



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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Items for inclusion in the next E-news to Sarah before **9am Thursday, September 5th** please.

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Make it a habit to visit our **WEBSITE** [www.theadleu3a.org](http://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.

### COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning is on Wednesday Aug 14th 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, "Foodbank" donations, buy home-made cards for charity plus Cheadle's Fair Trade Society's Stall.

### FOODBANK - Joan Charles

Please keep your donations coming in for the Foodbank. Since it is school holidays they particularly need snacks for children - crisps, pot noodles and the like. Thanks to you all.

### NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN - Barry Barnett

#### Money

We have recently received a cheque from **HMRC for £1,380.48** which represents the **Gift Aid** claim submitted from Cheadle U3A. This is a welcome bonus and I would like to offer sincere thanks from all of us to Business Secretary Ann Mundy and Membership Secretary John Owen for all the paperwork which they have completed to bring about this result. The task has involved many hours of work but has been very much worth this effort. It is a most welcome added bonus as your Committee is busy planning to spend some of this on equipment and resources to help groups work as well as possible for the benefit of all members.

#### Membership Secretary

I am sorry to report that **John Owen** (our Membership Secretary and also my Brother-in-Law) has now moved out of the area and has gone to live in Ainsdale, near to Southport. John's wife has recently retired and his daughter also lives in that area. I have known that this has been imminent but as with all house moves, nothing is definite until it happens. John has been Membership Secretary for over 5 years and in that time we have moved from the rolling membership renewals to the common date of 1 January. John has been instrumental in effecting this change and it has not always been hassle free! However, we now have a much clearer pattern of renewals and the system is working more smoothly. John has also been a stalwart in helping at coffee mornings and other events and his 'chair-humping' ability has been demonstrated almost every month. So for all your help in so many ways, John, we thank you most sincerely. We shall miss your quiet, unassuming presence along with all your hard work. We wish you well in your new future in the bracing North-West of England and I'm sure one of the U3A's in that area will welcome you when the trials and tribulations of moving house have settled down a bit. At a later date, we'll have you back to publicly receive the recognition for your service to Cheadle U3A that you richly deserve. Every Good Wish from all of us!

As a result of John's departure, I have asked Chris Beesley to take over the duties of Membership Secretary from the beginning of this month. Chris has agreed to do this. This is a quiet period for membership as we just get new members joining at this mid-point in the year but Chris will tackle the main renewal period of December - February as acting Membership Secretary. He will have help from other members of Committee but I ask for your support and patience as Chris goes through the process for the first time at the turn of the year.

#### New MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Webpage)

Hello everybody, **Chris Beesley** here. I will initially be dealing with membership cards, new applications, and the supply of new register sheets to Group Leaders as and when the old ones run out. I've had a few technical problems, mainly as a result of using different hardware to that used by John, but I think that with some invaluable help from Walter, the system is now up and running. So although some of you may have experienced delays, worry not, it's in the post. Please send your old registers, annual renewal forms, new application forms - in fact, anything to do with membership - to me at 15, Byron Close, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1XB. Don't forget to include the date upon which you want new registers to start, details of people you want adding or deleting, and so on. In the interests of saving on postage, changes are being discussed - watch this space!

**Contact: Chris Beesley, 01538 756323 and [chris.beesley@theadleu3a.org](mailto:chris.beesley@theadleu3a.org).**

#### FAREWELL TO JEAN - Chris Jackson

It is with great sadness we have to report the death of Mrs. Jean Shenton. Jean was a member of the Long Walking group and she also helped out at the monthly coffee mornings. Jean shared the leadership of the Musical Movement group with Chris Jackson for nearly 10 years and everyone will miss her very much. She always managed to bring laughter to the group. She was a real people person and loved it best when she had loads of friends around her. She fought her illness with bravery and dignity even though she was sometimes in great pain. Our thoughts are with her husband John and the rest of her family.

## CYCLING (Webpage) (Gallery)

Winterley Pool 05/07/13 (PhotoLink)	High Peak (12/07/13) (PhotoLink)
Ford Green (24/07/13) (PhotoLink)	

The cycling group started off their summer series with a ride in the Winterley Pool area near Hassell, Cheshire along the Salt Line and Wheelock Trail. A small but perfectly- formed group cycled from Parsley Hay to Middleton Top along the High Peak Trail on Friday 12 July. The verges were billowing with wild flowers, the breeze kept the heat at bay and the views were stunning. Weds 24th July Ford Green Hall to Congleton Park - where the cafe was shut!

Joan Charles

## ART CLUB celebrate a NINETIETH BIRTHDAY Viv Cowie (Photolink) (Webpage) (Gallery)

Following the meeting of the Art Club on Friday 26th July, members and guests made their way to the Wheatsheaf Hotel for a celebratory lunch to mark the 90th birthday of Nan Bloore, our most senior member. Nan is one of our club's founders and she has been a U3A member for many years. She hardly ever misses a session and continues to work on improvement, which surely is the purpose of U3A participation - just think, still in education at 90! Most of all Nan enjoys the social interaction and takes great interest in the art of others and we all hold her in great esteem. Nan was presented with a card and flowers, and a cake which was shared by all.

This was a truly memorable occasion in the best spirit of the U3A and we thank the staff at the Wheatsheaf for being so accommodating, Mike Keighley and the photographers of the U3A and the Cheadle and Tean Times who came along to take pictures.

## NEW "BEGINNERS" LINE DANCING GROUP (Webpage)

Line Dancing has been going now for about 4 years. They have progressed so much Jean has decided to start a new class for **ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS**. This will take place on Friday's before the other group beginning on September 6th from 1pm.

**Contact:** Jean Fallows for more details and to sign up 01538 750560 or email [dancer.jean@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dancer.jean@hotmail.co.uk).

## FAMILY HISTORY Vacancies - Andrew Bull (Webpage)

Since 2007, around 75 members have attended one of the 8-session courses which have taken place monthly from October of each year. For most of that time, there has been a waiting list but this year there are a number of vacancies available. The course is primarily intended for beginners and further details can be obtained by visiting Family History under Activities on our website. Members will need to be able to access the Internet to gain the full benefits of attending. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday morning in the month in the Computer Room at the Guild Hall. If you wish to book a place for the course starting this October or require further information, please email me ASAP. **Contact:** [familyhistory@theadleu3a.org](mailto:familyhistory@theadleu3a.org).

## SHORT WALKS - (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
12-Aug	TBA	Tony Scheuber	722130
19-Aug	Froghall	John and Sandy	01782 394955
26-Aug	Bank Holiday no Walk	-	-

## LONG WALKS (Webpage) (Gallery)

Wildboardclough (Gordon 01/07/13) (PhotoLink)	Wetton Mill (08/07/13) (PhotoLink)		
Cheddleton (15 07/13) (PhotoLink)	Waterhouses (22/07/13) (PhotoLink)		
Middleton (29/07/13) (PhotoLink)			
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Aug 12th	*Chrome Hill (NB change)	John S	01785 813652
Aug 19th	Rushton	Spencer Joan/Terry	01538 753409
Aug 26th (BH)	Alsager's Bank	Phil	01538 756256
Sept 2nd	Bishop's Wood	Richard	01782 326427

## GEOLOGY (Photolink) (Webpage)

The Geology Group recently visited The Stone Centre in Derbyshire. The Centre is strongly recommended for rock-hounds and public at large.

## FRENCH GROUPS

Starting on **Wednesday 2nd October** the French groups led by Margaret Vaughan will meet again. **However**, the Intermediate group will join with the Uttoxeter U3A French group, meeting from 2 - 4 pm at the Heath House Community Centre, Holly Road, Uttoxeter. The Talking French group will meet on **Thursday, 3rd October again from 2 - 4pm** at the Heath House Community Centre. If you are interested in joining either group please call Margaret on 01889 568328 for further details.

**Reminder: Cheadle U3A** members can attend classes run by Uttoxeter U3A without needing a second membership; only the normal £1 per session fee is applicable.

## 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](http://www.theadleu3a.org) click **here** followed by: *Mid Staffordshire Neighbourhood Link*.

## STAFFORD U3A ROCK 'n' ROLL DANCE - Angela Hensby

I am organising a rock 'n' roll dance for Stafford U3A at the Polish Club ST16 3TH on Friday evening 16th August. Doors open 7.30pm, bring 'n' share buffet, tickets £6. The band "Midnight Express" is an excellent group from Birmingham. A bar is available & there will be an interval to eat the buffet & maybe do an Irish Bingo session. Tickets are available from me by post or on the night if I think there is sufficient interest. 01785 812812

## **OTHER ITEMS**

### **SFRS GUMP CHALLENGE** — *Lindsay Skelton*

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service's latest challenge is aimed at raising money for the Fire Fighters Charity and Children in Need. The London Olympics 2012 really inspired us to get a little bit fitter and a lot healthier and since then we have been combining fitness and sport with raising money for charity. This latest challenge is bigger and more exciting as it involves the entire Service, the public and local organisations. Training has already started for walkers and runners (aka the Gumpers) to do a Forrest Gump and run across the county from fire station to fire station. It is hoped that people will join in for sections (or for it all!!!) or turn out to cheer the Gumpers on.

Details: 01785 89 (8794) ([www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk) — *Doclink*)