



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **December 2016 E-news**

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Items for the next E-news before 9am Thursday, January 5th please.

GREMLINS

Last week I was testing a new mass email program that was recommended to me. It failed miserably and in the process sent out emails to about 100 CheadleU3A members before I realized it was using the wrong email list although it was programmed to use the Test Email List.

Please accept my apologies for this mishap. The next (if any) test will be done on a NON-U3A system.

Walter Jaggli - Webmaster Cheadleu3a.org

FROM THE EDITOR

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all readers of Cheadle U3A eNews.

Do visit our **WEBSITE** on a regular basis. 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!

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

THERE IS A COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER - (Webpage)

RAMBLING GROUP - (Webpage) - (Gallery)

Coombes Valley (28-11-16) (PhotoLink) Monyash (07-11-16) (PhotoLink)		Leek (05-12-16) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
DEC 5TH	FROGHALL	PETER B.	01538 722425
DEC 12TH	ABBOTS BROMLEY	ANGELA	01538 751094
DEC 19TH	HANCHURCH	ROGER	01538 723165
DEC 26TH	NO WALK	-	-

PUB STROLLERS (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
21 December	Ramblers' Retreat *, Dimmingsdale, ST10 4BU	Margaret Plant	01538 752756

*Food orders for December Walk + £5 deposit to be given to Margaret Plant beforehand.
Leaving Leisure Centre Car Park at 10:15

Hello Short Walkers and Cheadle U3A Members - (Webpage)

I am currently working on preparing the list of walks for 2017. This takes a great deal of time chasing Walk Leaders to get them to agree the proposed dates for their walks and to determine the venue for the walk. I hope to have this available within the next few weeks.

At the moment some Walk Leaders organize several walks during the year. We are working on a plan to get new leaders in place so that no one has to lead more than twice during the year. We

accept that some people are not walk leaders and there is not a problem with this. There is no obligation for group members to lead walks.

During the year we usually have a shorter walk followed by lunch. We are working on a new venue for this. To permit some of our group who are always away in February to attend we are aiming to hold our Valentine's Day Lunch in March. More details will be available when the venue is decided.

This year we did not have a coach trip due to time constraints getting it organized. The object is to go to a different area from normal and start from one place and end up somewhere else where the coach will be waiting for us. We like it to be somewhere of special interest and preferably with a pub or café at the end for lunch/snack/loos. Again more details will be available as soon as we have some plans in place.

Walks always depends upon there being good weather, we don't mind it being cold as we can wrap up, but we don't want it pouring with rain. There is no fun in tramping along in pouring rain. Currently there weather is not too good but hopefully Mondays will stay fine and dry. Always check your e-mails on Monday mornings in case a walk is cancelled.

If you have any issues you want to discuss please speak to me during a walk or contact me on the number below.

Best Regards

Alan (*Short Walks Leader*), Telephone: **01538 703161**

GROUP NEWS

ARCHITECTURE ([Webpage](#))

There will be no meeting in December due to the proximity to Christmas, I hope you all have a lovely time with your families and look forward to seeing you on the 18th January when we will be looking at The Arts and Crafts Movement in greater detail and perhaps Frank Lloyd Wright in America.

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE ([Webpage](#))

The next meeting will take place at 1.30pm on Thursday December 8th at Tean Church Hall. This time we shall travel from The Northern Isles of Scotland to the Austrian & Slovenian Alps. Ruth Lucas is making her first presentation, "**A Cruise to the Shetland Isles**" and Phil Boyer will show Part 2 of "**An Alpine Adventure Tour**" from the Inn Valley (around Innsbruck) to the Julian Alps (around Lake Bled, Slovenia).

All members are welcome.

Phil Boyer

MUSIC ENJOYMENT DECEMBER ([Webpage](#))

Our final programmes for this side of Christmas are taken up with a performance of Handel's most famous oratorio Messiah. This performance is given by the Choir of Kings College Cambridge with the Academy of Ancient Music under the direction of Stephen Cleobury. It seems appropriate to watch this wonderful oratorio at this time with its biblical stories. The performance in total is 2 hours 40 minutes in duration so will take up approximately 80 minutes on Monday Dec 5th and Dec 12th at pm..The group will close over the Christmas Break restarting on Monday Jan 9th 2017 with a performance of the ballet Romeo and Juliet danced to the brilliant orchestration of Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev. The score includes the immediately recognisable and famous Knight's Dance, used frequently on television, amongst its many wonderful tunes. This is a classic performance with Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev taking the lead roles. Starting at 2 pm. all welcome, no restriction on numbers.

Alan Lewis

MOORLAND VOICES

invite you to a Christmas Concert at St Giles the Abbot, Cheadle on Sunday 18th December 2016 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ([Webpage](#))

Things are going well - at the time of writing, nearly 50% of you have paid your 2017 subs, and more letters addressed to the Membership Secretary land on my doormat most days. That still leaves over 450 of you who we hope are going to continue as members, so there might be a long queue at the December 14th 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 11th, 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@cheadleu3a.org

CHEADLE U3A 20 YEARS CELEBRATION 2017

The floral displays, which we are putting around the outside of the Guild Hall, in May 2017 as part of the celebrations to mark 20 years of U3A in Cheadle in liaison with Cheadle in Bloom, who will plant weed and water the new displays. Eleven new tubs will be allocated for the project, which will mean further work for the already pressed volunteers of Cheadle in Bloom, who turn out throughout the year, to tend to Cheadle's flower displays. A few of the volunteers are members of the U3A, if any members would like to get involved with helping the Cheadle in Bloom, please get in touch with Mike Prince *01538 753979* or *michael.prince@cheadleu3a.org*

LIBRARIAN NEEDED FOR THE BOOKS AT COFFEE MORNINGS

There is a need for a 'Librarian' to manage the book exchange service at coffee mornings. At the moment no-one officially looks after the books. From time to time Dawn and Pat do some 'culling' of worn out books but they have enough to do already. What is needed is someone to oversee this situation, extract books in poor condition, sort books a little more, rotate the stock so that the same trays are not put out every month etc. The sort of thing that Dorothy and I do regularly for the jigsaws. Such a volunteer will not be expected to hump the trays of books in and out of the under-stage area. We already have some strong men and true who willingly do this. Nor will you be expected to stand by the books all through a coffee morning and deny yourself the opportunity to socialise more widely. The book stall virtually runs itself on an honesty basis as things stand once the books are put out. What is really needed is just someone who will care for the situation and hopefully improve it. Could that be you? If you are willing to do this could you talk to Dawn or Barry at your earliest convenience? Many thanks in anticipation.

P B Barnett (President)

CHEADLE FOOD BANK

First may I on behalf of the Food Bank Trustees and Volunteers say a big thank you for all the donations of food which you gave - some of course from your Harvest Festivals - which has replenished our stock considerably?

At the moment we are in need please of the following items and if you could please advertise these necessities we would appreciate your co-operation.

COFFEE

PACKET MASHED POTATO

CHILDREN'S TREATS

NAPPIES AND WIPES

FEMALE TOILETRIES - ESPECIALLY DEODORANT, SOAP

AND 'LADIES PRODUCTS'

Cash is always needed to cover overhead costs.

Many thanks.
