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THERE IS A COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - (Webpage)

SHORT WALKS - (Webpage)

Hello Short Walkers,

Please see below the latest information for our Short Walks in February and March.

We are not really going to Halifax on 27 February, I am just waiting for our Walk Leader to advise me of the correct location.

We have been quite lucky so far with the weather. On Mondays it always seems to be dry. Today (Monday 30 January) we had 42 walkers. It is good to see so many people out enjoying walking in our wonderful country side.

Short Walks Shedule (avg. Distance 4miles)

Date:	Start:	Leader:	Contact:
6-Feb	Draycott le Moors	Gerald and Gladys (1)	01782 399519
13-Feb	Aston Marina	Pete and Pam (1)	07582 200193
20-Feb	Tean (Huntley Wood)	June and Mick (1)	01538 723053
27-Feb	Halifax	Chris and Val (1)	07790 689173
6-Mar	Whiston	Eric and Margaret (1)	01538 753750/ 756463
13-Mar	Alton – Walkers Lunch	Alan & Beryl (2)	01538 703161
20-Mar	Froghall	John and Sandra (1)	01782 394955

Stay warm and dry.

Alan (Short Walks Leader), Telephone: 01538 703161

RAMBLING GROUP - (Webpage) - (Gallery)

Leek (23-01-17) (PhotoLink)		Xmas Meal 2016 (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
	FOR MILEAGE PLEASE CONTACT LEADERS LEADER		
FEB 6TH	FROGHALL	PETER B.	01538 722425
FEB 13TH	LONGNOR	GORDON	01538 722634
FEB 20TH	FROGHALL	NORMAN & WENDY	01538 754671
FEB 27TH	OSMASTON	ROSE & TERRY	01538 752705
MAR 6TH	ELLASTONE	GLYNIS	01538 752815
MAR 13TH	TBA	CYRIL	01538 751747

PUB STROLLERS (Webpage)

Wednesday February 15th. Start from the Alton Bridge Hotel ST10 4BX at 11:00hrs. Contact: Elaine/Austin Plant **01538 702225**<. Food orders need to be given to Elaine beforehand.

GROUP NEWS

TRAVEL AND LANDSCAPE (Webpage)

All U3A members interested are invited on **Thursday 9th February at 1.30pm at Tean Church Hall**, Vicarage Road (First right off Hollington Road) to enjoy an **EAST AFRICAN SAFARI**.

Elaine Beardmore will present a digital slideshow of her travels in **TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR**.

Phil Boyer is presenting a video slideshow of **UGANDA & KENYA**, which is based on 2 years living and working in Uganda in the 1970s.

(Note: Parking is available at the Church hall, and close by in Vicarage road and Hollington Road. Please arrive from 1.15pm)

Phil Boyer

ARCHITECTURE (Webpage)

We meet on Wednesday 15th February to look at the work of Edwin Lutyens and Richard Norman Shaw and in particular All Saints church in Leek, both architects are developing the Arts and Crafts ideals in their buildings in a delightful manner.

I have a visit arranged this Thursday to All Saints so I should have some lovely photographs to show you. On the continent the Bauhaus school is established and they have an effect on design and architecture which in turn influences architects such as Le Corbusier whose work is simple but beautiful. In America we will look at the later work of Frank Lloyd Wright such as the Guggenheim Museum and the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. I look forward to exploring these exciting buildings and learning from my research.

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

Indoor Bowling Group ([Webpage](#)) ([PhotoLink](#))

The 9 -11am indoor bowling group held their annual lunch at the **Ash Bank Hotel on Tuesday 24th January 2017**. 32 members attended. Our Annual Clubman of the Year was announced. This year there was a tie between Neville Brookes and Michael Tunnicliffe.

Michael Prince

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS - PLEASE HURRY! ([Webpage](#))

Time is getting very short now, as the end of February marks the end of the Period Of Grace for this year's renewals. Members who miss this deadline will, unfortunately, no longer be valid members of the Cheadle U3A. Their places within Activities will become available to others, and admission to some events might be refused.

So, for the last time this season, a team of us will be at the February Coffee Morning, ready and willing to renew your subscriptions. After that there will be one, perhaps two of us, until the Renewals start all over again on November the 1st.

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 cards as quickly as possible. If no envelope is provided, your cards will be available for collection at Coffee Mornings. Members who have paid by Standing Order but have not sent me an envelope can also collect their cards at Coffee Mornings, provided that their payments have been itemised on a U3A bank statement.

Membership Sec. Chris Beesley ([07790 689173](tel:07790689173)) - membership@theadleu3a.org

Cheadle Showcase Day 28th January 2017



Team Cheadle ran a Showcase Day promoting the town as a place to live and visit through exhibitions from sporting, leisure, environmental, historic and tourist groups. As part of this venture Cheadle U3A had a presence to promote, not only Cheadle U3A, but the fact that this year is our 20th anniversary; our list of forthcoming anniversary events will now be included in Team Cheadle's 'Calendar of Events' for 2017.

Helping to 'Man the Stand' were Dorothy Barnett and Val Egerton (pictured), Lynn Smith, Barry Barnett and myself. There were actually so many groups exhibiting Team Cheadle were in danger of becoming victims of their own success! In addition the Community Band played from 10.30 to 12.30 entertaining the exhibitors and visitors alike and refreshments were available throughout the day.

There was a steady stream of visitors during the morning, but as is usual with Cheadle, things went quiet in the afternoon (why is that!!).

Team Cheadle are doing a good job promoting the town and its amenities and I think they deserve all the support we can give them and any future events will be publicised in eNews.

Chris Mawdsley

SOCIAL EVENTS

Tickets for these events are available at the monthly coffee mornings.

25 February

A **U3A 20th Anniversary Tea** at the Guildhall with a performance by the **Not Strictly Barbershop**.

25 March an Evening of Nostalgia

Join us at the Guildhall for an evening of music from the **60/70s** guaranteed to get you on the floor reliving your mis-spent youth.

22 April (Saturday) we are going to hold our 20th Anniversary **AGM** and we're going to include some exhibitions from our art and craft groups. A complimentary light buffet lunch will be provided after the AGM and the Guildhall will remain open to give you ample time to examine the exhibitions and socialise with your fellow members.

NATIONAL U3A SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR 2017

The Third Age Trust runs a series of residential summer schools. This year they will take place on the following dates at these locations:

17th - 20th July at Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire

14th - 17th August at Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

11th - 14th September at Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

The cost is £299 pp for a residential delegate in en-suite accommodation, or £110 pp non residential, including lunches.

Details of the courses on offer and an online booking form maybe accessed from the Third Age Trust Website - at

<http://www.u3a.org.uk/>

BOOKING OPENED ON 23rd JANUARY

FOOD BANK

After their recent check they would be grateful for donations of the following items:- Peanut butter, cereal bars, sponge pudding, tinned soups, jam, shampoo for men and women, ladies products.
Thank you in advance for your help.

AN APPEAL FROM HOMELINK MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

They are in need of volunteers for this service.

At the moment, average production and delivery consists of 90 meals a week. They currently have a core group of seven pairs of volunteers, which allows them to complete two separate runs a day, Monday through Friday. Each run of meals on wheels can consist of between 4-9 meals, taking at maximum one hour to deliver, between 11:45 and 12:45. Each of the 'runs' is formulated by the Transport Manager to produce the most efficient delivery times.

Some of the volunteers help on one day a week, some on two. Ideally they would like to have a pair of volunteers per run, they currently have husband and wife teams, and a mother and daughter team. They do have individual volunteers who complete runs on their own, but when there are meals to deliver to couples, money to accept, receipts to issue, etc. it does become easier when there are two.

At the moment all volunteers who use their own vehicles, including meals on wheels volunteers, are offered mileage expenses of 40p per mile.

The volunteering process consists of an application form, completion of two references and a DBS Check (paid for by Moorlands Home Link).

The service has proved to be very valuable to the elderly people Homelink support. Meals on Wheels has given them the opportunity to have a nutritious meal delivered by a friendly face; something they very much appreciate.

If they could recruit more volunteers they would be able to help a greater number of individuals in Cheadle, and possibly expand the area covered to surrounding villages such as, Tean, Blythe Bridge, Werrington, etc.

If any U3A members would like to help please could they contact Homelink office on: **01538 750511** or email **cheadlehomelink**

FAIRTRADE GROUP

Cheadle Fairtrade Group would like to thank Cheadle U3A, and Dawn and her helpers particularly, for using Fairtrade tea and coffee at your monthly Coffee Mornings and for inviting us to run a Fairtrade Stall there, too. Dawn's helpers now have a wide selection of teas and coffees on offer, many of them Fairtrade. We appreciate the support. Members are now well aware of Fairtrade products, and are always very willing to try out many of the goods our stall provides. We have gained a very faithful clientele!

Takings of £453.90 for 11 months is an excellent total, and our local Traidcraft rep, Mrs. Ann Thorley, joins us in thanking all members for their continued support of Fairtrade. Over nearly eight years this amounts to almost £3,328!

We are happy to report that we successfully renewed Fairtrade Town status for Cheadle for the 3rd time in November 2016, and can now include 2 pubs serving Fairtrade drinks among our supporters!

We hope to provide a regular stall for you during the coming year and invite all members to look out in the local press for Fairtrade activities in Cheadle during Fairtrade Fortnight – 28th February – 14th March 2017.