



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **March 2016 E-news** - Keeping "In touch with ewe"!

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Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, April 7th** please.

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AGM Wednesday 27th April at the Guild Hall, Cheadle. Coffee/tea will be served from 10 am and the meeting proper will start at 10.30. With a bit of luck we should have completed the business by mid-day and the rest of the day is yours! Do please make a note of the date in your diary and come along and support your U3A and play your part in shaping its future.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - (Webpage)

By the time you read this, February the 29th 2016 will be a thing of the past. That date marked the end of the Period Of Grace for 2016 renewals, and was the final deadline. Regrettably, members who missed it should note the following:

1. They are no longer members of the Cheadle (Staffs) U3A.
2. Third Age Trust magazines will not be sent to them.
3. Our local monthly E-news will not be sent to them.
4. They should not attend meetings.
5. Group Leaders will be expecting them to leave Activities because:
 - a) There could be insurance problems with non-members,
 - b) Paid-up members on waiting lists will be joining groups.
6. They must not attend special showings of films at the cinema.

Naturally, we would rather those members hadn't left. I wish them all good luck in the future.

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

COFFEE MORNING March 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. Buy tickets for the following events * **Cheadle Food Bank Concert**, ** **Afternoon Tea** and *** **An Evening of Drama and Song**. See below for more details.....

***CHEADLE FOOD BANK CONCERT and NEWS**

The Ukulele Group (UKE3A) is giving a concert in aid of the Cheadle Foodbank on Saturday March 5th at Cheadle Methodist Church in Chapel Street at 7.30 pm. Guest artistes include your very own Sarah Williams, accompanied by Rowena Dawson plus monologist Paul Lucas, another of our well-known members. All proceeds will go to the Foodbank. Tickets cost just £4 and are currently on sale from: **Barry Barnett (01538755796)**, **Paul Lucas (07773967530)** or **Roy Hedges (01538753568)**. They will also be on sale at the next coffee morning 9th March. Demand is likely to be high so try to get yours quickly for a fun night of singing and laughter and all for a very good cause.

CHEADLE FOOD BANK NEWS - help needed

Would you be willing to help out on an occasional basis, to cover holidays or illness? This would not mean a permanent commitment. The Food Bank is open in the Oakley Room, part of the Guildhall, on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoon. Your help would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact Barbara: barbara@nwmort.co.uk or 01538 754213

****AFTERNOON TEA**

Tickets will be on sale at the March coffee morning for Dawn Maley and her helpers' famous and truly

scrumptious "Afternoon Tea" which will take place on Saturday 21st May at 2.00 - 4.00 pm in Cheadle Guild Hall. This year there will be sing-along entertainment from Cheadle Ukulele band "UKE3A". At only £4.00 per person I wager there is no better value to be found anywhere in the Staffordshire Moorlands!

This event is always a sell out so you are advised to get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Can't get to the coffee mornings? Then please phone Ann Mundy on **01538 308049** to reserve a ticket.

***** AN EVENING OF DRAMA AND SONG - Sat 23rd April - Cheadle Academy 7.30 pm, Tickets £3**

Our Drama Group ACT3A have penned their own 40 minute play which they will perform, followed by music from "Not Strictly Barbershop". Refreshments are included in the ticket price.

PUB STROLLERS (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
March 16th	Holly Bush to Denford ST13 9JT	Shirley/Pat	01538 361929

RAMBLERS - (Webpage) - (Gallery)

Smallthorne (15-02-16) (PhotoLink) Ellastone (29-02-16) (PhotoLink)		Tittesworth (22-02-16) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
07/03/16	Apedale	Brian B	01538 753719
14/03/16	Little Haywood	Noel	01538 722443
21/03/16	Bloor Pastures	Dave F	01538 753572
29/03/16	Monyash	Rose/Terry	01538 752705
04/04/16	TBA	Roger	01538 723165

SHORT WALKS - Avg distance 4miles (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Mon March 8th	Ramblers' Retreat	ALAN Short Walks Leader	01538 703161

TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE - Phil Boyer - (Webpage)

The last meeting this winter is this coming Thursday **March 10th at 1.30 pm**. This month Vaughan will show Part 1 of their **Australian Tour**, mainly Western Australia and Northern Territories. (Part 2 will follow in the autumn!) Phil will present a video slideshow of **Mallorca** featuring parts of the island which he & Sandy have visited over a 30 year period. All members are welcome.

Contact: TandL@theadleu3a.org

ARCHITECTURE - David Slade - (Webpage)

This month we will be looking at the Gothic form of Architecture in England. This is probably the most interesting and most beautiful form of architecture we have experienced in this country. It evolves over some four hundred years through Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular variations, developing and evolving at each stage. The Great Plague influenced the change from Decorated to Perpendicular due to the deaths of the craftsmen who just did not exist any longer. We will look at the social conditions of the times and the housing of the various classes of people. I will include some interesting videos but as I have not completed the presentation yet please give me some tolerance as to whether I cover two or three of the variations.

Contact: david.slade@theadleu3a.org .

TWO NEW GROUPS

1) MAKING NOISES FOR FUN!

I have often enjoyed singing, or something that may go under that heading. It lifts the spirit, good for your lungs and health, I believe and is very social. I wonder how many other people in Cheadle U3A would enjoy an opportunity, without embarrassment of being out of tune! I would envisage songs from the shows e.g. from Annie to Abba, including the Beatles etc - the choice is endless. I am not a musical director so the Group would be self run and motivated, although I would be in name Group Leader! If you are interested please come to meet me at the March 9th or May 11th Coffee mornings. More details: Steven Booth **01782 392972**

2) A PIECE OF CAKE - Starting Monday 7th March

The group will be for people who like making cakes, sharing recipes and experiencing an Afternoon Tea. We will be meeting at Cheadle Cricket Club on the first Monday of the month at 2.00 - 3:30pm. The first meeting will be an introductory one. We are open to your ideas and the way forward. Come and enjoy.

Contact: Dorothy Dolphin on **01538752417** or dorothydolphin@googlemail .

CINEMA - Linda Keighley (Webpage)

Forthcoming Films at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. A special showing of the following film has been arranged for the U3A members:

"LONDON HAS FALLEN", Action Thriller, sequel to the film "Olympus is Down"
Thursday, March 10th 2016 at 10.30am - Duration of film: 99mins

The cost will be £3.60. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time. Tickets can presently only be purchased immediately beforehand as advanced ticket sales for U3A shows are currently unavailable. Telephone and internet bookings are also not permitted. PLEASE TAKE YOUR U3A MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU WHEN PURCHASING YOUR TICKET SO AS TO BE ABLE TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND.

LOTTERY BID SUCCESS ([DocLink](#))

A Lottery Bid for just under £10,000 was submitted by Peter Lamb and his team. Consequently we have been able to update, buy new computerised equipment and secure storage cupboards.

CHESS GROUP - more players needed - ([Webpage](#))

Group leader, Gordon, says that "experienced players and learners would be welcome and we would be quite happy to give them tuition. We meet weekly at the Guild Hall in the large room on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm until 5.00pm."

Contact Gordon Shaw: **01538 755613** or email: Chess@theadleu3a.org

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

The programme for March is as follows:

Monday March 7th - Two Stravinsky ballets. Rite of Spring and The Firebird. These ballets are unlike anything that had gone before and came as a complete shock to ballet lovers in the early years of the 20th century. They were produced by a travelling ballet company called the Ballet Russe under the control of the entrepreneurial Diaghilev. He commissioned Stravinsky amongst others to write ballets for his company to perform. Both the music and dancing are completely original in the case of 'Rite' which caused riots in Paris when it was first performed. The Firebird is a little more conventional but still very avant garde for its time.

Monday March 14th and Monday March 21st - Two of the so called verismo (or realistic) operas. Cavalleria Rusticana (Rustic Chivalry) 14th and Pagliacci (The Strolling Players) 21st. Both operas are short and unlike the classical operas of Mozart etc they deal with everyday situations and people with powerful and uninhibited musical styles. Both move rapidly to their inevitable and lurid conclusions.

On account of their popularity, to this day, these two operas are very frequently shown together in live theatre performance. We now have the new computer and sound bar installed giving a much enhanced visual and aural experience.

Monday March 28th and Monday April 4th - No Meetings.

The group will meet again on Monday April 11th.

Any queries please contact Alan Lewis, Tel: **01538 754208**, email: alan.lewis@theadleu3a.org or visit our [Webpage](#) .

WRINKLY RIDERS Joan Charles - ([Webpage](#))

The first ride of the season will be on TUESDAY 5 APRIL, an easy ride from Hulme End to Waterhouses with Refreshments at The Tea Junction. This ride is suitable for beginners and can be shortened according to your fitness. Why not give it a go?

Contact - Joan Charles, **01538 753545** or email cycling@theadleu3a.org

COURSE ON DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Wednesday 6th April 2016 at Cricket Club, Cheadle, 1pm to 2.30pm

Please contact Janette to register and please pass this message on to any member who does not receive emails but may be interested: Phone: **07966 023 113** , Email: health@theadleu3a.org

THE U3A DRAMA GROUP "U3Act" have have entered the annual **All England Theatre Festival**. This is a competition for amateur dramatic groups and it takes place all over the British Isles as a series of Divisional competitions during March and April, the winners from each division go through to Regional quarter and semi-finals and then there is an English final in June. The winner of the English final competes in the British finals which are held in July. They will be performing a play in the competition that was written by 2 members of the group called **"Murder at the U3A"**.

The first regional stage of the competition is on Tuesday 8th March at Cheadle Academy at 7.30. Please come along to support them, the event is open to the public. We are very proud to have a group from our U3A entering the competition and we wish them the very best of luck! More details about the competition - <http://www.allenglandtheatrefestival.co.uk> The first regional stage of the competition is on Tuesday 8th March at **Cheadle Academy** at 7.30. **Please come along to support** them, the event is open to the public. We are very proud to have a group from our U3A entering the competition and we wish them the very best of luck! More

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SOCIAL EVENTS 2016 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tickets for all these events will be available at the Wednesday coffee mornings or by contacting Ann Mundy on **01538308049** or email ann@themundys.org

CANCELLED – We regret to advise you that due to lack of take up the **Whist Drive Event** planned for **16th March 2016** has been cancelled. The few members who have already purchased tickets will be re-imbursed by Barry Barnett or Richard Moore.

BARN DANCE - CHEADLE GUILD HALL - FRIDAY 6th MAY 7.30 pm £5

Live music from our U3A Folk Band "Weasel's Revenge" and caller Sylvia Fisher. Bring your own food and drink. This is a charity concert in aid of "The Woodlands Trust".

CRAFT DAY - TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2016 - CHEADLE GUILD HALL 10 am - 4pm FREE ENTRY

Bring the grandchildren! There will be lots of crafts demonstrated and a chance to try them – fun for all ages.

BARN DANCE SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2016 - CHEADLE GUILD HALL 7.30pm

Live Music from "Weasels Revenge" folk band with caller Sylvia Fisher.

QUIZ - WEDS 23rd NOVEMBER 2016 - CHEADLE GUILD HALL 7.30 pm

We are looking for a Quiz Master to organise and run this event – please contact Ann Mundy if you can help.

LOCAL EVENTS

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC AND CHART CLASSICS at St Philip's Church, Werrington - Sat March 12th at 7.30pm featuring "Churnet Valley Gospel Singers" with "Dougherty and Woodward". A selection of light gospel songs together with unique versions of chart classics by The Beatles, Procol Harum, Moody Blues, Everly Brothers and even a bit of George Formby! Tickets £5 from Yvonne **01782 302683**

MOORLAND VOICES present "The Crucifixion" - a Meditation on the Sacred Passion of The Holy Redeemer by John Stainer at St Michael's Church, Brereton on Sunday, 20th March 2016, 7.00pm. Free Admission - Retiring Collection.

CHEADLE ARTS WEEK - Saturday 12th March-Sunday 20th March - PLUS!!

HIGH STREET GALLERY Over 50 artists' work on display In the shop windows.

ONE-ACT PLAY COMPETITION The Academy, Station Rd, Cheadle 7th - 12th March.

CRE-8 DAY 12th March 10.0.a.m.- 4.0pm Guild Hall - Cheadle Crafters, demos, hands-on Free admission, Refreshments.

SATURDAY NIGHT IS JAZZ NIGHT Saturday 12th March 7.30pm Lee, Dave and friends Proceeds to Donna Louise.

CHEADLE FLOWER CLUB Wednesday 16th March Demo - "All kinds of Everything" 7.30pm Guild Hall, Cheadle.

READING CAFE Friday 18th March No 16 Cafe 7.0pm Readings from Staffordshire writers.

SHOWCASE DAY 19th March, 10.0a.m.- 4pm Wealth of artists' work in the GuildHall free admission, refreshments.

CATS Youth & SPECIAL GUESTS Saturday 19th March 7.30pm Guild Hall, Cheadle.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE AND DEMO Saturday 19th March Cheadle Flower Club and Sunday 20th March Guild Hall 2.30pm-5.0pm

HOLY WEEK MEDITATION St Cecilia Singers Monday 21st March St Giles the Abbot, 7.30pm

MUSIC IN SPRINGTIME Cheadle Choral Society Thursday 7th April & Friday 8th April. Further details of events from Stella **01538 702124** or mrs.stellaheritage@gmail.com

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