



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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Items for inclusion in the next E-news to Sarah before **9am Thursday, April 3rd** please.

This month look out for our **Doclinks and Photolinks - let your fingers do the clicking!**

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Visit **OUR NEW LOOK WEBSITE** [www.cheadleu3a.org](http://www.cheadleu3a.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!

### 17th Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 10.30am at the Guild Hall, Cheadle.**

Please do your best to attend the AGM. In order to be quorate our constitution requires us to have 10% of the membership or a minimum of 50 members (whichever is the lesser number) present at the AGM otherwise the meeting cannot go ahead. So, please make a note of the date and time of the meeting in your diary and come along to support your U3A. It will only take 2 hours of your day, leaving you the remainder to enjoy the many splendid activities your U3A has to offer!

This year there are 9 committee vacancies, 6 executive and 3 committee member roles. Please consider whether you can contribute a little more to our U3A by serving on the committee. If you would like to give it a try you will need to be nominated by another member in writing and the nomination should be sent to the Business Secretary. Nomination Form (**Doclink**) Details and nomination form also in the Spring 2014 Newsletter (see *the Committee Nomination page insert.*)

We are very fortunate to have such an active U3A in Cheadle which is entirely due to the hard work and dedication of all our Group Leaders, who share their expertise and skills with us, and the committee who provide the infrastructure for this to happen. These members give their time voluntarily, week in, week out, to run interesting activities for us to enjoy, opportunities to meet new friends and, most importantly, help us to stay active, fulfilled and happy in our retirement. The AGM is now your opportunity to contribute to the running of Cheadle U3A. It's **your** chance to help decide who will lead and manage the organisation by choosing who gets elected to the committee key roles. It's also an opportunity for you to vote on issues that affect you and to voice any ideas, improvements or concerns you may have. Last but not least, your presence demonstrates your support and appreciation of your Chairman and his committee for their work in managing the affairs of your U3A over the past year.

**Ann Mundy (Business Sec.)**

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

Committee members and Group Leaders will be available, for consultation. Meet your friends, exchange books and jigsaws, book Holidays and Trips, donate to "Cheadle Foodbank" (see *below*); buy home-made cards in aid of "Douglas MacMillan", plus "Cheadle Fairtrade Group" stall. You can also get your tickets for the **Spring Social** (see *below*) and bring in donations of double knitting wool for the Craft Group. (see *below*).

**CHEADLE FOOD BANK** - NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL in the Oakley Room, each Wednesday 9.30 - 11am and Friday 2 - 4pm. Thank you for your continuing donations. Current shortages are Coffee and tinned vegetables, **NOT BAKED BEANS!!**

**SPRING SOCIAL EVENING** - Wednesday, 12 March 7-10 pm in the Guildhall, price £2 only available from either Barry Barnett, Chris Latham, Malcolm Reeves and 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.

**CRAFTS AND INDOOR GAMES - wool needed**

The ladies who "knit and natter" are appealing for double knitting wool. They are making blankets and teddies for an orphanage in Soweto. These children are suffering from Aids and have no parents. There will be a box at the

coffee morning for any donations. Thank you.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - (Webpage)**

The Membership Secretary has asked me to pass on this advice. The end of February marks the end of the period of grace for 2014 renewals. Members who have now missed that deadline should note the following:

1. They will no longer be members of the Cheadle (Staffs) U3A.
2. Third Age Trust magazines will not be sent to them, since we shall not be paying their affiliation fees to Third Age Trust.
3. Our local monthly E-News and the printed Spring Newsletter will not be sent to them.
4. They should not attend any further group meetings.
5. Group Leaders will be expecting them to leave Activities because:
  - a. There could be insurance problems with non-members,
  - b. The position may be required by a paid-up member on a waiting list.
6. They must not attend special showings of films at the cinema.
  
7. We thank you for your past membership and support of Cheadle U3A.

Chris will be at the March coffee morning to collect any outstanding fees. 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 he can return your new card as quickly as possible.

Membership Sec. Chris Beesley, (07790 689173) – [membership@theadleu3a.org](mailto:membership@theadleu3a.org)

### **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**

### **RAMBLERS – (Webpage) (Gallery)**

<b>Sandon (10/02/2014) (PhotoLink)</b>		<b>Cheadle (17/02/14) (PhotoLink)</b>	
<b>Cheadle (24/02/14) (PhotoLink)</b>		<b>Monyash (03/03/2014) (PhotoLink)</b>	
<b>NB. The Monyash set contains B &amp; W as well as colour. Thanks to Mike and Gordon for additional photos.</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Details:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
10/03/14	Chelmorton	Brian H	01538 722763
17/03/14	Great Gate	Peter D	01538 723556
24/03/14	Goyt Valley	John F	01782 395271
31/03/14	Grindon	John S	01785 813652
07/04/14	Bagnall	Phil	01538 756256

### **LINE DANCING (new leader needed) (Webpage)**

Jean Fallows has decided to retire from the Leadership of Line Dancing at the end of April. Is there anyone or even two members out there who would be willing to lead this group. Due to Jean's hard work and support from her husband she has created a very popular group which would be very sad to lose.

**Contact Richard: 01782 396728**

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

A special showing of the following films at Uttoxeter Cinema has been arranged for **U3A members only**:  
"Non Stop" on Friday 7th March at 10.30am and "The Monuments Men" on Tuesday 18th March at 10.30am at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. Cost for each film is £3.60. Please take your current gold membership card with you to show cinema staff. 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.

More details: [\(DocLink\)](#)

### **PUB STROLLS (new leader needed) (Webpage)**

Due to problems with walking, Ron Cooper has stood down as Group Leader. Mike Beardmore has volunteered run it temporarily.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Details:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
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Mar 19th	Rudyard Hotel	Margaret & Michael	01538 755183
Apr 16th	TBA	Shirley & Pat	01538 752798
May 21st	Rose & Crown Stanley Moor	Margaret & Michael	01538 755183

### SHORT WALKS *(Webpage)*

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
10-Mar	Caverswall	Clive Brassington	752775
17-Mar	Ellastone	Dorothy and Betty	702169/703300

### CONCERTS *(Barbershop) (UKE3A)*

Our Barbershop and Ukulele groups are putting on the following public concerts in March. Please go and support them. **UKE3A**, with soloists Sarah and Sonya, are performing at Biddulph Methodist Church (*in aid of Multiple Sclerosis*) on Saturday March 8th 7.30pm. **(THIS WEEKEND)** and **Not Strictly Barbershop** are at Bagnall Church (*in aid of church funds*) on Saturday March 22nd at 7.30pm.

### CYCLE GROUP *(Webpage)*

Easy riders - are about to plan their 2014 calendar, riding twice a month April to October. Why not join us this season? It's a fun way to improve your fitness and very easy on the knees! We ride mainly on traffic-free routes and never leave anyone behind. The company is congenial and we try to factor in a teashop or two. No experience or fancy clothing necessary. We could even lend a bike, and helmet if anyone would like to give it a try. Interested?

**Contact: Joan Charles (email) or phone: 01538 753545**

### TRAVEL & LANDSCAPE - *(Webpage)*

The last meeting of this winter is on Thursday March 13th at 1.30pm at Tean Church Hall (off Hollington Road). Vaughan Richardson presents part 2 of his circumnavigation of the globe: "Halfway Back" (New Zealand & Hong Kong). This will feature some dramatic volcanic landscape of New Zealand's North Island. Also David Slade will show some of his stunning "Coastal Landscapes". All members are welcome. For more information and a photo preview go to the Travel page on the website.

For more details contact see the webpage or contact: **Travel & Landscape - 01538 723322**

### New FRENCH for BEGINNERS GROUP

Sue Fraser is going to run a 4 week Taster Course for Beginner's French in May on Fridays - 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 10.30 - 12 noon, Room 14 at the Moorlands College.

If you are interested please contact **Sue 01782 302056 or Barry 01538 755796**

### Whatever happened to Don? - *(Sarah Williams - Ed)*

I have received a letter from the family of ex U3A member, Don Richardson, to say that he has moved from Tean into a Nursing Home near his daughter in Cheltenham. She says that Don "lived life to the full and was an enthusiastic member and supporter of the U3A." Don was the leader for the Spiritual Awareness group and started the Tai Chi group. When I was editor of "In Touch" I remember working with him to produce a full page article about his war years "sub-chasing off the Canaries during the Battle of the Atlantic." I have found the original article in my archives, from April 2009, and reproduced it here for interest. **(Do click Very large doc. might be slow to load!)**

### HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE

Is there anyone out there amongst our membership who previously had responsibility in their working life for Health and Safety Management and maybe holds a recognised qualification e.g. the NEBOSH Diploma? I've recently taken on the role of Health and Safety Officer for our U3A and I could do with someone who would be willing, firstly to help me review all the H&S documentation that is currently in place to ensure it is fit for purpose and, secondly, to give me advice from time to time, particularly on the interpretation of the legal requirements re H&S. If you have the necessary qualifications and/or experience I would love to hear from you.

can be contacted at: **ann.mundy@theadleu3a.org or 07708 945338**. Thank you.

### Premium Rate Phone Numbers

Are you fed up paying greedy companies for phone calls they should be providing free such as when you have to report a problem they caused. These numbers usually start with 0870, 0845, 0845 and more. So be careful before you dial. Currys', for example, want 8p a minute to call them on their 0844 number. And then they let you wait for ages. Disgraceful!

For the last 4 or 5 years I have been using a useful website where one can lookup alternative 0800 or standard landline numbers. Some of you may already be aware of it but for those who don't, here is the link:

<http://www.saynoto0870.com/>

. Just type in a company name or a 08... number and it will display the available landline alternatives. You can even get retail branch numbers which are not usually published. It's not 100% successful but it gets very, very close.

**Contact: *Walter (IT Co-ordinator and Webmaster - Cheadle U3A)***

## **CHEADLE ARTS WEEK**

will take place from Saturday 15th March to Sunday 23rd March 2014 inclusive. Look out for leaflets at the coffee morning, in the local press and library for more info.

### **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.

**STOKE SOUTH U3A NEWSLETTER - (*Doclink*)**

**STONE U3A NEWSLETTER - (*Doclink*)**

### **EPSON PRINT CARTRIDGES (Compatible) Free!!!**

Marian Evans and her husband David have kindly donated 3 full sets of Epson Print Cartridges which are surplus to requirement. The cartridges are suitable for the following Epson Printer Models:

**R285, RX585, RX685, R265, R360, RX560, PX700W, PX800W**

If one of our members can use them please get in touch with:

***Walter (IT Co-ordinator - Cheadle U3A)*** or 01538 724186 First Come First Served!

Sarah Williams (Ed) also has 3 Epson cartridges (Hummingbird picture) Cyan T0802, Magenta T0803 and Light Magenta T0806 (***contact top of this E-news***)

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