



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **January 2015 E-news**

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Items for the **February E-news** to Sarah before 9am, Thursday, February 5th please.

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

A very HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!

I look forward to your contributions and pictures for the E-News keep sending them in!

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.

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SANTA CAME to our December coffee morning. ([PhotoLink](#))

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday, 14th January, 10am - 12pm at the Guild Hall. ([Webpage](#))

- * Pay your **MEMBERSHIP FEES** (see below).
Committee members and Group Leaders will be available for consultation.
Meet your friends, exchange books and jigsaws, book Holidays and Trips.
Buy home-made greetings cards in aid of "Douglas MacMillan"
- * Plus "Cheadle Fairtrade Group" stall (see below).
- * Get your tickets for the **WHIST DRIVE** (see below for details).
AND bring any donations for the Cheadle Foodbank.

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

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, and will have a Happy New Year! If you have not renewed your subs yet, its not too late! We now enter what has previously been referred to as 'The Period Of Grace'. This is the time during which subs can still be renewed, although those of you who have not done so yet may be refused entry to the U3A film showings at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. Also, people who are on waiting lists to join some Activities might start to get impatient. So if you still intend to renew your membership, best not to leave it too long now.

The Period Of Grace runs until one minute to midnight on February the 28th.

Would everyone please keep an eye out for those members who for whatever reason may not have renewed their membership in time for the start of 2015. I know we have the 'buddy system' for members without email facilities, now is the time for the buddies to check up on them. Group Leaders will be aware of long blank rows on their registers, indicating that some members of their Activity have been absent for a while. We must ensure as far as possible that no member remains unaware of the need to renew, and that members who need help get it.

Membership Sec. Chris Beesley (07790 689173) - membership@theadleu3a.org

* **CHEADLE FAIRTRADE GROUP** - (*Sarah Williams E-News Editor*) I have received a letter from Mary Blunt, Secretary for Cheadle Fairtrade Group, thanking members of Cheadle U3A, particularly Dawn and her helpers, for using Fairtrade tea and coffee at our coffee mornings and for inviting them to run a Fairtrade stall. Over the last 12 months the stall has taken £524.13. Well done everyone.
Click on ([DocLink](#)) for the full letter.

* **WHIST DRIVE at Freehay Village Hall Wednesday February 18th 2.00-4.30pm** ([View POSTER online!](#))

A knowledge of how to play whist is required. Tickets £2 including light refreshments. Players strictly limited to 12 tables. Tickets available at the January and February coffee mornings, committee members or telephone *Ann Mundy on 07708 945338.*

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

Great Gate (15-12-14) (PhotoLink)		Ladderedge (05-01-15) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
12/01/15	Hollington	Peter D	01538 723556
19/01/15	Oakamoor	Keith	01782 280578
26/01/15	Cauldon Low	Mike P	01538 753979

CINEMA (Webpage)

A special showing of the following films at Uttoxeter Cinema has been arranged for **U3A members only**. Cost is £3.60.

Film Title:	Date and Time:
Taken 3 with Liam Neesam	Thursday 15th January, 10.30am

Please take your **new 2015 U3A Membership Card** with you.

PUB STROLLS (Webpage)

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

IT CO-ORDINATOR wanted

Walt does a fantastic job keeping up with the many IT related jobs within our U3A. However, the time has come when there is too much for one person to manage. Therefore, we are looking for a volunteer to take over as IT Co-ordinator. Walt will carry on in a Webmaster/Technical and support capacity from within the IT-Workgroup. When the lottery funding arrives he will be organising and installing all the new equipment. If you would like to find out more about this interesting post please have a chat with Walt:

Phone: **01538 528 519** or Email: webmaster@cheadleu3a.org

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE 2015

Afternoon Tea	January 22nd - cancelled
Whist Drive	Weds, Feb 18th 2.00 - 4.30 pm: Freehay Village Hall - tickets now on sale (see above)
Quiz Night	(with pie and pea supper) Weds, Mar 25th at 7 pm Cheadle Guild Hall
Drama and Song Evening	with our Drama Group and UKE3A (Date and Venue to be confirmed)
Cream Tea	June details TBA
Murder Mystery Supper	Sat, October 31st at Checkley Village Hall
Barn Dance	Fri, Nov. 20th at Guild Hall, 7.30-10 pm. Folk band with professional caller, bring your own food, Guild Hall bar

RESEARCHERS WANTED - Vernon Elkin, Volunteer, Sudbury Hall

At Sudbury we are always looking for new stories to tell to our visitors about Sudbury Hall. The Vernon Family have not always lived at the hall. On two specific occasions the hall was let out. One of these was to the Gretton family who lived at Sudbury from the end of the 19C to the beginning of the 20C. Mr Gretton was a Director of Bass Brewery at Burton. Next year we are proposing to carry out research into this family & their stay at Sudbury. We are looking for a group of people to carry out this research. We are not looking for experienced researchers, although they will be welcome, But people who like history. We propose to hold a meeting about this project in early 2015 Can you please let your members know about this project. If any members are interested can you please ask them to contact me:

Email: Vernon.elkin@nationaltrust.org.uk or Phone: **01283 586800** (please leave a message).

A Date for your Diary - George Short

Cheadle Historical Society has arranged a special meeting in memory of George Short, their late President, a Cheadle U3A member for many years, an authority on the history of the Cheadle area and the author of a number of books and guides relating to the town. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 11th at Cheadle Academy Community Theatre at 7.30 pm when Hugh Davies will give a talk entitled 'How Bletchley Park broke the German codes intercepted by Woodhead Hall Y Station'. The cost to non-members of the Society is £2, payable on the night. More details will be included in next month's E-News.

ALTON HANDBELL RINGERS are looking for some new members to join their team. No experience necessary. They will be running a "Come and have a go Workshop" in Alton Village Hall during February. More details in February's E-news. If you are interested in the idea of learning something new and having fun, contact Wendy and find out more.

Email: wendy.walters9@btinternet.com or Phone: 01538 702888.

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