



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **January 2014 E-news**

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Items for inclusion in the next E-news to Sarah before **9am Thursday, Feb 6th, 2014** please.

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### **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT OUR WEBSITE** - Walter Jaggli, Webmaster and IT Co-ordinator

Happy New Year to everyone!

Over the past 12 months, traffic on our Website ([www.theadleu3a.org](http://www.theadleu3a.org)) has grown by over 100% and is still on an upward trend. Currently we are averaging 45 hits per day (without search engines) which is pretty good for a Club Website such as ours. This growth is largely due to Sarah Williams' monthly e-News Letter (email) which contains a lot of links to various resources and pages on our website, such as the Photo Gallery, used extensively by the walking groups, for example. No doubt other groups will want to avail themselves of this facility in the future.

As a result we are using more web space and will need even more as we continue to develop the site over the next year or two. We also need better service than we are getting from our current web-hosting provider. Their performance on various fronts has been abysmal, to say the least.

Our domain, **theadleu3a.org**, which was setup in 2004 by Andy Jackson, is heading for its 10th anniversary. It will need to be renewed in a few months' time. With the help of June Jackson, we have now arranged to assign ownership of the domain name to 'Cheadle U3A' which will make its renewal, maintenance and update very much easier in the future. Although we have confirmation that the transfer of domain ownership can be performed in Jan 2014, we cannot be 100% sure that the process will complete without hitch. We are not expecting any problems but one never knows for sure until final confirmation is received.

During Jan and Feb 2014 the [theadle.org](http://theadle.org) domain will be transferred to a new provider and our website moved to a new server. This will cause some disruption to the web service. Usually this lasts only for a few hours but it can take up to 48 hours for all members to get normal service depending on their broadband provider. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees and we could hit a snag that might result in disruption of service somewhat longer than planned.

Cheadle U3A Group Leaders all have '[theadleu3a.org](mailto:theadleu3a.org)' email addresses. Again, it will take a day or two to get them fully operational again after the domain transfer has successfully completed. Thank you all for your patience and continued support. If you have any suggestions to improve and enhance the site, wish to ask question or report a problem, or would like to participate in the maintenance of the website, don't hesitate to contact me:

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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.

### **HOTMAIL USERS please note...**

Microsoft introduced new filtering rules over the past few months. One effect of this is that links to email address embedded in emails no longer work.

One way round this is to call up the online HTML or PDF version (links are at the top of this email) and you will find that **ALL** the links in there will work, including the email ones.

The other way is to right click on the email link and then choose the "Copy Email Address" option. Start a **NEW** message and paste (ctrl+v) the address into the recipient box.

To resolve this problem in the future, we plan to introduce a new email page to our website from which emails can be sent to any Cheadle U3A Group Leader or Committee Member with a [theadleu3a.org](mailto:theadleu3a.org) email address. This should be up and running by Feb 2014.

Other Webmail Providers such as Yahoo, TalkTalk etc, may be introducing the same restriction. Please email me if you experience this problem. Many thanks.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS *(Webpage)*

A team of us will be at the January 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! Please note that the official renewal date has been and gone; we are now within the period of grace. The old white membership cards dated 2013 will soon become invalid.

To those of you who will be sending your renewal forms and cheques by post, please remember to put in a stamped self-addressed envelope in so that I can return your new card as quickly as possible.

Thanks to the many Group Leaders and Honorary Members who have sent me a completed renewal form.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, and will have a Happy New Year!

Membership Sec. Chris Beesley, (07790689173) – [membership@theadleu3a.org](mailto:membership@theadleu3a.org)

## COFFEE MORNING Wednesday January 8th 10 - 12pm at the Guild Hall *(Webpage)*

Committee members and Group Leaders will be available, for consultation. **Pay your subscription.** Meet your friends, exchange books and jigsaws, book Holidays and Trips, donate to "Cheadle Foodbank" buy your U3A home-made cards in aid of "Douglas MacMillan", plus "Cheadle Fairtrade Group".

Get your tickets for the **Quiz Night** and **Afternoon Tea** events. (see below for more details) Tickets are limited so please purchase at the coffee morning to avoid disappointment.

## QUIZ NIGHT

The Annual Quiz Night will be on Wednesday 5th February, at 7.30 pm. Tickets will cost only £1 per person, and will be available at the January Coffee Morning, 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 from 2pm until 4.30 pm. Tea and cakes with entertainment. UKE3A will be playing with some audience participation along with a couple of "Guest artistes". All for the price of £3.50.

Tickets available at the January Coffee Morning and from **Dawn 01538 753578**.

## To all GROUP LEADERS

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. Invitations etc will be sent out to all leaders in the next few weeks.

## U3A CINEMA - Linda Keighley - *(Webpage)*

The following film "**Mandela - The Long Walk to Freedom**" has been arranged for U3A members only at Uttoxeter Cinebowl on **Thursday January 9th at 10.30**. The cost will be £3.60p.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time. Tickets can 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)*

## FRENCH *(Webpages: Intermediate - Talking)*

The French groups will meet for a further 10 week session in the Heath Community Centre, Holly Road, Uttoxeter. French Intermediate: Wednesday 2 - 4 pm starting January 8th. Talking French: Thursday, 2 - 4 p.m starting January 9th.

More details: **Margaret Vaughan, 01889 568328**

## RAMBLERS – *(Webpage) (Gallery)*

Oakamoor (09/12/13) <i>(PhotoLink)</i>		Froghall (16/12/13) <i>(PhotoLink)</i>	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
13-Jan	Tea - Xmas Meal <b>(pre book asap with Lyn)</b>	Phil and Lyn	01538 756256
20-Jan	Warslow	Brian	01538 722763
27-Jan	Cheadle	Ken	01538 754295

## Advance Notice: Wednesday 12 March, 7-10 pm in the Guildhall.

**A Spring Social Evening** with entertainment provided by **Gracelands Karaoke** (our own member Malcolm Reeves) featuring singing, a musical quiz, Irish Bingo, some dancing if you want to, fun provided by yourselves

and more! Tickets will be on sale at the February coffee morning priced at £2 only. No raffle, prizes included in the ticket price. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. What a great night out you could have! Make a note of it in your new diary.

### SHORT WALKS - ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
13-Jan	Deep Hayes	Shirley, Janet & Bryan	360852
20-Jan	Wardlow Quarry	Ken & Jo	702556
27-Jan	Ladderedge	Lesley & Mel Hall	757133
03-Feb	Cheddleton	Margaret & Eric	756463/753750
10-Feb	Valentine Lunch	Michael and Arthur	754259/750950

### TRAVEL & LANDSCAPE - *Phil Boyer* - ([Webpage](#))

The next meeting will be jointly presented by Noel Clarke and Phil Boyer who separately (with their wives of course!) spent a month this summer travelling in this part of Europe, and will reveal some of the varied landscape and culture of these countries. Germany is a land of big rivers...the Rhine, Moselle and Danube.... and Austria is a land of Alpine peaks. But there's also a lot more..... classical baroque cities like Heidelberg, medieval walled towns like Rothenburg and Ravensburg, the modern city of Berlin and, reputed to be the oldest and pre-Roman....the city of Trier.

Motorcaravan Tours in Germany and Austria will be shown on Thursday January 9th 2014 at 1.30pm in Tean Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Tean (off Hollington Road) There will be mountain, river, lake and old town views as well as German sausages, wine, Zeppelin and much more.

For more details see the Travel webpage on: ([www.theadleu3a.org](http://www.theadleu3a.org)) or [phil.boyer@theadleu3a.org](mailto:phil.boyer@theadleu3a.org) - 01538 723322

### BIRD WATCHING GROUP ([Webpage](#)) ([PhotoLink](#))

The Birdwatching group were in the Spotlight in November's coffee morning. Thanks Val for the photo.

### OTHER NEWS - *Andrew Bull*

**Illustrated talk on Misericords:** Those members who attend David Slade's Architecture group will probably be aware that misericords are of particular interest of Beryl, his wife. To find out more about these hidden, under-seat carvings in the choir stalls of many English and European cathedrals and churches, come along to the meeting of Cheadle Historical Society at Cheadle Academy, Station Road, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, January 8th when Beryl will be showing many examples, from the miraculous to the profane. Non-members may attend on payment of a visitor fee of £1 or for a £5 subscription, new members are entitled to attend the remaining 4 talks in the Winter Programme and various outings during the summer months (at which members occasionally may be charged an additional fee).