



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

Editor: *Sarah Williams* (01782 302310)

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

PHOTOS NEEDED FOR our NEW-LOOK WEBSITE (*Website*)

Walt is currently upgrading and redesigning our website. We need photographs (views and architectural) of Cheadle and the surrounding district to put on the Homepage of our Website. Suitable photos will appear in a frame and rotate regularly. So we are asking all members to send in contributions. The preferred orientation is landscape and the available space can take a picture size of 950 x 250pixels (ratio of about 4:1). But don't let the specification put you off. Just send what you think is suitable and if possible we'll sort out the technicalities for use on the webpage. The main thing is that the pictures are sharp and clear with vivid colours. We can also add your entries to the Gallery Album "Cheadle and District" as a more permanent feature.

Send your entries digitally to: **Sarah Williams**

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!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - PLEASE HURRY! (*Webpage*)

For the last time this season, a team of us will be at the February Coffee Morning, ready and willing to renew your subscriptions. After that, it will be me on my own until next November. Time is getting very short now, as the end of February marks the end of the period of grace for 2014 renewals. Members who miss this deadline will, unfortunately, no longer be valid members of the Cheadle U3A. 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 as quickly as possible. *Membership Sec. Chris Beesley, (07790689173) – membership@theadleu3a.org*

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday February 12th 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" (*see below*) buy your U3A home-made cards in aid of "Douglas MacMillan", plus "Cheadle Fairtrade Group" (*see below*). Get your tickets for the **Spring Social** (*see below*).

CHEADLE FOOD BANK - *Joan Charles*

Cheadle Food Bank is now up and running. It is open in the Oakley Room each Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon. We shall continue putting out a box at U3A Coffee Mornings for donations of food. Thanks to everyone who continue to support this worthy cause.

CHEADLE FAIRTRADE GROUP - *Mary Blunt, Secretary*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cheadle U3A, Dawn and her helpers particularly, for using Fairtrade coffee at your monthly Coffee Mornings and for inviting us to run a Fairtrade Stall there, too. Many members are now well aware of Fairtrade products, and have been very willing to try out many of the goods our stall provides. We are gaining a very faithful following! Takings of £551.00 for 12 months is an excellent total, and our local Traidcraft Rep, Mrs. Ann Thorley, joins us in our thanks to all members for their continued support of Fairtrade. It has been another encouraging year, and we hope to be able to provide a regular stall for you during the coming year.

SPRING SOCIAL EVENING Wednesday, 12 March 7-10 pm in the Guildhall, price £2 only.

Tickets for this event will be on sale at the February Coffee Morning and thereafter will be available from either Barry Barnett, Chris Latham, Malcolm Reeves or Ann Mundy. This promises to be a fun evening of singing (Karaoke style) small quizzes, Irish Bingo and more. You don't need a partner as it's not a dance as such though you could do some of that if you wish. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, your friends and have a fun night out. The cost is only £2 with no raffle and no extras. Tickets are limited so buy yours as soon as you can.

AFTERNOON TEA [\(PhotoLink\)](#)

Message from Dawn Maley - a big THANK YOU to all the people who helped make the Afternoon Tea a success. We would not be able to put things on like this if we did not have the help of all these wonderful people. Thank you for all the donations we received, and another thank you to all the entertainers it really made the afternoon go with a swing. We will have just over £300 to put into our U3A Funds.

Thank you Dawn for organising it! (Ed)

RAMBLERS – [\(Webpage\)](#) [\(Gallery\)](#)

Armshead (06/01/14) (PhotoLink)	Tean (13/01/14) (PhotoLink)		
Warslow (20/01/14) (PhotoLink)	Cheadle (27/01/14) (PhotoLink)		
Checkley (03/02/14) (PhotoLink)			
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Feb 10th	Sandon	Glynis	01538 752815
Feb 17th	Cheadle	Joan and Terry	01538 753409
Feb 24th	Cheadle	Ken	01538 754295
Mar 3rd	Monyash	Jean	01538 722634
Mar 10th	Chelmorton	Brian H	01538 722763

GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Wednesday 5th March Annual Group Leader's meeting followed by a Buffet Lunch in the Oakley Room. Tea and coffee served from 10am and the meeting starts at 10.30.

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

February 13th 2014 "Halfway There" (Western USA & Rarotonga) & Highlights of Paris & Rome Part 1 of Vaughan Richardson's Epic circumnavigation of the Globe finds him heading west across the USA and will feature some of the wonderful National Parks of Utah, Colorado etc. before taking off for some relaxation in the Pacific island of Rarotonga in the Cook Islands. Doreen Tildesley will be revelling in the European capitals of culture and history, featuring among others, the Royal Chateau of Fontainebleau (near Paris) and the Coliseum in Rome.

For more details contact see the webpage or contact: [Travel & Landscape - 01538 723322](#)

COMPUTERS- ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS [\(Webpage\)](#)

Heather & Geoff have restarted their Absolute Beginners class on Monday mornings, but will only be able to take Beginners and not the Carry on Computing part of the lessons. Also the Top up class on Tuesday afternoon will not start until at least after Easter.

If anyone wants their name to go on a waiting list please give us a ring on: [01538 750139](#)

DOWN MEMORY LANE - [Sarah \(Ed\)](#)

On a recent walk with the Ramblers we came to Hayes Gate cottage, Threelows, nr Cotton. One of our members, Mike Prince, looking very thoughtful, turned to me, smiled and said, "Do you know, I have an old photo of me outside this cottage (home then of the Harrison family) when I was a lad. It was a very cold and wet day in June 1953 - the day of the Queen's Coronation. We had watched it on TV. The photo, as I remember, was taken sometime in the afternoon." Well, I can't resist a photo with a story attached, so I took one of Mike with the house in the background. [\(Photolink\)](#) Then I received a copy of the 1953 by e-mail [\(Photolink\)](#) He is the little lad in the front row on the LH side. His Grandad Kelly is on the 2nd row with a hat on and his Dad is on the back row RH side looking over a shoulder. [\(Photolink-Collage\)](#)

INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL THIRD AGE TRUST OFFICE

U3A National Chess by e-mail

57 members from 54 different UK U3A's currently play chess with one another by e-mail. If you wish to participate or get more info email Dick Chapman of Watford and District U3A at dick.chapman@ntlworld.com

Media Training Day for U3A's

Venue NUJ, Headland House, Grays Inn Road, London 11 March 2014 Training on writing and editing a U3A newsletter and press releases to the media. The training is free of charge. Contact Ann Mundy ann.mundy@theadleu3a.org.uk for the application form.

Exclusive study day:

Best of British: Exploring 18th century painting through The National Gallery Collection Tues 27 March 2014

11am - 3 pm at the National Gallery London. Cost £18 per person. Contact 02084 666139 for further information or **Ann Mundy** for a booking form.

North West Summer School 26/29 August 2014, Newton Rigg College near Penrith

The courses are Archaeology, Art, Creative writing, Geology, History of Ideas/Literature, A musical journey through time, Renaissance to Romanticism and Digital Photography- learning to know your aperture from your ISO (!!!) A full prospectus can be found on www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west or by contacting **David Joseph** on **01625861327** , email: davidbjoseph@btopenworld.com The cost is £300 for residential and £150 for day attendance.

TECHNOLOGY MADE EASY - U3A Book series "Older and Wiser"

U3A have published a new series of computer user books that might be of interest to some of our computer using membership. You will find the online Brochure here: (**Doclink**) or go straight to the publisher's Website at: <http://www.pcwisdom.co.uk> to browse the available selection of Technology Made Easy Books. The books are also available from Waterstones and Amazon.

OTHER NEWS

Britain's Greatest Generation

BBC2 are making a documentary paying tribute to Britain's greatest generation. If you are aged 80+ they want to hear from you if you have a vivid and interesting tale to tell about childhood in the 1920's and 30's, if you served in WW2 or kept the home fires burning, or if you've found a new lease of life since retirement. Contact: **Emily or Sara 0117 925 8589** , or email: pete.vance@testimonyfilms.com

RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Sarah (Ed)

Do you find that recipes give amounts for 4 or 6 people? I thought it might be a good idea to feature a recipe each month that caters for 1 or 2 portions. However I don't want to do it on my own SO please send me your recipes! To kick start this idea I include **Bacon and Eggs with Parsnip and Apple** here: (**Doclink**)
For those not on email get your buddy to print one off for you or pick one up at the Feb coffee morning.

OLD FRIDGE REQUIRED

If anyone is discarding an old but still serviceable **FRIDGE** then Draycott Church Hall could be it's new home. Contact : **Richard Moore (01782 396728)** who would be willing to collect it. Many thanks.

CHEADLE ARTS WEEK

will take place from Saturday 15th March to Sunday 23rd March 2014 inclusive. Anyone who is interested in taking part in any of the events - performing, displaying artwork, craftwork etc please get in touch with **Stella asap to register 01538 702124** email: mrs.stellaheritage@gmail.com Look out for leaflets at the coffee morning, in the local press and library for more info closer to the time.

EVENTS INCLUDE...

- **Saturday 15th March Cre-8 Day for local Crafters**
to demonstrate and sell. 10am - 4pm in the Guild Hall.
- **Saturday 15th March George Galway Jazz concert Saturday night 7.30**
in the Guild Hall. Tickets available or pay on the door - £5 and bring your own drinks and nibbles.
- **Wednesday March 19th Cheadle Flower Club**
are having a demonstration of silk flower arrangements and members will be making some to sell at the Showcase on Saturday 22nd, with Mother's Day in mind. Members of the public can join in and make their own silk arrangements that evening. There will also be a Competition entitled "WW1 - 100 years remembered" open to anyone, arrangements to be brought along ready done for this. Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd provided by the Arts Forum.
- **All week - High Street Gallery**
where artists' work is displayed in shop windows. This year the Discovery Centre (Pugin Centre) will be included.
- **Saturday March 22nd Showcase Day on**
- open to local artists to display their work in the Guild Hall. 10am - 4pm This is always a very popular event and well supported.
- **Sunday March 23rd - Peeps into the Past**
10am - 4pm in the Guild Hall. Open to individuals with displays of memorabilia or groups displaying their past history.

FINAL THOUGHT!

Ever noticed the older we get the more we get like computers?

We start out with lots of memory and drive.

Then we become outdated.

Crash at odd moments, ZZZZZZ

and eventually have all our parts replaced!

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