



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, December 7th** please.

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.

COFFEE MORNING

THERE WILL BE COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER - (Webpage)

GROUP NEWS

SHORT WALKS - (Webpage)

Walks Schedule (avg. Distance 4miles)

Date:	Start:	Leader:	Contact:
13 Nov	Cheadle Leisure Centre	June and Mick (3)	01538 723053
20 Nov	Trentham	Gerald and Gladys (2)	01782 399519
27 Nov	TBA	Chris and Val (3)	07790 689173
4 Dec	TBA	Brian, Janet and Shirley (3)	01538 360852
11 Dec	Whiston	Eric and Margaret (3)	756463/753750
13 Nov	TBA	June and Mick(3)	01538 723053
18 Dec	Freehay, St. Chad's Church	Margaret Plant	01538 752756
25 Dec	Bank Holiday	No walk	-

RAMBLING GROUP - (Webpage) - (Gallery)

Rusheton Spencer (09-10-17) (PhotoLink)		Market Drayton (16-10-17) (PhotoLink)	
Black Rock (23-10-17) (PhotoLink)		Tean (30-10-17) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details: (For Milage contact leaders)	Leader:	Contact:
Nov 13	Mercia Marina	Paulette	01283 562735
20 Nov	Wildboardclough	BRIAN B.	01538 753719
Nov 27	Waterhouses	Mike P	01538 753979
Dec 4	Ticknall	Wendy and Norman	01538 754671
Dec 11	Carsington	Andrew H.	01538 756094
Dec 18	TBA	Cynthia	01782 870530
Dec 25	No Walk	Bank Holiday	-

NOVEMBER PUB STROLL (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
November 15	The Ship, Teanford	June/Mick	01538 723053

The Ship has asked that food be ordered beforehand. Please contact June/Mick for more details.

ARCHITECTURE (Webpage)

On the 15th November we will be looking at Roman architecture and society again, the invention of the arch that will influence architecture ever more, the different classes of houses, the aqueducts they built to get water to their cities including an ingenious syphonic system to cope with valleys, the drains to take the waste away, the fantastic roads they built over the whole Empire including Britain, the bridges over rivers, their triumphal arches to celebrate victories in war, their art and the end of their Empire. Did they become over stretched and over ambitious? More learned men and women than me debate that question endlessly, but what we do know is that an interesting man arrives on the scene who turns a society who worshipped many gods into a society who looked to only one god. He must have been enormously charismatic. This change resulted in the conversion of their many temples into churches and the building of new churches to worship this new god.

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

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

VIVA ESPANA! Our first meeting this winter may surprise you showing different aspects of SPAIN than are less well-known....no concrete hotels, sangria or bronzed sun worshippers! Instead some natural landscapes of the Atlantic Coast and Picos Mountains in the north, the historical Compostela

pilgrimage route, and a natural disaster story of recent times and in the Spanish Pyrenees. In addition you will also see a less tourist-like view of life in TENERIFE. "**Spain's North Atlantic Coast and the Spanish Pyrenees**" from **Phil Boyer** and "**Village Life in Tenerife**" from **Ruth Lucas** will be presented on **Thursday 9th November at 1.30pm** at Tean church hall. All members, old or new are very welcome as always welcome. (Ample parking available at the hall behind the church and also opposite at the **Village Hall** recently extended).

Phil Boyer - TandL@theadleu3a.org

MUSIC ENJOYMENT - Alan Lewis - (*Webpage*)

I am seriously considering closing the Music Enjoyment group which I have run for the past two and a half years. My reason for this is that the numbers I am currently getting do not justify the time I am spending each week in setting it up, running it and packing up at the end of each session. I am spending a total of about three and a half hours on Monday afternoons, time which I can usefully employ in other ways. I have a nucleus of regular attenders who obviously enjoy coming and I will be sorry for them if I decide to do this. Since recommencing the group at the end of September I have put 31 people on the register. The numbers for the last two sessions have been 9 and 8. There are several reasons of course why people may not come each week and I obviously respect that. However I am not prepared to continue the group with such a small nucleus (whilst others attend only on a casual basis) if numbers stay as low as I have indicated. Therefore I have decided to continue until Christmas and if at that time things are no different then the group will not reconvene and I will assume it is no longer required. As I have repeatedly stated it is easy to see what is currently on and what is coming up by simply going on my site via the Cheadle U3A home page.

Should anyone wish to contact me they may do so either on **01538 754208** or email: alan.lewis@theadleu3a.org

Alan Lewis

A POSSIBLE NEW GROUP

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

There is a possibility that a Group for Spanish for Beginners could start in the New Year if there was enough interest. Anyone who may be interested in joining such a group is invited to contact the Groups Co-ordinator, Helen Wainwright on:

01538 753326 or email: helen.wainwright@theadleu3a.org

WRINKLY RIDERS CYCLE GROUP (*Webpage*)

They celebrated the end of a wonderful season with their traditional Baconfest. Look out for the planning meeting in February 2018, although there may be one or two impromptu rides before then.

New recruits always welcome.

Contact Joan Charles. Tel: 01538 753545

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (*Webpage*)

Hello Members,

It's that time of year again RENEWALS are due. I have had many through the post and by now you may have received your new cards. For those of you who wish to come to the coffee mornings to renew your subscriptions the dates are 8th November, 13th December, 10th January, and your last chance is February 14th (Valentines Day). After that I shall have to remove your name from the database.

I very much look forward to meeting you and if I can help you in any way please get in touch either on the website or by telephone. I thank you in advance for continuing to be a member of Cheadle U3A.

Regards, **Val Egerton** (*Membership Secretary*)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK ON MARY BLAGG

Cheadle Historical Society, in association with Cheadle Discovery Group, will be meeting in early December to hear a talk entitled 'Mary A. Blagg's Contribution to Lunar Astronomy', commemorating the fact that she was one of the first group of women admitted to the membership of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1916. After an introduction, including a brief account of Mary Blagg's life in Cheadle, Kevin Kilburn, F.R.A.S. will describe Mary's work, which resulted in a crater on the moon being named after her in recognition of her role in expanding knowledge of our moon. He will also mention the contributions made by other early female astronomers. No matter what your knowledge of astronomy and the moon, you are sure to be enlightened by this presentation.

The illustrated talk will be given in the Community Theatre at Cheadle Academy on Wednesday, December 6th, starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a £2 admission fee, payable on the night, for non-members or you could join the Society for £5, which will entitle you to attend this and the remaining 8 meetings and visits in the current programme year. (Pay on the door).

SOCIAL EVENTS

EVENING OF WORDS AND SONG PERFORMANCE

Regrettably, due to a very low take up on ticket sales and following consultation with the Group Leaders concerned, it was agreed that the event be cancelled.

NOT STRICTLY BARBERSHOP'S farewell concert will be at Blythe Bridge Methodist Church Hall on Saturday November 25th at 7.00pm. All proceeds to go into the church funds as a thank you for their hospitality over the last 15 years. Tickets £5 from group members and at the coffee morning.

BARBERSHOP MEAL VENUE

Sorry for any confusion over the venue. Not Strictly Barbershop are celebrating with a meal at The Upper House, Barlaston NOT The Parks!! Any ex members who would like to join us please get in touch with Glenys **01538 753568** asap.

GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT!

Don't miss the coffee morning on 13 December, 10.00am-12.00. You can sing Carols along with the North Staffs Accordion Club which is currently recruiting new members. Club representatives will be available for a chat and THEY WILL BRING ALONG SOME INSTRUMENTS FOR YOU TO TRY!

Please contact our secretary, Steve Hughes or our chairman, Mike Richards, to find out more - we'd love to hear from you.

Steve: Tel: **01782 787935**, Mob: **07939362294**, email: **stevehg0@gmail.com**

Mike: Mob: **07823495042**

U3A ROCK 'N' ROLL CHRISTMAS PARTY 16TH DECEMBER

Tickets are selling FAST for this stupendous event!! Get your tickets at the November 8th coffee morning from Christopher Beesley, Roy Scott or Peter Moss, and have a great Rock'n'Roll start to Christmas. *(Click image to view full size)*

Cheadle U3A Proudly Presents

Its Xmas

Vital Sparks

Rock 'n' Roll Christmas Party

Live Music from "Vital Sparks" and Guests

Saturday 16th December 2017
7:30pm until 10:00pm
The Guild Hall, Tape Street, Cheadle

Two Special Quizzes with a Prize for Each!

Tickets £4.00 each, on sale during U3A Coffee Mornings
at the Guild Hall, Tape Street, Cheadle, 10:00am to 11:30am on

Wednesday 8th November
Wednesday 13th December
Bring your own nibbles and drinks

Chris on 01538 756323 or Pete on 01538 753072

TWELTH NIGHT SUPPER DANCE

A SUPPER DANCE WILL BE HELD AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS OF CHEADLE U3A.

The event will be held on SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH AT CHEADLE GUILDHALL (Hence the title). Music will be provided by Roy and Hazel (Who many in the dance fraternity know). The dancing will be a mixture of ballroom, latin and sequence dances with perhaps one or two party dances thrown in. Tim and Ann Mundy will be providing one of their by now famous (or should that be infamous?) buffet suppers. The total cost of this extravaganza will be a miserly £7.50. Tickets will be on sale to Cheadle U3A members and partners at the next coffee morning on Wednesday 8th November and depending in sales the event will be opened up to dancers outside the U3A at a later date. Tickets can be ordered from Alan and Barbara Lewis (Tel 01538 754208). You are advised to get your tickets early if you intend to come as numbers will be limited.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

A reminder to those members who are filling a Christmas Shoe box. Please bring the filled box to the coffee morning on Wed 8 Nov.

Thank you. *Ken Mainey*

FRAUD AND SCAM AWARENESS – 6TH DECEMBER 2017 10am AT THE GUILDHALL

(Click on picture for full size)



Following some general enquiries at a recent Coffee Morning we have arranged for Georgina Woodcock to come and speak to you about Fraud and Scam Awareness on Wednesday 6th December at the Guild Hall. She will be accompanied by PCSO Alison. The event starts at 10am with a presentation, followed by a question and answer session.

Usual group fees apply; coffee will be available afterwards which will give you the opportunity for a general chat with our Guests.

Hopefully we will all become a little more 'aware' and able to make life that much more difficult for any would-be 'Fraudsters'.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 6th.

A blog from the President (Click on picture for full size)



I had to go to Morrisons early this morning to buy some photocopier paper as we had nearly run out. Who should I then see outside the Guildhall but Mike and Margaret Prince and George and Glynis Fallows. They were busy planting out winter pansies in the tubs which Mike and others have established to commemorate our 20th Anniversary. The morning was dry but cool and the photos show four of our members hard at work to improve and beautify one corner of our town and let the people know who we are and what we do. Well done to these four hardy souls for all their hard work!

Barry Barnett



BIRD WATCHING - A Walk on the Wild Side

On the first morning in Norfolk we were woken up by the wind whistling and moaning around the hotel. No cooked breakfast for us that morning as the electricity cables had been blown down. We set out for the nature reserve after our cereal, yoghurt fruit and bread, well prepared for our walk on the wild side.

Cley by the Sea was our destination. Everything in sight was battling with the wind and then it was our turn. Our bird watching guide seemed undeterred, determined to show us the variety of bird

species that were brave enough to battle with the wind to search for their food.

The guide explained to us before he began the guided tour how the landscape had changed from 50 years ago, when the sea was hidden from this viewpoint by a barrier, a bank of shale, all along this coast. Now however the sea has worn away this screen and spread the shale all along the shore. As a result the wetlands which was once home to waders, water voles and otters was no longer a fresh water habitat but salt water and therefore the voles and otters had disappeared.

We zipped up our coats and set off along the dyke towards the beach.

We were surrounded on either side by tall reeds, which had flowered and the wind coming from the North West tore through the tall rust- coloured stems so that they waved, rustled, hummed and whispered, bent over with the wind's fury, while the sun beat down, reflecting on its constantly moving surface.

The further we walked along the dyke and nearer to the sea the gusts of the driving gale seemed to increase in velocity.

We were finding it difficult to stand up and keep our footing. Rocking about we tried to steady our binoculars and focus on the birds that the guide was pointing out to us.

Among the birds we spotted we saw Sandwich Terns, Avocets, Little Egrets, Redshanks, Ruffs and a Pectoral Sandpiper, to name a few.

The warblers which made their homes in the reed beds unfortunately didn't show their faces or even the tips of their tails, but kept well down out of the wind.

When we reached the beach it was high tide and the wild waves were rolling and swelling topped with white foam, then crashing with a roar onto the shingle.

Out on the horizon white wind turbines stood like sentinels, tall and proud their sails turning bravely battling the elements.

We turned and retraced our steps and visited one of the hides on the site.

Jean Reilly

CHEADLE FLOWER CLUB

Our Christmas Demonstration is always a happy and relaxing evening watching a professional arrange some beautiful Christmas flower arrangements from which we can gather ideas for ourselves. It is being held in Cheadle Guild Hall on Wednesday 15 November at 7.30 pm. Demonstrator Mark Entwistle. Tickets £7.50 including refreshments.

A raffle prize if you are successful - gives you one of the arrangements. We can watch with enthusiasm and share in the fellowship of watching and seeing beautiful images spring to life before us!!!

I have tickets available - so please let me know if you would like one or two or more.....

*Heather, Tel: **01538 752416***

FOOD BANK

At the moment we would be grateful to receive: -

Deodorants and shower gels for both men and women please as well as bars of soap.

We make up bags of toiletries for men and women so that these can be added to their allowances when they come for help - after all these are a necessity and when people are waiting for benefits or credits these items cost money which folks can ill afford when they need what cash they have for food and bus fares.

Thank you so much for your support.

Heather Bates

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