Minn 29/04/13 (PhotoLink) | |
| Date: | Details: | Leader: | Contact: |
| May 13th | New Mills | Peter R | 01538 753743 |
| May 20th | Beeley | Dave T | 01782 388669 |
| May 27th | Ashbourne | Joan/Terry | 01538 753409 |
| June 3rd | Macclesfield Forest | John F | 01782 395271 |
| June 10th | Marchington Woodlands | Tony | 01889 567083 |

Uke3A at HAYWOOD HOSPITAL ([PhotoLink](#)) ([Webpage](#))

10 members of Cheadle Uke3A played for one hour to a group of patients and their visitors at the Haywood Hospital. The "four strings of nylon certainly brought a smile on" to the faces of the patients who sang and clapped along to some old favourite melodies. Jean, the Diversional Therapist, who had invited the group said that the patients had really enjoyed it and made another booking straight away for Father's Day in June!

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.cheadleu3a.org click **here** followed by: [Mid Staffordshire Neighbourhood Link](#).

STONE U3A latest Newsletter ([Blocked by Stone](#))

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PUGIN CENTRE ([DocLink](#))

NSPCC OPEN GARDENS ([DocLink](#))

Three local gardens open will be open on Sat 1st June and Sunday 2nd June. "with sculptures on display by Marjan Wouda. An event supporting the NSPCC. Tickets £3. More details - Sue 01782 550258

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM SCREENING - *Edna Locker*

The NHS are asking any male over the age of 65yrs to contact them so they may attend for a simple screening for an abdominal aortic aneurysm. This is an enlargement of the main blood vessel in the abdomen and if left untreated it can be fatal. Men over 65+ are most at risk. The procedure takes about 10 minutes. The phone no. is 01782 552413 they will give you an appointment you will need your National Health Number when phoning.