



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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Items for the **January E-news** to Sarah before **9am, Thursday, January 8th** please.

Look out for our **Doclinks** and **Photolinks** - *let your fingers do the clicking!*

Visit **OUR 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.

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

As well as the usual activities, Carol will be there with her charity stall with lots of new items. Coffee and tea will be served with mince pies. Committee members and Group Leaders will be available, for consultation. Meet your friends, exchange books and jigsaws, book Holidays and Trips, buy home-made Xmas cards in aid of "Douglas MacMillan", plus "Cheadle Fairtrade Group" stall. **It's also time to pay your membership fees....**

### **AFTERNOON TEA**

The Afternoon Tea scheduled for January 22nd, 2015 has been **CANCELLED**.

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS** - *(Webpage)*

Things are going well - at the time of writing, nearly 60% of you have paid your 2015 subs, and more letters addressed to the Membership Secretary land on my doormat most days. That still leaves nearly 400 of you who we hope are going to continue as members, so there might be a long queue at the December 10th Coffee Morning. A team of us will be there, we do our best to ensure you get a fast service, so please be patient if you are in it!

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 soon as possible. The next opportunity to collect cards at a Coffee Morning will be on January the 14th, by which time some disaster may have arisen such as having to miss a U3A film showing at Uttoxeter. So far the vast majority of postal renewals have included the envelope, in fact, I've only got about ten cards for collection, I was expecting to have a lot more. Thank you, folks!

Finally, I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

Membership Sec. Chris Beesley (07790 689173) - [membership@cheadleu3a.org](mailto:membership@cheadleu3a.org)

### **RAMBLERS** - *(Webpage)* - *(Gallery)*

Blore Pastures (10-11-14) <i>(PhotoLink)</i>		Whiston (17-11-14) <i>(PhotoLink)</i>	
Brassington (24-11-14) <i>(PhotoLink)</i>		Alton (01-12-14) <i>(PhotoLink)</i>	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
08/12/14	Biddulph	Phil	01538 756256
15/12/14	Great Gate	Peter B	01538 722425
22/12/14	NO WALK	-	-
29/12/14	NO WALK	-	-
05/01/14	Ladderedge	Sarah	01782 302310

### **SHORT WALKS** - *Avg distance 4miles (Webpage)*

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
08-Dec	Hawksmoor	Alan and Beryl	703161
15-Dec	Trentham	Gerald & Gladys	01782 399519
22-Dec	Alton	Ken & Jo	702556

## REPORTS

### **TURKEY AND TINSEL** - *Margaret Plant*

The Turkey and Tinsel trip to Weymouth was a great success enjoyed by all. So much so one of our members Mavis Fielding composed a poem about it. *(DocLink)*

The **"HAVE A GO CRAFT DAY"** was a great success with lots of children and their grandparents attending. Thank you to all the crafters and helpers who made the day special - *Dawn Maley*

## BEETLES, BAND AND BARBERSHOP - Val Egerton (Social Events Co-ordinator)

Big THANK YOU's to the singers, musicians and members who helped with the moving of furniture, selling tickets, being on the door and organising the tickets. Also thanks to all members of the social committee for their invaluable help with the organising of this event.

## FOUND

A dark blue cardigan has been found at Moorlands College after the "Beetles, Band and Barbershop" event held recently. It is made by "F&F," has no buttons or other fastenings, is made of acrylic and polyester and is a size 16 with a clean white tissue in the right-hand pocket.

Anyone who has lost this should ring Barry Barnett on **01538 755796**

## PUB STROLLS (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Dec 17th	Ramblers Retreat	Margaret Plant	01538 752756
Jan 21st 2015	Duke of York - Barlaston ST12 9AA	Pat & Sheila	01538 752798
Feb 18th	The Queens - Freehay	Margaret Plant	01538 752756

## TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE - Season Starting Soon! - Phil Boyer - (Webpage)

Our 2nd meeting this winter is on Thursday December 11th at 1.30pm in Tean Church Hall. It will be very European. Margaret Plant is showing her trip with Betty James to Bruges and Elaine Beardmore her visit to Istanbul, where west meets east. Phil will be presenting a tour along the Northern Coastline of France including visits to some WW2 sites and the contrasting landscapes of Normandy and Brittany all of which, together with Sandy, have been visited over a 30 year period. All U3A members welcome. See webpage for more details and photos. (Webpage)

Contact: [TandL@theadleu3a.org](mailto:TandL@theadleu3a.org)

## CHRISTMAS SCAM ALERT - Can you please make all your family, friends and neighbours aware of this....

Christmas is fast approaching, Royal Mail & The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam: A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number). If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on **020 7239 6655**. Please be aware that the premium rate number may change but nevertheless please do not call any number stated on a card from PDS or the above.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS in and around Cheadle

**Last minute - tickets still available for BELLS & BELLES** in aid of *The Donna Louise Trust*.

**ALTON HANDBELL RINGERS and the GILL HARVEY DANCERS** on Saturday Dec 6th Starting 7.30pm prompt at Alton Village Hall. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children (includes a homemade Hot Supper and Dessert.) Bring your own drinks. (wine glasses provided) Please purchase tickets before event for catering purposes from *Wendy Walters 01538 702888; Sue Robins 01889 591393 or Barry at Alton Newsagents*

**Last minute - tickets still available for "CAROLS IN THE CASTLE" with MOORLAND VOICES** on **Sunday December 7th** at 5pm in Alton Castle's Banqueting Hall. This is a Charity concert in aid of Alton Castle's own Children's Charity. Tickets £5 (incl refreshments) from *Debbie 01538 703224 or [debbie@altoncastle.co.uk](mailto:debbie@altoncastle.co.uk)*

**CHEADLE AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY present 'CHRISTMAS IS COMING'** A concert of Christmas songs and carols. **Wednesday, 10th December 2014 at Cheadle Methodist Church 7.30pm**. Tickets £6, including coffee/tea and mince pies. Tickets from *members, Donald Cope & Co or pay at door*.

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS with "MOORLAND VOICES"** at St Giles the Abbot, Cheadle on Sunday 14th December 7.30pm. Join in with your favourite carols and hear Moorland Voices perform some new variations on the theme! Tickets £7.50 (£5 Concessions) will be available... *on the door, contact [MoorlandVoices1@gmail.com](mailto:MoorlandVoices1@gmail.com)* or find us at <http://www.facebook.com/MoorlandVoices> or from *Sarah at the December Coffee Morning*.

**UTTOXETER TOWN BRASS BAND** with special guests **THE HEATH CHORUS** at Uttoxeter Town Hall 7.30pm on **Saturday 20th December**. Price £6 which includes 'Festive Refreshments'! Last year it was mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets from *Barry 07543672117 or from [Uttoxeter Town Hall](http://www.utttoxeter.org.uk)*.