



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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

Tribute to Andrew (Andy) W. Jackson.

It has been a privilege to meet and get to know Andrew (Andy) Jackson. Actually, before I ever met him, I would read his name in 'The Stunner' as a writer of 'Letters to The Editor' under A.W.Jackson. He was an avid 'community minded person' who before coming to reside in Cheadle, had been a County Councillor in Berkshire. He would go on to become a Cheadle Town Councillor and a Staffs Moorlands District Councillor, representing the Conservatives.

My first actual face to face meeting with Andy was at the Manor, Cheadle, in 1997. After the initial U3A formation steering group had been set up, we had our first AGM and we needed new members to be elected onto our Committee. Andy volunteered and was elected onto the Committee and we never looked back. A skilled IT specialist in Computing, Andy set up our main Membership database and was responsible for designing and producing our first member's Newsletter, 'In Touch', which went from strength to strength to become one of the best in our U3A Region.

Andy plunged himself into many U3A Groups, leading the Conversational Italian Group, organising, planning and taking part in the walking groups. In his latter years Andy started a new Pub Walks Group. He was also involved with Computing and Digital Photography, and most things which generated good publicity. Andy and your Committee were also proud that we helped to start new U3A's at Uttoxeter, Ashbourne, Stone and Stafford. Andy would do the computer Powerpoint Presentations with lots of Photos of U3A events and activities. All are now well established and very successful. They are a lasting tribute to Andy and the efforts of Cheadle U3A, which in my opinion, is still the best organised and friendliest U3A in the Region. Andy also joined and contributed at The Cheadle Town Forum with June and helped bring about many improvements for the benefit of the people of Cheadle. He was also a very busy Group Coordinator with Neighbourhood Watch. Andy was also a member of Cheadle PROBUS Club for many years and was their President 10 years ago, in 2003/4.

Andy and June enjoyed many of the holidays and tours we organised with Cheadle U3A including walking holidays in Majorca & Kyrenia. Andy himself also organised a very memorable U3A walking group trip to Lake Garda with excursions to Verona and towns & villages around the lake, etc. We always had a wonderful time.

When I returned to my home town at Stafford 6 years ago, Andy and I would keep in touch by email. We are all very sad that his illness has been long and arduous but at last he is released from pain. **We thank you JUNE and family for all the comfort and support you gave him in his final months.** I think I can speak for us all when I say he was a true great friend and colleague who was always very generous with his time and often his whisky! We are all proud to have known and remember Andy and his vibrant 'bowties' too. He was an **inspiration** to all who met him and **loyal friend** to us all. **Andy will always be in our memories and never be forgotten.**
Gerry Robinson. MBE.

(Founding Cheadle (Staffs) U3A Chairman. First Honorary President. Current Chairman. Stafford U3A.)

COFFEE MORNING – HELP NEEDED! (Webpage)

After last month's appeal we are still in **urgent need of volunteers** to help with moving and setting up the tables etc on our monthly coffee morning's. **Please contact Dawn: 01538 753578.**

This month's coffee morning is on Wednesday Oct 9th 10am - 12pm at the Guild Hall. The Parchment Group

are putting on a display of their work. Committee members and Group Leaders will be available, for consultation. Meet your friends, exchange books and jigsaws, book holidays and trips, donate to the Stoke on Trent "Foodbank", buy U3A home-made cards for charity plus purchasing from Cheadle's Fair Trade Society's Stall.

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS

The Fire Brigade are offering **free fitting of smoke detectors** of a modern design with a built-in battery with a 10-year life. They will come to October's coffee am and talk to anyone interested and take names and addresses and they will do the job in due course.

WORD SEARCH ONE

Find out what activities you could do in our U3A ([DocLink](#))

CHESS ([Webpage](#))

Numbers are down to just four regular members and one beginner!! We are looking for more members, either experienced players or those who would like to 'pick it up again', and also complete beginners wishing to learn the game. We meet every Tuesday afternoon at the Guildhall Cheadle between 2-00pm and 5-00pm. You would be made very welcome so COME ALONGIT'S YOUR MOVE !!! Ask for Gordon or Mike on arrival.

NOT STRICTLY BARBERSHOP ([Webpage](#))

Our singing group is performing in Hanley at the Bethesda Chapel Open Day on Saturday November 9th at 1pm and 2pm. Their open days are a great opportunity to go and see how they are doing. There is always some kind of entertainment The Chapel is undergoing a long restoration programme and are always in need of funds. Entrance is free and donations are welcome. Visit their website for more info: ([Bethesda Chapel](#))

SHORT WALKS - ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
07-Oct	Kingsley Holt	Margaret & Eric	756463/753750
07-Oct	Caverswall, Foxfield	Clive Brassington	752775
21-Oct	Tean	June and Elaine	723053
28-Oct	TBA	Brian, Janet Shirley	360852
04-Nov	TBA	Ken & Jo Mainey	702556

CINEMA – Linda Keighley – ([Webpage](#))

Films showing for October *The following films* have been arranged for U3A members only at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. The cost will continue to be £3.60p

"Blue Jasmine" Thursday October 10th 2013 at 10.15am.

"Sunshine on Leith" AND "Captain Phillips" (same day and time) Tuesday 22nd October at 10.15am.

Members of neighbouring U3As are also invited to attend. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time. Tickets can presently only be purchased immediately beforehand as advanced ticket sales for U3A shows are currently not available. Telephone and internet bookings are also not permitted. PLEASE TAKE YOUR U3A MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU WHEN PURCHASING YOUR TICKET TO BE ABLE TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND.

More details on ([DocLink](#))

LONG WALKS – ([Webpage](#)) ([Gallery](#))

Padley Gorge (09/09/13) (PhotoLink) Tissington (26/09/13) (PhotoLink)		Chelmorton (16/09/13) (PhotoLink) Goyt Valley (30/09/13) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Oct 7th	Frogghall	Gordon	01538 722634
Oct 14th	TBA	Peter B	01538 722425
Oct 21st	Goyt Valley	John F	01782 395271
Oct 28th	Black Rocks (Cromford)	Dave F	01538 753752
Nov 4th	Gradbach	John S	01782 813652

MEMBERSHIP FORMS – Chris Beesley (Membership Secretary) – ([Webpage](#))

Hello everybody, Chris here. It has come to my notice that there seem to be a number of the old Membership Application and Renewal forms still in circulation. These have the Milton address of the previous membership secretary on them, and the wording within the Gift Aid paragraph is incorrect. So please don't use them, destroy them instead by whatever means you choose.

The new forms have my address (Cheadle) on them, and can be downloaded from the Cheadle U3A web site by

those of you with internet access. Additionally, I usually have printed copies somewhere close by at the Coffee Mornings, so just ask me for one. I intend to have printed copies of the Standing Order forms with me too. Both the forms have instructions on the back, these are also easy to find on the internet site. It is coming up to the time of year when all memberships will need renewing; this is between November the 1st and December the 31st. Please ensure you use the latest version of the form when doing so. Thanks folks.

STONE U3A (Website)

Latest Newsletter and Activities: ([DocLink](#))

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Operation Christmas Child *Ken Mainey (Short Walk Leader)* is the District Co-ordinator for 'Samaritan's Purse' and in particular for www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk, sometimes known as the Christmas Shoebox appeal. He has already contacted some of the local schools and Churches where members are, as in previous years, going to fill shoeboxes with toys etc. for under privileged children in the poorer parts of the world. This year, free empty boxes are available for those who would like to join in this rewarding project. Ken will be at the coffee morning on the 9th Oct with a supply of boxes, plus a leaflet of instructions, for those U3A members who are interested. Completed boxes will be collected on the following coffee morning.