



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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*Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, January 4th** 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, 13TH DECEMBER - (*Webpage*)

STOP PRESS!!

VERSE AND WORSE - Alan & Barbara Lewis - (*Webpage*)

Special Rendition of Poetry by local, published poet Paul Fox. Tuesday 12th December at the Guild Hall, Oakley Room, 10.30am.

SOCIAL EVENTS

GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT! (*Website*)

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**

Last Chance, Last Chance!!

There are just a few tickets left for the Cheadle U3A Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December at 7.30pm at The Guild Hall. Tickets are a bargain at just **£4** each (proceeds to U3A funds) and can be obtained from:

- Christopher Beesley: **01538 756323**
- Peter Moss: **01538 753072**
- Roy Scott: **07751 180812**
- at the December Coffee Morning

Bring your dancing shoes and have a rocking good time on the 16th!!!

Peter Moss, Group Leader

TWELFTH 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.

Scam Awareness What a very good turn out we had to the Fraud and Scam Awareness presentation on 6th December. Georgina Woodcock from NatWest headed the talk, supported by Alison and Paula, two of our local Community Police Officers and Kate Dempsey who is a Staffordshire Crime Prevention Officer. The general feeling from those attending was that it was helpful and informative. It outlined the difference between a Scam and a Fraud and detailed various ways to avoid becoming a victim including the 'Take Five' plan to stop fraud:

- Never disclose security details
- Never assume emails or phone calls are authentic

- Don't be pressured into making a decision
- Listen to your instincts
- Stay in control

All common sense but as Kate and the others pointed out, and reinforced, these criminals are adept at wrong-footing us and being so convincing. So the message is BE AWARE and if you're not sure hang up, close the door, delete the e-mail. There is a plan for Georgina, Alison and Paula to attend coffee mornings from time to time so the opportunity will be there to chat to one, or all of them in the future, and if the demand is there we will run another session next year.

On a personal level can I thank everyone who came along to help set up and clear down. Can I also take this opportunity to wish all our members A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Chris Mawdsley

GROUP NEWS

SHORT WALKS - ([Webpage](#))

Hello All,

Our programme for this year is almost completed, hopefully the weather will be kind to us to permit the walks to go ahead each week. Steps are in hand to organise our programme for next year and should be circulated over Christmas.

Our final walks of the year are:

Monday 11 December – Whiston/Foxt – Eric and Margaret

Monday 18 December – Freehay St Chad's Church – Margaret Plant

Our year has been successful with a variety of different walk in various locations, only a very few Mondays were wet resulting in walks being cancelled. Early in the year we had our Spring Lunch and in late summer we had our annual coach trip to an area further from home. Both of these events were well supported and are expected to be held again in 2018.

We are disappointed that Cheadle U3A will not be able to fund the coach trip as paying the cost of the coach is in contravention of Charity Commission regulations. We accept this position. However, group members consider that the coach trip is worthwhile and we will find other ways of financing it.

New members are always welcome to join us. Just give me a call and I will provide further details.

Best Regards

Alan Mendelson, Short Walks Leader

Telephone: **01538 703161**

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

Just in case fellow walkers need to be advised, the walk that I am leading on Dec 11th will be starting from Ellestone, not Carsington as originally planned.

This alternative 7 mile, relatively level and easy walk, takes in the villages of Ellestone, Snelston, Roston & Norbury with some interesting historical features along the way.

Andrew Hornsby

Elastone (06-11-17) (PhotoLink) Cheadle (27-11-17) (PhotoLink)		Mercia Marina (13-11-17) (PhotoLink)	
Date:	Details: (For Milage contact leaders)	Leader:	Contact:
Dec 18	TBA	Cynthia	01782 870530
Dec 25	No Walk	Bank Holiday	-
JAN 2(BH)	ONECOTE	BRIAN H.	01782 397420
JAN 9	ALTON	ROSE & TERRY	01538 752705
JAN 16	XMAS WALK DILHORNE	PHIL	01538 756256
JAN 23	THORPE	PETER D.	01538 723556
JAN 30	FROGHALL	DAVE B.	01538 756975

DECEMBER PUB STROLL ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
December 20	Ramblers Retreat. Dimmingsdale, ST10 4BJ*	Margaret Plant	01538 752756

*All spaces for the Christmas Meal are taken, but all are welcome to join us for the walk at 11.00 hours.

ARCHITECTURE (Webpage)

There is no meeting in December folks, hope to see you again in January.

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

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

I am sorry to announce that the meeting on Thursday December 14th is CANCELLED due to a double booking at the church hall.

Our **next** meeting, **on January 11th, therefore**, will be this postponed programme which can be found on the webpage:

(a) Madeira

(b) From the French Mediterranean to the Central Massifs.

Phil Boyer - TandL@theadleu3a.org

MUSIC ENJOYMENT - Alan Lewis - (Webpage)

For our final session before Christmas on Monday Dec 11th I am hoping to show a performance of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty ballet. This is given by Matthew Bourne so like all his ballets promises to be somewhat different from the normal classical performance. It is billed as 'A Gothic Romance' which in itself sounds intriguing. The ballet occupies about 1 hour 45 mins so comfortably fits into one session.

This will be the final Monday afternoon meeting for this group as after Christmas it is moving to Wednesday morning to take place on all Wednesdays not already occupied by our monthly coffee morning and the Architecture group. The new sessions will start on January 24th at 10:00 am. Details of all the proposed dates are on the Music Enjoyment web page, easily accessed via the Cheadle U3A home page. If you were unable to come on Monday afternoons, are now able to attend, and would like to give the group a try you will be very welcome. Details of the initial programme will be published in the next e-news and on my webpage when I have arranged it after Christmas.

Any further information can be obtained by ringing me on: 01538 754208 or email: alan.lewis@theadleu3a.org

CARD CLASS (Webpage)

Just to say that the Card Class has decided to stay at the Cricket Club for the foreseeable future. Alternate Tuesday mornings 10 am.-12 noon.

Dates for after Christmas - 2018

January 23rd February 6th February 20th March 6th March 20th Easter.

New members always welcome. Come on the 5th and make some special Christmas cards!!

Stella Heritage

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

AND ANOTHER ONE ...

A POSSIBLE NEW GARDENING GROUP

I am proposing to start in March until October, a new gardening group (If enough members are interested)It may be held at the Cricket Club. Just once a month, on a Friday between 1.30 – 3 pm.

Please get in touch if you want to join this group: Val Egerton **01538 753248**

Many thanks.

WRINKLY RIDERS CYCLE GROUP (Webpage)

New recruits always welcome.

Contact Joan Charles. Tel: 01538 753545

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (Webpage)

Hello everyone,

Everything went well at the November Coffee Morning many thanks for your patience. There were a lot of members renewing their memberships, our computer was acting up but we got through it. Thank you to all helpers on the day. We are now holding our second coffee morning for renewing on the 13th December this will also be a busy one, I look forward to seeing you then. I am also grateful

to my correspondents, my post box has also be very busy and your cards have been sent out by return post. Your subscriptions need to have been renewed by 31st December.

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

FOOD BANK

Dear Friends,

We take again the opportunity to thank you all for your generosity.

However, we would be grateful for any donations to help us cover the running costs of the Food Bank as we have to pay rent, insurance and IT facilities which is a necessity for our work. There is a constant need too for toiletries and at the moment we would be grateful for contributions of:-

- Shampoo
- Shower Gel
- Deodorant for females

Many thanks, *Heather*

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