



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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Items for inclusion in the next E-news to Sarah before **9am Thursday, Jan 2nd, 2014** 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.

Message from the Chairman

As this is the last e-news before Christmas I would just like to add a word of thanks to everyone who has helped to run the U3A throughout the past year. All of you who go to a group activity know only too well that without our hard-working Group Leaders these activities would not function. Group Leaders get much fun and pleasure from their leadership but they are all volunteers and they deserve thanks from their group members. But the organisation is more than the Group Leaders. There is a whole army of men and women who are doing all manner of extra jobs to help to make Cheadle U3A function. Every event, every function we do, sees these people come forward and give of their time and energy to make it happen. To me, that is the most rewarding aspect of U3A. No-one is in it for any reward, other than that of serving fellow-members and seeing the whole thing function and give pleasure to close on 1000 members. So remember that everything *you* do *for others* is a part of this. So I would just like to say an enormous **"Thank You"** to *everyone* who has helped throughout the year and to wish *all of our members* a very **"Happy Christmas"** in whatever way you choose to spend this time. I hope the wonderful spirit of our U3A will continue into 2014 and for many more years to come. Every good wish to you all. - *Barry Barnett*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (Due between November 1st 2013 and December 31st 2013) (*Webpage*)

A team of us will be at the December Coffee Morning, ready and willing to renew your subscriptions. There could be several hundred members queuing up to get their new cards, so please be patient if you are one of them! To those of you who will be sending your renewal forms and cheques by post, please remember to put the stamped self-addressed envelopes in with them so that I can return your new card.

Group Leaders and Honorary Members - please send a completed renewal form to me, as we need them for our records.

I have heard that some members are having trouble downloading the renewal form from the web site. **We have a solution:** Please email the webmaster who will send you the form as email an attachment in Word for Windows format: webmaster@theadleu3a.org.

Alternatively, you can **print** the form directly from the Cheadle U3A website: www.theadleu3a.org

It only remains for me to say Happy Christmas to one and all!

Membership Sec. *Chris Beesley*, (07790689173) – membership@theadleu3a.org

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday Oct 9th 10am - 12pm at the Guild Hall (*Webpage*)

Time to renew your membership. Committee members and Group Leaders will be available, for consultation.

GROUP SPOTLIGHT this month features **"Sugarcraft"** and **"Ribbon Embroidery"**. Meet your friends, exchange books and jigsaws, book **"Holidays and Trips"**, donate to **"Cheadle Foodbank"** (see para below) buy your U3A home-made cards in aid of **"Douglas MacMillan"**, plus **"Cheadle Fairtrade Group"**. **Andrew Fox from VAST** will be there this month to talk to members about volunteering. (*See para at end of E-news for details.*)

FOOD BANK NEWS - *Joan Charles*

Cheadle Food Bank will be opening in the next few months. By then 2 tons of food need to be accumulated. It would be very helpful if as many of you as possible could each bring along ONE item of in-date food to the next

Coffee Morning on 11th December to help with this task. eg bag of sugar, carton of UHT milk, tin of fish or meat, but please NO MORE BEANS! Many thanks.

To all GROUP LEADERS - diary date for 2014.

The Guildhall, Cheadle has been booked on Wednesday 5th March for the Annual Group Leader's meeting followed by a Buffet Lunch in the Oakley Room. If there are any issues or topics which you would like to have 'Tabled' then perhaps you could let Richard know so that he can include them on the agenda. Invitations etc will be sent out to all leaders in the New Year.

GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Groups Co-ordinator Mike Keighley on health grounds. On behalf of the Committee thank you Mike for your hard work and commitment in this role. We wish you well. In the meantime, Vice Chair, Richard Moore will take over until a replacement can be found. Should you have any queries or require any help or support with your group then please do not hesitate to contact Richard richard.moore@cheadleu3a.org , 01782 396728

U3A CINEMA - Linda Keighley - ([Webpage](#))

The following films "**The Butler**" on Thursday 5th Dec 10.30 and "**Saving Mr. Banks**" on Thursday 12th Dec 10.30 have been arranged for U3A members only at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. The cost will continue to be Â£3.60p. 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 ([DocLink](#))

RAMBLERS - ([Webpage](#)) ([Gallery](#))

Ellastone (11/11/13) (PhotoLink) Danebridge (25/11/13) (PhotoLink)		Burton (18/11/13) (PhotoLink) Froghall (02/12/13) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
09-Dec	Oakamoor	Bill	01538 752467
16-Dec	Froghall	Rose	01538 752705
23-Dec	No walk		
30-Dec	TBA	Dave T	01782 388609
06-Jan	from Armshead Rd Car Park, Werrington	Sarah	01782 302310
13-Jan	Tean - Xmas Meal (pre book asap with Lyn)	Phil and Lyn	01538 756256

BIRD WATCHING GROUP - new leaders ([Webpage](#))

Thanks to Val Williamson & Peter Betts who have volunteered to take over as joint leaders of this group next year.

PERFORMANCE EVENING - a note from the Chairman. ([PhotoLink](#))

"Where else can you get a first class 3-hour quality floor show in the West Midlands for a quid?" I heard that said on Saturday 23 November after the Performance Evening so I'm just going to add a word or two about this event. The idea and the main driving force behind organising the event was **Ann Mundy**. **Chris L** did a sterling job of compÃring, keeping us all on time and adding his own brand of good humour to the show. All the groups who took part were ably led by their Group Leaders - **Chris L, Joyce, Jean, Sarah, Alan and Barbara, Barry and Ann, Ced and Jean and Chris W**. There were furniture shifters, ticket sellers, raffle organisers and ticket sellers, PA system techies, **Dave** at the College, **Les** who gave extra help and probably many more who played some small part to make it all happen. And what a great night out we all had!! We'll be talking about it until the next one in ??? So again, my **thanks to ALL of the people who helped to make this a real Night to Remember!**

ED- Thank you for all the photos - so many I've had to make a selection. Click on the link for a gallery of memories. White table cloth left behind after the event. Contact for ED top of this E-news.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Annual Quiz Night will soon be coming around again. This year, it will be on Wednesday 5th February, at 7.30 pm. Tickets will cost only £1 per person, and will be available at the December and January Coffee Mornings, from Group Leaders, or from Lynn Smith (01538 756314). Each team should be no more than 6 people. As usual, please bring your own food and drink.

AFTERNOON TEA

By popular request we are putting on another Afternoon Tea event on Saturday January 25th 2pm until 4.30 pm. Tea and cakes with entertainment. Guest artistes include Uke3a with audience participation. The price is £3.50 pence. Tickets available at the January Coffee Morning.

VOLUNTEERING - *Andrew Fox*

I am a Volunteering Officer for VAST. I am looking to assist voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises within Staffordshire. In order to do this, I am looking to construct a bank of volunteers. Anyone can volunteer, it costs nothing and can have a tremendous benefit to organisations and individuals. People may wish to use existing skills or indeed, develop others, to assist in this area. There are currently numerous opportunities with which volunteers may help. So if anyone has a spare hour, or a morning or afternoon(or more) free, they may be able to provide assistance which could prove essential to one of these organisations. Most of the organisations are dependent on volunteer help in order to survive. (*Andrew will be at the Dec coffee morning - Ed*)

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