



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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

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

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.

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!

Morning Snow - Ron Becket - lovely picture taken 30th Jan 2015 at 09:03h ([PhotoLink](#))

COFFEE MORNING Wednesday, 11th February, 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. Get your tickets for the ***WHIST DRIVE** (see below for details) and bring any donations to Cheadle Foodbank. (Many thanks to all who have donated food or cash. Current shortages are Fruit juices, Dried milk, Sugar, Pasta sauces, and Mashed potato mix. If you have any unwanted toiletries such as shampoo, soap and toothpaste these too would be gratefully accepted.)

*** 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 2015 renewals. Members who miss this deadline will, unfortunately, no longer be valid members of the Cheadle U3A. Their places within activities may become available to others if there is a waiting list, and admission to some events might be refused.

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 cards as quickly as possible. If no envelope is provided, your cards will be available for collection at Coffee Mornings. Members who have insisted on paying by Standing Order but have not sent me an envelope can also collect their cards at Coffee Mornings, provided that their payments have been itemised on a U3A bank statement.

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

***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](#))

| Hollington (12-01-15) (PhotoLink) | | Oakamoor (19-01-15) (PhotoLink) | |
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| Cauldon Low (26-01-15) (PhotoLink) | | | |
| Date: | Details: | Leader: | Contact: |
| 09/02/15 | Lathkill Dale | Keith | 017822 80578 |
| 16/02/15 | TBA | - | - |
| 23/02/15 | Tean | Peter B | 01538 722425 |
| 02/03/15 | Consall Wood | Glynis | 01538 752815 |
| 09/03/15 | Wildboardclough | Gordon | 01538 722634 |

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

The next meeting is Thursday 12th February at 1.30pm. We shall have 2 very different topics. Elaine Beardmore will show us a tour of Eastern Canada, including French Quebec, and Beryl Slade will give us some wonderful coastal landscapes of Northern Britain. As always all U3A members are welcome to come along to Tean Church Hall, Hollington Road. For more details, including photos, see the [link to the webpage](#).

Contact: TandL@theadleu3a.org

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: |
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| KINGSMAN; THE SECRET SERVICE | Thursday 13th Feb, 10.15am |

Please take your new 2015 U3A Membership Card with you.

PUB STROLLS (Webpage)

| Date: | Details: | Leader: | Contact: |
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| Feb 18th | The Queens - Freehay | Margaret Plant | 01538 752756 |
| Mar 18th | The Greyhound - Burston, ST18 0DR | Margaret and Michael | 01538 755183 |

PAT TESTING - reminder to all group leaders

To comply with Health & Safety we must have electrical equipment tested. Could you please arrange to bring to the Guild Hall computer suite before 12 noon on Wednesday 11th February or before, any pieces of portable electrical equipment which you use for your group meetings. If you have any queries please contact the Secretary:

Ann Mundy 01538 308049 or email ann.mundy@theadleu3a.org

CYCLE GROUP - Joan Charles - (Webpage)

Spring will soon be here. If you'd like to improve your fitness with little pressure on your knees or hips, why not join us? If you fear you may not cope then look at this unsolicited testimonial from **Peter Brown**:

"In my youth I was a keen cyclist but over the years acquired damage to my back that stopped me cycling and about 12 years ago started to suffer from Angina. When I retired I bought a bike with the intention of using it around town but immediately realised that we live at the bottom of a bowl with hills in every direction - hills and angina don't mix! At the start of the 2012 season I read about the U3A Cycle group who had an objective to keep rides flat and suitable for those not so fit. I was very sceptical but went on the first ride of the season which was short (about 10 miles) and flat. I found the regular attendees very friendly and most concerned that nobody should be overstretched or left behind. I have now been on as many rides as I could get to for the last 3 seasons. I found after a few rides that my confidence grew and I started to really enjoy them. I do have to have a very light breakfast about 3 hours before the start of the ride and can't eat again till the end but that applies if I go walking or participate in any other physical activity. If you have the slightest inclination that you might like to take up or restart cycling, do come along - you will be well looked after."

NEW MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

I am thinking of starting a music appreciation group but in this case watching and/or listening to DVD's showing performances of Operas, Ballets, Jazz Concerts etc. I am no expert but do have a love for all these genres and would be prepared to give a short preamble prior to showing the DVD. At this stage my intention is to run a taster session in April/May and if there is sufficient interest would intend to start the group proper in Sept/Oct to run through until May/June with a break during the summer months. The venue would probably be the Guildhall and the day would be either Monday or Friday afternoons, fortnightly, 2 hour sessions starting at 2 p.m.

Contact: *Alan Lewis 01538 754208* or email alan.lewis@theadleu3a.org

A new class of TOTAL BEGINNERS BRIDGE

Initially the meeting dates will be on the 12th Feb; 26th Feb and 26th March and will be held in Room V2 at Moorlands 6th Form. 2.30 to 4.00pm. The participants will need to understand the process of learning basic Bridge skills takes time and should take at least a year to become familiar with a straight forward simple approach to Bridge playing. However the group should be small at around 6 members to run in the same room as the regular Bridge players. Contact: *Steven Booth 01782 392972* or email bridge@theadleu3a.org

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE 2015

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| 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 Tickets on sale now! |
| 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 |

OTHER EVENTS

Cheadle Historical Society 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.

ALTON HANDBELL RINGERS are holding a "Come and Ring" Handbell Open Evening on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm in St. Peters Church Alton. Anyone interested in finding out more about ringing tunes on handbells do come and join in. Refreshments will be provided. More information from Wendy Walters:
Email: wendy.walters9@btinternet.com or Phone: **01538 702888**.

CHEADLE ARTS WEEK Starts Sat April 4th 2015 Anyone who would like to display their art and craft work and/or demonstrate at the following Arts Festival events please contact: **Stella Heritage 01538 702124**.

Saturday 4th April "**Cre-8 Day**" for crafters - open to anyone with a craft to show, demos, hands-on etc in the Guild Hall 10.00- 4.00p.m.

Saturday 11th April "**Artists' Showcase**" in the Guild Hall 10.00- 4.00p.m. open to all artists to display their work and also the week-long "**High Street Gallery**" displays in shop windows.

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA - *Joan Charles*

Pillowcases, sewing materials such as double bias tape or 1/2 inch elastic tape, thread or material needed to make dresses for little girls in Malawi who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Collection point at February's Coffee Morning.

FELTING COURSE starting at Cheadle Library on Thursday 26th February from 1.00-4.30pm. It's a 10 hour course and runs over the following two weeks, 5th March 1-4.00pm and 12th March 1.00-4.30pm. The total cost is £20 but please **ask about concessions**. All materials will be provided. You will be making a different felt item each week under the expert guidance of qualified teacher Michelle Alderson. All items made can be taken away at the end of the session. There is a **free** 2 hour taster session on Thursday 12th February from 1-3.00pm.

Please telephone **Cheadle Library 01538 483864** to book a place.

MOORLAND VOICES (*Doclink*)

Concert St Chad's Church, Seighford, nr. Stafford March 7th, 7pm. New programme. Tickets from Sarah (details top of Enews)

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