



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **December 2015 E-news** - Keeping "In touch with ewe"!

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Items for the **next E-news** to Sarah before **Thursday, January 7th** please.

Make it 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.....

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FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the E-news this year. On behalf of the committee I would like to wish all our members and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - (Webpage)

Things are going well - at the time of writing, over 50% of you have paid your 2016 subs, and more letters addressed to the Membership Secretary land on my doormat most days. That still leaves nearly 450 of you who we hope are going to continue as members, so there might be a long queue at the December 9th 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 13th, 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@theadleu3a.org

COFFEE MORNING December 9th, 10am - 12pm at the Guild Hall, Cheadle. (Webpage)

Committee members and group leaders will be available, for consultation. Meet your friends, book and jigsaw exchange, book holidays and trips, buy homemade cards for charity, plus Cheadle Fairtrade Group stall and lots more including a donation box for *Cheadle Food Bank, **Wool donations (see below for further details.)

* CHEADLE FOOD BANK NEWS

Christmas Foodparcels will be provided for local individuals and families in crisis. Are you able to provide a festive something e.g.Christmas pudding, Children's selection box, snacks and nibbles, Christmas Crackers? If you can bring it to Coffee Morning or drop into the Foodbank on a Wednesday 9.30 -11.30 or Friday 1-3 pm.

**WOOL for blankets needed

The Craft Group are busy knitting long strips and sewing them together to make blankets for "Hospice Africa". However, they are getting low on double knitting wool. Have you got any bits and pieces at home that you would be willing to donate to a very worthy cause? There will be a box at the coffee morning for any donations. Thank you.

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

Three Quarries Walk (12-10-15) (PhotoLink)		Oakamoor (09-11-15) (PhotoLink)	
Ilam (16-11-15) (PhotoLink)		Hawksmoor (23-11-15) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
07/12/15	Woodseaves	Peter B	01538 722425
14/12/15	Tean	Roger	01538 722763
21/12/15	Oakamoor	Bill	01538 752467
28/12/15	NO WALK	-	-
04/01/16	The Cloud	Brian H	01538 722763

SHORT WALKS - Avg distance 4miles ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
14 Dec	Westport Lakes	Chris and Val	07790 689173
21 Dec	Check Webpage	John and Sandy	01782 394955
28 Dec	No walk Bank Holiday	-	-

PUB STROLLERS ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Dec 16	Ramblers Retreat	Margaret Plant	01538 752756
Jan 20th	Master Potter	Roy/Glenys	01538 753568

MUSIC ENJOYMENT GROUP - Alan Lewis - ([Webpage](#))

We will be looking at the following two dvd's during December in the Music Enjoyment Group.

Monday, December 7th a biography about Beethoven called "In Search Of Beethoven " by "Phil Grabsky" He has done several of these biographies on famous composers including Mozart and Haydn. This is an opportunity to learn something about one of probably the three greatest genius composers who ever lived and to hear some bits of the astonishing music he composed.

Monday, December 14th a real christmasy treat as we will be watching a ballet of Tchaikovsky's ever popular "Nutcracker Suite". Bring a mince pie or two and a glass of something to drink if you wish.

Everyone welcome there is no restriction on numbers in the group as it is held in the Guildhall. Monday's at 2pm until approximately 4pm.

I do not wish to be too autocratic in my choice of material for this group so I shall be placing a large envelope on the table where the money is collected into which you can put suggestions for future programmes. This does not necessarily mean that your choice will be shown the following week. I have to order material from the Resource Centre. They have a huge range of opera, ballet, jazz and classical music DVD's all available for hire. If you haven't tried the group yet come along and give it a whirl, obviously no compulsion to come again if it's not for you. Any queries please contact Alan Lewis, Tel: **01538 754208** or email: alan.lewis@theadleu3a.org .

TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE - Phil Boyer - ([Webpage](#))

The next meeting is on Thursday December 10th. This time the focus is on the UK and particularly the East Coast and some Scottish landscapes. Paul Lucas presents some less well-known coastal scenes including the port of Grimsby as well as several waterfalls in Wales. Beryl Slade will complete part 2 of some stunning Coastal Landscapes in Yorkshire, Norfolk and Scottish Isles (examples on the Travel ([Webpage](#)) .

All members both new and old are very welcome to come and join us in the Church Hall at Upper Tean just a short way up Hollington Road. (Parking at the Hall). Please could all members attending note that for the safety of the Nursery children crossing to the Village Hall I am asking that no-one parks in the Church Hall car park before 1.15pm.

Contact: TandL@theadleu3a.org

THE WRINKLY RIDERS - Group Leader Joan Charles - ([Webpage](#)) - ([Gallery](#))

We are hoping to plan a trip to the Morecambe Bay Cycle path, maybe in May 2016. If you haven't yet shown your interest contact Joan Charles, **01538 753545** or email cycling@theadleu3a.org .

There will be a planning meeting on Monday 11th January. **SO WATCH THIS SPACE AND THE WEBSITE!!!**

MISCELLANEOUS

OXFORD U3A are running a study day on Sat March 12 2016. The topic is "Living with Hearing Loss." This is something we could all be facing and the U3A, nationally, is now addressing.

More info: aprandall@btinternet.com - ([Flyer](#)) - ([Booking Form](#))

CHEADLE & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! A concert of Christmas songs and carols. on Wednesday, December 9th, at Cheadle Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 inc refreshments.

MOORLAND VOICES

CAROL CONCERT - Sunday, December 13th at St Giles Catholic Church, Cheadle at 7.30pm. Join us in celebrating Christmas in aid of the church lighting fund. Tickets £8 con £5.

Details Email: MoorlandVoices or Web: www.facebook.com/MoorlandVoices

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