



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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*Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, November 2nd** please.*

Do visit our **WEBSITE** on a regular basis. [www.theadleu3a.org](http://www.theadleu3a.org). It contains a calendar of events, information on activities, how to contact committee members, group leaders and much, **much** more.

### COFFEE MORNING

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY, 11TH OCTOBER - (Webpage)**

### GROUP NEWS

#### SHORT WALKS - (Webpage)

**Walks Schedule** (avg. Distance 4miles)

Date:	Start:	Leader:	Contact:
9 OCT	TBA	Gerald and Gladys (2)	01782 399519
16 OCT	TBA	Tony and Glyn (2)	01538722130/753272
23 OCT	Dilhorne	Fay (2)	01538 703161
30 Oct	Weavers Hill	Alan and Beryl (4)	01538 703161
6 Nov	TBA	Arthur and Mick (4)	750970/754259
13 Nov	TBA	June and Mick(3)	01538 723053
20 Nov	Croxton Quarry	John and Sandra (3)	01782 384955

#### RAMBLING GROUP - (Webpage) - (Gallery)

Lamaload (02-10-17) (PhotoLink)		Monyash (18-09-17) (PhotoLink)	
Shuttlingslow(04-09-17) (PhotoLink)			
Date:	Details: (For Milage contact leaders)	Leader:	Contact:
9 Oct	RUSHTON SPENCER	CYRIL	01538 751747
16 Oct	MARKET DRAYTON	ROGER B.	01538 723165
23 Oct	BLACK ROCKS	DAVE F.	01538 753572
30 Oct	GRINDON	PETER B.	01538 722425
6 Nov	TBA	GLYNIS & GEORGE	01538 752815
13 Nov	MERCIA MARINA	PAULETTE	01283 562735
20 Nov	WILDBOARCLOUGH	BRIAN B.	01538 753719

#### OCTOBER PUB STROLLERS (Webpage)

There is now a waiting list for our special Tissington Trail Pub Stroll on October 18th. For those who have put their name down for the trip, please be at the Cheadle Leisure Centre Car Park for the coach departing at 09:50hrs. For further details contact Margaret/Michael on **01538 755183**.

#### VERSE AND WORSE POETRY GROUP - Alan & Barbara Lewis - (Webpage)

The Verse and Worse Poetry Group currently has a few vacancies so if you are interested please ring Alan or Barbara on 754208. A little about the group. We are now in our 15th year as a Group in Cheadle U3A. Over all this time the format has changed very little. Our meetings are very informal and do not demand any poetry writing skills although a few of our members do have this ability and from time to time give us a reading. Each month we choose either a poet or a theme and members come to the meeting with a poem which they have researched either from books or from the internet which nowadays, of course has a wealth of material. At the meeting each poem is read (generally by the person who has brought it along but again this is not compulsory and a member is quite at liberty to ask another member to read it for them should they wish). Some of the poems engender discussion after the reading and in addition members often say a little about the poem or poet before reading it. This format is used in most of our meetings but occasionally a member will give a talk and occasionally we are entertained by a visiting poet. We are a very democratic and friendly group and the leaders try to avoid being prescriptive (if they tried they would never get away with it anyway apart from the fact that their own knowledge of poetry is insufficient to want or to do so). You are very welcome to attend one of our meetings without any initial commitment. If it proves not to be for you then fair enough. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the

Oakley Room starting at 10:30 am and finishing at 12 o'clock. Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 24th.

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### **TRAVEL & LANDSCAPE starting soon** - Phil Boyer - *(Webpage)*

Our group has been running for 12 years and inevitably there have been changes of regular membership. This summer we have sadly lost 2 regulars, Vaughan and Hilary Richardson, who have moved down south to be nearer family. We will miss Vaughan's enthusiasm for America as he has shown us virtually every state in the union from their annual trips. We wish them well. We always have plenty of space and warmth where we meet and I would like to welcome more members to come along whether regularly or occasionally depending on your interest in our members' travels.

Our sessions normally use a laptop and a digital projector and present slideshows of digital photos and the occasional video. Normally there are 2 shows one longer than the other. The next programme starts on Thursday 9th November and continues monthly until the 2nd Thursday of March. The first session will feature Northern Spain, its Atlantic Coast and Pyrenees. At later meetings there will be sessions on South Africa and Central France etc...

We meet at Tean Church Hall, Vicarage Road, off Hollington Road at 1.30pm, where parking is available. Just come along or email me at: [t&l@theadleu3a.org](mailto:t&l@theadleu3a.org) (For updated information check the Travel & Landscape page on the U3A website.)

Phil Boyer - Contact: [TandL@theadleu3a.org](mailto:TandL@theadleu3a.org)

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### **ARCHITECTURE GROUP** *(Webpage)*

The Roman Empire

On the 18th October we will be looking at the all conquering growth of the Roman Empire across Europe and North Africa. The Romans initially copied Greek architecture but then developed its form and function with their invention of concrete. This material allowed far more sophisticated buildings to be built including The Pantheon which two thousand years later is still the largest unsupported concrete dome in the world. We will look at the Romans at home and how they provided ample running water supplies to their towns, so much that they could exhibit fountains in the streets of Rome, when the rest of the world struggled to obtain any drinking water. Men conquered in warfare were taken back to Rome to serve as slaves or gladiators. The arrival of an imposing man on the scene brought about a massive conversion which influenced architecture in later times and we will look at those changes next month.

**David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB**

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### **WRINKLY RIDERS CYCLE GROUP** - Next few outings - *(Webpage)*

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Start:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Wednesday 11 October <i>(not 12th)</i>	Trentham to Aston Marina	-	-
Wednesday 25 October	Baconfest Hartington	-	-

**Further details contact Joan Charles. Tel: [01538 753545](tel:01538753545)**

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### **DANCE GROUP**

Over the summer term several members of Cheadle U3A (male and female) spent our Monday mornings helping out sixth form students from Blythe Bridge High School with their A level Dance Exam. Every week we experienced a different dance style which we thoroughly enjoyed.

One of the students, Keavy Miller, is a teacher at Miss Lou's Dancing School 51, Market Street, Longton and is starting up a new class for adults on a Wednesday evening 6-7pm. She plans to introduce a variety of dance styles. The cost is £3.50. This is a great opportunity for anyone who likes dancing and would like to try out some different styles, keep fit and, most of all, have fun! No experience necessary!

Contact Lisa [07976 924957](tel:07976924957)

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

The past two weeks have seen us enjoy DVDs of two brilliant and contrasting performances. Most of the two sessions were taken up by the superb Cameron Mackintosh 25th Anniversary celebration of The Phantom of the Opera with some wonderful singing and orchestral playing together with modern technology giving us some brilliant visual effects. The second half of week two was taken up by an unusual, amusing and comprehensive analysis of one the most innovative and greatest revolutionary works ever composed, Beethoven's Eroica. Almost impossible to believe that this wonderful work was written well over 200 years ago by a colossal genius who had risen from the depths of despair following his increasing deafness and near suicide. It sounds just as fresh today

and had a profound effect on compositions of composers all the way through to the 20th century. What made this DVD extra special was that it was taken from this year's proms and following the analysis, the whole work, lasting almost 45 minutes was played by the Aurelia Symphony orchestra completely from memory with some superb virtuosity particularly from the woodwind players. Beethoven was of course noted for his innovative use of this section of the symphony orchestra.

Just thought I'd let you know about one or two future delights. The next two weeks we will be watching (Oct 9th and 16th) a new performance of Mozart's brilliant Marriage of Figaro. Other items which will be in the pipeline in the near future will include a concert performance of Oklahoma from this year's proms. This features the John Wilson Orchestra in which local star Mike Lovatt (son of Ken Lovatt) is head of the trumpet section. Not to be missed. There will also be a performance of Puccini's La Boheme and a DVD of two colossal works by Rachmaninov. His brilliant 3rd piano concerto, a very difficult work to play and one of the "Everests" of the genre, together with his second symphony. Keep up to date with what's happening by clicking onto my site from the Cheadle U3A home page (Monday). If you wish to know anything about the group or have suggestions for future programmes (assuming I can get the DVDs)

please contact me on **01538 754208**.

Cheers Alan 🎵🎵🎵😊😊

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### **CHEADLE STAFFS U3A TRIPS 2017 - Margaret Plant - (Webpage)**

**Fri. Nov. 17th** Christmas Shopping Trip to Llandudno, Over 120 stalls Coach £15.00 + £2.50 entrance

**Mon.Nov.20th to Fri.Nov.24th 2017** Tinsel n Turkey Holiday to Eastbourne, Half Board £245pp. 2 Double/Twin rooms available.

**Thu.Feb.15th to Mon.19th 2018** Bowls group Holiday to Bournemouth. Have 1 spare Double rooms if you would like to join us £120.00pp. Only one pick up at Blythe Industrial Estate, Cresswell.

***The outstanding balance is now due.***

**June 3rd 2020, 8days Oberammergau**

If you are interested in joining the trip to Oberammergau for the Famous Passion Play which only takes place every 10years. June 3rd 2020. 8days from £1,499. Must be willing to share as there are few single rooms in Oberammergau, Deposits £150 pp are now due please book before the Dec coffee morning.

We will stay by Lake Garda for the first 5 nights visiting Venice & Verona with an optional extra to the Dolomites, then move to Oberammergau for 2 nights.

For details please ring text or email Margaret Plant

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A £5 Non Returnable Deposit will be required per person per trip booked. Please book with Margaret Plant at the coffee mornings or by phone: **01538 752 756** , Text: **07956 891 894** or email **[trips.holidays@theadleu3a.org](mailto:trips.holidays@theadleu3a.org)**

I'm sorry to say that due to lack of support the day trips will not be running next year. Thank you to all who have supported and travelled with me over the past 10 years.

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### **A PIECE OF CAKE - (Webpage)** (Click cake pictures for more detail)



At their latest meeting the Piece of Cake group enjoyed Roy's show stopping Russian Honey Cake!

They have even tried their hand at napkin folding. Most months the group samples one of the member's recipes but the group



isn't all about  
devouring cake!

Over the last couple of years they have researched and discussed the aspects and history of Afternoon tea, discussed sandwiches, breads, patisseries, scones, biscuits and sampled various kinds of tea along with a presentation about tea making.



*Glenys E. Hedges, Group Leader*

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### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS** (*Webpage*)

Hello Everyone,

The membership renewal season will start from next month, you will be receiving with your Autumn newsletter the new revised renewal form in a much easier format, so I look forward to meeting members at coffee mornings and receiving your letters in my postbox.

Best wishes, **Val Egerton** (*Membership Secretary*)

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday, 28 October, 7.00 pm at Checkley Community Centre**

#### **A Murder Mystery Evening**

Tickets for this event are still available and will be on sale at the coffee morning. Alan Lewis has undertaken to sell these at the coffee morning on 11 October as Barry will be away but directly after the coffee morning Barry will again be the main contact for ticket sales. (Tel: 01538 755796) This year it is the 'bring own drinks and nibbles' formula and the reduced ticket price of £5 reflects that. But it's still an opportunity to team up with friends and family and have a fun night out. This event is not restricted to Cheadle U3A members so you could bring non-member friends if you wish and also 'younger' people would be welcome, accompanied by parents/grandparents. Alan will have tickets and further information at the coffee morning.

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Tickets are available for our **Evening of Words and Song on 25th November** at the Cheadle High School, There will be song, there will be poetry, there will be drama. As well as being a celebration of our U3A's Twentieth Anniversary it will be the last performance for Not Strictly Barbershop led by Sarah Williams. She is putting away the baton after 15 years to spend more time with husband Steve. The evening will also include a complimentary glass and wine and mince pie during the interval. Tickets £4 will be on sale at the coffee mornings in October and November or directly from Barry.

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#### **"Moorland Voices"**

is a lock choir in Concert at Wolstanton United Reform Church, Newcastle in aid of church funds at 7.30 on Saturday October 7th. Tickets £5 All welcome.

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#### **Stop Press!!**

The date for the **U3A Rock'n'Roll Christmas Party** is confirmed as **Saturday 16th December 2017**. The venue is Cheadle Guild Hall Main Hall with a start time of **7.30pm**. The Cheadle U3A Guitar Group, now known as **Vital Sparks**, are your hosts for the evening providing some great **live music**, together with a guest appearance by a well known local musician. There will also be an opportunity to **win prizes** in **two quizzes** during the event. Tickets are on sale now at only **£4** each and unfortunately are **limited to only 200** so it is vital that you purchase yours at the first opportunity, which is the next Coffee Morning on Wednesday 11th October. See **Peter Moss** or **Roy Scott** at the Coffee Morning to make sure you don't miss an event which is bound to be a **Rock'n'Roll Success** and a great way to kick off your Christmas Celebrations.

**P.S. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes!!**

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## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

For the last three years, at the October Coffee morning, members have been able to join in "Operation Christmas Child" This involves the filling of a shoebox size cardboard box with children's toys that are then transported to children in the under developed parts of the world. Free explanations leaflets, and empty "Goboxes", will be available at the Oct Coffee morning for those who are interested in joining this worthy course. The filled boxes should be handed in at the Nov coffee morning

*Ken Mainey*

## **FOOD BANK**

We are grateful for all your donations, thank you so very much.

*Heather*

### **Things currently needed:**

Tea bags, coffee, biscuits, Smash, Tinned Sponge pudding, Tetrapak Fruit juice cartons

We would also be grateful for strong bags such as 'bags for life' bags and tin openers please.

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