



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **January 2017 E-news**

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

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THERE IS A COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY - (Webpage)

SHORT WALKS - (Webpage)

Hello Short Walkers,
January 2017

I hope that you all have had a wonderful festive break, seen the people you have wanted to see and received the presents that you really needed. New Year resolutions will have been made and some, no doubt, already broken.

However, 2017 is with us and our Short Walking programme is in place. Our first walk is scheduled for Monday 9 January and will start over at Sandon near Stone. Watch out for my e-mail providing directions.

Our Spring Lunch is organised, all 50 places are allocated, but I will maintain a "reserve" list in case people drop out. I apologise to anyone who would have like to attend but has not got a place. Depending upon response we will try and find a larger venue for next year. Your menu selection and payment will be collected over the next few weeks.

Steps are being taken to organise our coach trip for later in the summer. On our last trip we had 47 of the 49 seats taken so this year we will plan to use a 56 or greater seat coach.

So I hope to see as many of our regular walkers as possible in the next few weeks complete with your new walking boots, walking poles and other associated walking equipment. During our walks I always try to talk to everyone but due to our numbers it is not always possible. If you have any questions, thoughts or comments that you wish to share or discuss with me please let me know. Older (not age related) walkers are always welcome back and new walkers will always be made welcome.

One of my other objectives for this year is to continually maintain and up-date the Short Walks section on the Cheadle U3A web site. I still have difficulty up-loading documents and photographs but this will be resolved very soon.

Best regards to every one for the forthcoming year.

Alan (Short Walks Leader), Telephone: 01538 703161

Short Walks Shedule (avg. Distance 4miles)

Date:	Venue:	Leader:	Contact:
9 Jan	Sandon	Arthur and Mick (1)	01538 750950/754259
16 Jan	Cheadle	Mel and Lesley (1)	01538 757133
23 Jan	Deep Hayes	Brian, Janet and Shirley(1)	01538 360852
30 Jan	Ramblers Retreat	Alan and Beryl (1)	01538 703161
6 Feb	Edinburgh	-	-

RAMBLING GROUP - (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
JAN 9TH	HARTINGTON	BRIAN B.	01538 75753719
JAN 16TH	RUDYARD (XMAS WALK)	PETER D.	01538 723556
JAN 23RD	CYRIL	TBA	01538 751747
JAN 30TH	DANE BRIDGE	CYNTHIA	01782 870530

PUB STROLLERS (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
Wed. 18 January	The Huntsman – Brookhouses	Margaret/Michael	01538 755183

Meet at 10:45am to give in food orders before walking at 11:00 am

GROUP NEWS

ARCHITECTURE (Webpage)

We meet once again on the 18th January to look at periods when art and architecture become fortuitously entwined. Late nineteenth century sees the art of the Pre-Raphaelites, the craft of the Arts and Crafts Movement and the socialism of William Morris meshing to produce wonderful art and architecture, influencing later architects such as Voysey, Mackintosh and in America Frank Lloyd Wright. We will look at the work of all of these architects, all producing beautiful buildings even the misunderstood Mackintosh and the banished Wright. Arts and Crafts merges into Art Nouveau and then Art Deco, neither of which gain great popularity in England, although you will see how close Mackintosh's work gets to Art Nouveau whilst being different. I will set the scene with some interesting photographs of the period illustrating social conditions including the emergence of the motor car on the scene, plus some fascinating videos.

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE (Webpage)

The Group meets on Thursday 12th January for the annual "Cocktail Mix" of short slideshows, followed by a party.

A reminder to the group to bring a sweet or savoury item for the get together.

Phil Boyer

BIRD WATCHING - 2017 PROGRAMME (Webpage)

Plan and Organisers for 2017		
March	Doxey Marshes Stafford	Glyn Lomas, Tony Scheuber, Mick Wilcox
April	Leighton Moss	John & Jan Dodd
May	Greenway Bank Knypserley	George & Margaret Nicholls
June	RSPB Middleton (Tamworth)	Sue Fraser & Jean Reilly
July	Planning Meeting	Mary Leighs
September	Norfolk	Sue Fraser
October	Carsington	Glyn Lomas, Tony Scheuber, Mick Wilcox
December	Belvide – Spread Eagle for Xmas lunch	Val Williamson, Peter Betts

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month.

If anyone wishes to join the group the initial point of contact will be Val Williamson - **01889 564953** – who will advise the appropriate organisers.

SINGING FOR THE UNTUNED (Webpage)

This group goes from strength to strength and is open to all who cannot sing. We aim to meet twice a month on Wednesdays mornings, with our next session on Wednesday 25th January starting at 10.00 until 11.30ish, with refreshments. For more information contact Steven on **01782 39297**

MUSIC ENJOYMENT (Webpage)

We resume our group on Monday Jan 9th with a performance of the ballet Romeo and Juliet. This is a classic performance made during the 1960's with the leading roles taken by Margot Fonteyn (by then in her forties and yet still dancing superbly) and Rudolf Nureyev, almost 20 years her

junior. They struck up an amazing ballet partnership during this period following his defection from Russia and this performance is the highlight. The film has been enhanced to improve its quality. The score is that of the Russian composer Prokofiev who was noted for his genius as an orchestrator. It includes much superb music including the well known Knight's dance frequently heard in various guises on television.

The programme for the remainder of January and for the first week in February will be posted on the U3A site and I will of course announce it at the meetings. It will include Donizetti's popular comic opera La Fille du Regiment and the much less comic but even more popular La Boheme by one of the two giants of 19th/early 20th century Italian opera, Puccini. As ever all are welcome to attend, 2pm in the Guildhall.

More info if required from Alan Lewis on **01538 754208** or e-mail **musical@theadleu3a.org**

CARD MAKING

CALLING ALL MY CARD-MAKERS !!

Thursday afternoon was not our cup of tea

We'd rather have our Tuesday – one o'clock till three

This does not now seem possible so let's give this a try

Tuesday morning – 10 till 12 – if not, then tell me why

Let's hope that most of you can come, I miss my Carding friends

I've still lots of ideas up my sleeve, on that you can depend

So come along on 17th of Jan and see what we can do

Hopefully we'll go from strength to strength, and now it's up to you

Always room for some new carders, come, join our merry crew

You'll be most welcome - we don't bite!! We look forward to meeting you!

Stella

[See you at the Cricket Club on 17 January]

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (Webpage)

If you have not renewed your subs yet, its not too late! We now enter what has previously been referred to as 'The Period Of Grace'. This is the time during which subs can still be renewed, although those of you who have not yet done so may find that your position at an Activity is no longer available because it has been taken over by someone on the waiting list for that Activity. Also you could be refused entry to the U3A film showings at Uttoxeter Cinebowl. So if you still intend to renew your membership, best not to leave it too long now.

The Period Of Grace runs until one minute to midnight on the last day of February. Would everyone please keep an eye out for those members who for whatever reason may not have renewed their membership in time for the start of this year. I know we have the 'buddy system' for members without email facilities, now is the time for the buddies to check up on them. Group Leaders can also help here, they will be aware of long blank rows on their registers, indicating that some members of their Activity have been absent for a while. We must ensure as far as possible that no member remains unaware of the need to renew, and that members who need help get it.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas, and are having a Happy New Year!

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

CHEADLE U3A 20 YEARS CELEBRATION 2017 (20th Anniversary Programme)

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, if you don't particularly want to put your gardening gloves on, in December this year the treasurer's post will need to filled with someone with experience in book keeping, and also someone who could possible use a computer to help with the planning stage of planting layout, as the person who used to do it had a

CAD CAM, system is no longer available to assist. Please get in touch with Mike Prince **01538 753979** or michael.prince@theadleu3a.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

The Cheadle and District Food Bank **DOES NEED MONETARY GIFTS**. We decided not to ask the Council for a grant this year, recognising the financial challenges facing Council funds. However we have to cover ongoing costs such as rent and insurance, so if anyone in U3A could spare a little cash, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a tin set out at the Coffee Morning. Of course, in-date foodstuffs and toiletries are welcomed too. Thank you.

A U3A MEMORY

This is my little story which I am very proud to relate as my part in the development of Cheadle's U3A.

In March, 1996, I was sitting in my office at Moorlands Home Link feeling quite pleased that we had just launched a Luncheon Club for older housebound people in Ipstones, and I suppose I was just wondering to myself, what was next – when a lady came into the office. This lady was Lynn Hackett, who was then the Adult Education Officer for this area for Staffordshire County Council. She told me that she had some money left in her budget, which she would like to spend, else she would have to give it back and face a reduction (those were the days!) and did I have any ideas for older people's activities because she also had spare capacity at the, then, Zion rooms in Coronation Street (now a ruin I believe).

I knew immediately what to suggest because I had been hearing about the very successful U3A in Leek, and how people from Cheadle were going there! So, we commenced research, called meetings with people who worked with older people, enlisted the help of Leek U3A and the Community Services' Chairman, the late Joan Levitt. They informed us what to do and after one or two planning meetings, we set up a steering group. I was fortunate to be able to persuade Gerry Robinson to be the chair of this group "only for a year" he said!!

Gerry was the driving force, along with a dedicated group of Steering Group members who came and volunteered at the first meeting we advertised. Their names should be on the records – I'm not going to risk missing anyone out – but we were well blessed. And one or two of them are still around!! (I will mention Dawn Maley – amazing lady). And of course Gerry continued for quite a few years. I was privileged to follow him as Chairman, but he had done the donkey work. We were also fortunate that very able and willing newly-retired newcomers to Cheadle also came and offered their servicesand so the U3A has gone from strength to strength and I'm so glad because I can now come as a fully-qualifying member!

My favourite quotation is that people would say to me "It won't work in Cheadle". Huh!

Helen Wainwright

