



**NEW EDITOR**

This is my last issue as Editor. Thanks to all those members who have contributed since the "First Extra Email Newsletter" in October 2008! How time flies!!

**Click on the link to read about what was happening then. (Archive Doclink)**

Our new E-News editor is Jenny Crump so please submit items to her for inclusion in the May 2016 E-news before **9am Thursday May 5th** to [jenny.crump@theadleu3a.org](mailto:jenny.crump@theadleu3a.org) or **01889 505674**

Make it habit to visit our **WEBSITE** [www.theadleu3a.org](http://www.theadleu3a.org). It contains a calendar of events, information on activities, 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 neighbor who 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 have this information update. We encourage you to use the [online PDF](#) file to print out a copy as this ensures the format is 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! Look out for our **(Doclinks)** and **(Photolinks)** click spots - let your fingers do the clicking!

**AGM Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Guild Hall, Cheadle.** Coffee/tea will be served from 10 am and the meeting will start promptly 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. 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)**

I would just like to extend a big "Thank you" to all of you. The vast majority of your membership renewals and new applications progressed smoothly during the recent Renewal Period. Although it was still hard work at times it was a pleasure to do. A nice summer, everybody!

Membership Sec. **Chris Beesley (07790 689173) - [membership@theadleu3a.org](mailto:membership@theadleu3a.org)**

**COFFEE MORNING** April 13th, 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, holidays and trips, buy homemade cards for charity, plus Cheadle Fairtrade Group stall and lots more including a donation to **\*\*\*Cheadle Food Bank**. Buy tickets for the following events **\*An Evening of Drama and Song**, **\*\*Afternoon Tea**. Also pick up a leaflet about the charity **\*\*\*\*North Staffordshire Carers Association**. See below for more details.....

**\*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 and interlude "Not Strictly Barbershop". Refreshments are included in the ticket price. Tickets still available at the coffee morning. Please support us.

**\*\*AFTERNOON TEA**

Tickets will be on sale at the April coffee morning for Dawn Maley and her helper's 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 live entertainment from Cheadle Ukulele band "UKE3A". At only £4.00 per person I wager there is no better value to be had anywhere in the Staffordshire Moorlands!

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

**\*\*\*URGENT REQUEST FROM CHEADLE FOOD BANK - Carrier bags!!**

Since the demise of free bags from supermarkets, Food Bank is in urgent need of empty carrier bags, any logo or none. Please hand in any spares you have at U3A Coffee morning or the Oakley Room Wednesday morning or Friday afternoon. There has been increased activity at Food Bank recently leading to shortages of Tinned tomatoes, tinned soup, biscuits, pasta and sauces and fruit juices in tetra-packs. Any contributions..... or cash would be greatly appreciated.

**\*\*\*\*TALK FOR CARERS**

Helen Farmer of North Staffs Carers Association, a charity which provides support to non paid Carers from the age of eight upwards has offered to give a talk to Cheadle U3A about the free services and support offered by the Association. Look out for details in the date, time and venue in the May Newsletter. In the meantime, information leaflets will be available at the **April Coffee Morning**

**LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA** This is an ongoing charity project. There will be a display of Little Dresses at April's Coffee Morning with details for anyone interested in helping.

**PUB STROLLERS (Webpage)**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Details:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Apr 20th	Jarvis Arms, Onecote, ST13 7RU	Les/Sheila/Wendy	01538 753851
May 18th	Lazy Trout, Meerbrook, ST13 8SN	Pat/Shirley	01538 361929
Jun 15th	Rose & Crown, Stanley Moor, ST9 9LL	Margaret/Michael	01538 755183

## RAMBLERS - (Webpage) - (Gallery)

Apedale (07-03-16) (PhotoLink) Blore Pastures (21-03-16) (PhotoLink)		Little Haywood (14-03-16) (PhotoLink) Signs - Blore Pastures 21 March 2016 (DocLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
11/04/16	Ellastone	Phil	01538 756256
18/04/16	Keele Hall	Brian H	01538 722763
25/04/16	Flash	Mike	01538 753979
02/05/16 BH	TBA	Glennis/Margaret	01782 396061
09/05/15	TBA	Angela	01538 751094

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

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
11-Apr	Meir Heath	Chris and Val	07790 689173
18-Apr	Church Leigh	Arthur and Mick	750950/754259
25-Apr	Foxt/Whiston	June and Mick	723053
2-May	Bank Holiday	No Walk	-
9-May	Froghall	John and Sandra	01782 394955

## FAMILY HISTORY

I'm sorry to report that Andrew Bull's Family History class will cease after the May 2016 meeting. He has run the group with intake each year for the last 9 years. Around 100 members have been involved with the group over this period and a contribution to the U3A has been much appreciated. Andrew ran the group with 8 monthly meetings per year. If anyone is in running this class, either in the current format or by way of a different approach, please contact: Lynn Shooter, Cheadle U3. Co-ordinator [lynn.shooter@theadleu3a.org](mailto:lynn.shooter@theadleu3a.org) or telephone **01538 722667** for an initial chat.

## ARCHITECTURE - David Slade - (Webpage)

This month on the 20th we will be looking at the last Gothic Medieval period of architecture, the perpendicular. Following the death of some half of the craftsmen in the country died from that awful plague and as a consequence the skills were not able to continue the exuberance of the Decorated Period, and perhaps with the drastic losses the spirit was no longer there. I perhaps, even more towards heaven the emphasis was to reach upwards and the architecture exaggerated that deeply with a strongly vertical emphasis. When the Tudors came on the scene and the Dissolution of the Monasteries, that disappeared and the spoken word became all important and church building tailed away. However after 1400 houses became investment in the future and substantial buildings were appearing for all classes. Bricks and glass were coming on the scene we will look at how they were produced and used in that prosperous period. I have a few interesting videos so I hope to make it once again. Contact: [david.slade@theadleu3a.org](mailto:david.slade@theadleu3a.org).

## MAKING NOISES FOR FUN!

If you are interested in joining this newly proposed group for "non singers" please come to meet me at the May 11th coffee morning. More details: Steven Booth **01782 392972**

## CINEMA - Linda Keighley (Webpage)

Forthcoming Films at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. A special showing of the following film has been arranged for the U3A members:  
**"EDDIE THE EAGLE", Drama/Comedy.**

**Thursday, 14th April 2016 at 10.30am - Duration of film: 105mins**

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 booking also not permitted. PLEASE TAKE YOUR U3A MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU WHEN PURCHASING YOUR TICKET TO BE ABLE TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND.

## WRINKLY RIDERS Joan Charles - (Webpage) (PhotoLink)

Wednesday 20 April, Westport Lake to Tunstall. Anyone interested contact Jim Chapman: **01782 392853**.

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

The programme for April is as follows:

**Monday April 11th and 18th** - On these two dates we will be learning little about Rossini and watching his sparkling comic opera The Barber of Seville. Many of us are familiar with some of his brilliant operatic overtures: William Tell, Thieving Magpie and others etc but perhaps not so familiar with the operas themselves. (including me). Here is an opportunity to watch a performance given by the Royal Opera House with the Orchestra under the baton of their chief conductor Antonio Pappalardo. An intriguing feature is that the female lead is sung and acted superbly from a wheelchair. The reason for this I won't say, but you have to come and watch it.

**Monday April 25th** - This week we will be learning something of the life of many people's favourite composer Mozart. I will be giving a biography of the composer with plenty of his wonderful music by Phil Grabsky. We watched his biography on Beethoven's Christmas and this one promises to be just as good.

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

## CHEADLE U3A TRIPS 2016 - Margaret Plant - (Webpage)

<b>May Friday 6th</b>	Cotswold Farm Park £15 Coach + £9 Entrance
<b>June Thursday 16th</b>	Nottingham & Trent River Afternoon Tea Cruise £12 Coach + £11 for the cruise
<b>July Wednesday 20th</b>	Leicester £11 Coach + Fee for Guide of the Richard III trail
<b>August Tuesday 16th</b>	Shrewsbury £11 Coach

**September Sunday 11th** Ludlow Food Festival £14 Coach + Entrance  
**September Wednesday 28th** National Space Centre £11 Coach +£9 Entrance  
**November Wednesday 30th** Bath Christmas Market £18 Coach

A £5 deposit will be required per person per trip booked.

Please book with Margaret Plant at the coffee mornings.

Contact: **01538 752 756 - 07956 891 894** - email: [trips.holidays@theadleu3a.org](mailto:trips.holidays@theadleu3a.org)

## **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 **0153830** email [ann@themundys.org](mailto:ann@themundys.org)

### **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 concert in aid of "The Woodlands Trust".

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### **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.

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

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

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### **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**

### **UTTOXETER U3A DAY TRIPS - (DocLink)**

Uttoxeter U3A have 2 day trips that they would like to offer to our U3A members. **Bodnant Gardens** in Conwy on Thursday 26th and **Llandudno** on Thursday June 23rd. Cost £13. Leaving Tesco in Uttoxeter at 8.30am and returning at 4pm, Uttoxeter at approx. 6pm.

Contact for both trips is Pat Longley on **01335 324433**. If sufficient numbers are interested we MAY be able to pick up. Visit website ([Uttoxeter U3A](#)) under EVENTS on the dates shown.

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### **CHEADLE ARTS FESTIVAL UPDATE - donation to Charity.**

Stella Heritage reports that Cheadle Arts Week was a great success with all events well supported. The profits from the Ja plus the raffle and refreshments from the Cre-8 and Showcase Days were amalgamated and a cheque for £750 was handed to a representative from Donna Louise Hospice on Thursday 31st March. Thanks are due to SMDC for their grant to the Arts Festival. On stage the various events, their support is most important.

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### **LEEK ARTS FESTIVAL - lots of events from April through to June including local group, MOORLAND VOICES. They are**

presenting a joint concert of light music with their very colourful lady guests, "De Feanwiven" from Friesland in Holland, at St. Andrew's Church, Leek, ST13 5JF on Saturday 16th April at 7:30pm.

Tickets £8 available from John & Wendy Walton **01538 383911**.