



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **April 2018 E-news**

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*Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, 3rd May** 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 APRIL - (Webpage)**

### AGM Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am, at the Guild Hall, Cheadle.

You will all have received your Newsletters by now, containing all the AGM papers, the meeting is on 25th April so I hope you've put the date in your diaries. There is a Proposed Amendment to the Constitution this year and we've put a copy of the Constitution as it would be if the amendments are approved, on the Website to make things easier. All the proposed amendments are in red. Please have a look at it before the AGM and if you have any questions we'll be happy to answer them then. The Committee look forward to welcoming as many of you as are able to attend, refreshments are available from 10am and the meeting will start around 10.30am.

Look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Chris Mawdsley  
Chair

## GROUP NEWS

### DRAMA GROUP (Webpage)

On Wednesday 14th March, our drama group performed at the 74th One Act Play Festival at the Mitchell Arts Centre, Hanley. The play was written by one of our members, Margaret Ede, and was called "Connie Benfleet and the Cleric". Our effort was well received and we were successful in achieving the Sentinel Cup for best supporting actor (David Shooter), the best director award for Marge Stanley and nominations for best actress (Sue Deaville), best comedy and best original play. It had been hard work but we had such fun and lots of laughs! New members assisted with stagework, set, costumes and prompting.

We hope to present it to all U3A members in the near future.

### SHORT WALKS - (Webpage)

Date:	Start:	Leader:	Contact:
2-Apr	Easter Monday	No Walk	-----
9-Apr	Barlaston	Fay Wright	01782 396461
16-Apr	TBA	Dorothy and Pat	757260 / 815379
23-Apr	Uttoxeter	Arthur and Mick	750950 / 754259
30-Apr	Parkhall	John and Sandra	01782 394955
7-May	May Bank Holiday	No Walk	-----

*Alan Mendelson, Short Walks Leader, Telephone: **01538 703161***

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

Froghall 5th March 2018) (PhotoLink)			
Date:	Details: (For Milage contact leaders)	Leader:	Contact:
<b>APRIL 2ND(BH)</b>	WILDBOARCLOUGH	BRIAN B.	01538756094
APRIL 9TH	MEREBROOK	CYNTHIA	01782870530
APRIL 16TH	LONGNOR	CYRIL	01538751747
APRIL 23RD	ALSTONFIELD	DAVE F.	01538753572
APRIL 30TH	THORPE	PETER D.	01538723556
<b>MAY 7TH (BH)</b>	GRINDON	PETER B.	01538722425

### APRIL PUB STROLL (Webpage)

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
April 18	Hollybush, Denford, ST13 7ST	Shirley/Pat	01538 361929

Leaving Leisure Centre Car Park at 10.15 hrs.

## KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

The knit and natter group is doing very well, we have made 143 Hats and 33 blankets for the prem unit at Royal Stoke hospital, and if anyone would like to donate unwanted wool we would be very grateful. It could be left at the coffee morning, we do just as much knitting as nattering.



**CHEADLE U3A GUITAR GROUP (Webpage)** has vacancies for new group members who play guitar (or other musical instruments). Whether you busk like Bob Dylan or jam like Eric Clapton you are welcome to join us at Cheadle Guild Hall on Friday afternoons between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. Contact Group Leader Peter Moss for details on **01538753072 / 07908533999**, by email; **[guitar@headleu3a.org](mailto:guitar@headleu3a.org)**. or just turn up at the Guild Hall Main Hall any Friday afternoon, preferably with instrument!

## NEW GROUP

Social Sewing Taster Sessions.

*Freehay Village Hall, 4th, 18th, 25th April. 1.00 - 3.00*

These are tasters to see how much interest there would be for a weekly group starting at the beginning of October. The plan is for members to bring ongoing projects. Anything sewing related, machine (bring your own) or hand sewing. All abilities welcome. These are not set 'lessons' but there could be workshops for those who wanted to have a go at something specific. I am open to all suggestions for content.

*Allison Maryon*

## CARD CLASS (Webpage)

resumes after the Easter Holidays on Tuesday 24th April. Cricket Club, Tean Road, 10.0.a.m.-12.00.noon.

New members always welcome. Alternate Tuesday from then.

## SINGING FOR THE UNTUNED (Webpage)

There are a couple of places now available for this session.

*Steven (01782 392972)*

## MUSIC ENJOYMENT - Alan Lewis - (Webpage)

This week we watched another in the series "Keeping Score" by the American Director of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra Michael Tilson Thomas. This consisted of an excellent talk, with music illustrations, on the life of the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and the composition of his Symphony No 5 with its hidden meanings. The talk illustrated his falling foul of Joseph Stalin and ultimately being lucky to escape the gulag or even worse during the Soviet terror of the 1930's. This was followed by an excellent performance of this superb work from the BBC promenade concerts at the Royal Albert Hall featuring the same orchestra and conductor.

There will be no meeting of the group during April as I am away next week and the fourth Wednesday, which would be our other normal slot is taken by the AGM. Our next meeting will therefore be on Wednesday May 2nd. I have not yet decided on the programme but it will be one which is completed within a single two hour slot as we cannot meet on the 9th. I will publish what I intend to show on the Music Enjoyment webpage accessed via the Cheadle U3A home page.

Please contact Alan on **01538 754208** or email: **[alan.lewis@headleu3a.org](mailto:alan.lewis@headleu3a.org)**

## GARDENING GROUP

Last month was our first meeting. I was overwhelmed with the response but delighted you all participated in the planning with enthusiasm. We are having our next meeting on 13th April, a plant swop and magazine swop so bring all your overspill!!! I will do a short presentation on lawn care

and preparation for the summer. We have a quiz to keep you thinking. I have arranged to go on a visit to a garden in Consall on June 8th (Our usual meeting date for June), we will arrange details of this when we meet. If you are interested

Please give me a ring to let me know. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Regards Val (Group Leader) **01538 753248**

### **WRINKLY RIDERS CYCLE GROUP** (Webpage)

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Start:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Friday April 6	Sawley	Peter L and Joan	-
Friday April 27	Derby	Malcolm	-
Friday 9 May	Stoke	John	-
Friday 25 May	Apedale	Jim	-

**Joan Charles. Tel: 01538 753545**

### **CHEADLE EXPO**



Val Egerton, Helen Wainwright, Dorothy and Barry Barnett and I 'manned the stall' or should I say table at this year's Cheadle Expo (last year it was called Cheadle Showcase Day). For those of you who don't know this event, it is an opportunity for local charities and volunteer services to let the people of Cheadle know what they're about and how you can participate, run by Team Cheadle who are there to promote activities and opportunities within the community.

Obviously Cheadle U3A took the opportunity to let people know who we are and what we're here for, although in all honesty we all felt the event was not as well attended as last year. However, we can but try.

My thanks to the U3A team for giving their time – on a Saturday – to participate in this event.

Chris

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

The last month has been rather quieter, but we have welcomed a number of new members. Hope you enjoy the groups and activities on offer.

Please be aware that you may have to join a waiting list on popular groups. Please get in touch if you need to discuss anything.

Regards Val(Membership Secretary)

### **FOOD BANK**

I am letting you know of our requirements. We are grateful to those who donate financially as we need to continually keep on top of our expenditure with rent, insurance and admin, all help from volunteers is unpaid and to them we express our grateful thanks.

Requirements at present are: -

TOILET ROLLS

COFFEE

TREATS – Chocolates.

TINNED FRUIT AND COFFEE.

Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Heather

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