



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, 7th June** 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, 9TH MAY - (Webpage)

AGM 2018

The AGM went very well this year, all done and dusted in half an hour – it's nice to know the Committee is on the right track and that we have your support for what we do. Three committee members stood for re-election this year, Dawn Maley, Mike Prince and Walter Jaggli and it was great to have two new volunteers for our committee, Roy Scott and Mike King, this means we now have a full committee.

We also used the occasion to present a small token of our gratitude to two of our Group Leaders, who have stepped down. It is only ever a very small token, but I hope they appreciate the extent of our gratitude for the work they have done. Our Group Leaders are the life-blood of our organisation, giving their time to share their skills over a wide variety of activities. As ever if anyone has any ideas on further activities, or topics of interest for presentations, please have a chat with the Groups Co-ordinator or a Committee Member and we'll have a look at it.

Well, that's my first year as Chairman over, here's to the next two. Thank you to all those who attended and I look forward to seeing you next year, and please – bring a friend, the more the merrier.

Look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Chris Mawdsley, Chairman

HOLIDAYS

Tinsel n Turkey Holiday - Thursday 8th November to Monday 12th November, to the Duke of Gordon Hotel, Kingussie, Inverness. Half Board and two day trips £275.00pp based on 2 sharing. A £40.00 deposit is required.

Please enquire via Margaret Plant email trips.holidays@theadleu3a.org ,Tel: **01538 752 756** ,
Mob: **07956 891 894**

There is also still time to book the Oberammergau Passion Play 2020 Trip which will spend 5 night at Lake Garda and 2 nights in Oberammergau district, 8 days £1,499.00. Departing 3rd June 2020.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Thursday, 19 July, 2 pm in the Guildhall.

Drama, Poetry, Music plus a Cream Tea, all for £3

The drama group of U3A (U3Act) is going to present, for the delight of Cheadle U3A members, their one-act play called ~Connie Benfleet and the Cleric (written by Margaret Ede, a member of U3Act and directed by Marge Stanley) The play runs for some 40 minutes so in the other half there will be music, some amusing poetry and maybe more items. In the interval, a cream tea of scones, jam, cream, plus a cup of tea will be served – all for the princely sum of £3.00!

Tickets will be available in the May coffee morning (9 May) and at subsequent coffee mornings in June (13th) and July (11th). Only 80 tickets have been released so it's important to get yours as quickly as you can. When they've gone that's it. Barry B will have them at the May coffee morning or you can order them by ringing him on **01538 755796**. Hurry, hurry! Great theatre is in high demand!

GROUP NEWS

SHORT WALKS - ([Webpage](#))

For the next five weeks.

Date:	Start:	Leader:	Contact:
7-May	May Bank Holiday	No Walk	-----
14-May	West Port Lake	Chris B	07790 689173
21-May	Florence Park	Gill and Joy	01782 392107 / 392451
28-May	Spring Bank Holiday	No Walk	-----
4-June	???????	Pam Keates and Elaine Plant	01538 723053

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

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

Merebrook (09-04-2018) (PhotoLink)			
Date:	Details: (For Milage contact leaders)	Leader:	Contact:
MAY 7TH (BH)	GRINDON	PETER B.	01538722425
MAY 14TH	WILDBOARCLOUGH	GORDON	01538722634
MAY 21ST	HARTINGTON	ROGER	01538723165
MAY 28TH	KERRIDGE	ROSE & TERRY	01538752705

MAY PUB STROLL ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
May 16	Toby Carvery (ex China Garden) Festival Park, ST1 5PA	Bill/Edna	01538 752467

Leaving Leisure Centre Car Park at 10.15 hrs.

WRINKLY RIDERS CYCLE GROUP ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Start:	Leader:
Wednesday 9 May	Around Longton	John Mountford
Friday 25 May	Apedale and Westport	Jim Chapman
Wednesday 6 June	Bathpool Park and Wheelock	David Clowes
Thursday 21 June	Rother Valley	Malcolm Jones

FURTHER DETAILS contact Joan Charles. Tel: 01538 753545

SINGING FOR THE UNTUNED ([Webpage](#))

This group now has a waiting list. If you are interested please email Steven Booth on singing@headleu3a.org with your name and telephone number and I will speak to you.

Steven

ARCHITECTURE ([Webpage](#))

We meet again on the 16th May to look at the Decorated style of Gothic architecture. This is the development of Early English as the architects (masons) refined and reduced the size of columns and piers, spanned larger distances with their arches and rib vaults, reached higher with their towers and made their windows much larger. The window tracery became more decorative and experimental and more stained glass was being introduced. Wealthy patrons were buying their way into heaven by giving the parish churches money to add side aisles and chancels to the existing churches as the population grew and need more space. If you go into a parish church (St Mary, Cheddleton for example) look out for the tell tale signs of where the wall was taken down to add a side aisle and an arcade to support the roofs.

Our cathedrals were of course at that time Catholic monasteries and they were becoming more prosperous as places of pilgrimage and seats of learning, so they were expanding as the population grew.

Beryl is going to give her talk on misericords and you wouldn't want to miss that, would you?

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

DRAMA GROUP ([Webpage](#))

U3Act your drama group entered the all England Drama Festival at the Mitchell Theatre on Wed 14th March 2018. The play **Connie Benfleet and The Cleric** written by Margaret Ede U3Act member and directed by myself. Very well received with a trophy for Dave Shooter for best actor and nominations for Sue Deville and the play. The group are hoping to bring the play to Cheadle on Thursday 19th July 2018.

For further details contact Barry Barnett.

Marge Stanley

CARD CLASS (Webpage)

Youâ€™d be surprised what we can do
When armed with paper, card and glue
Tea-bag folding, quilling, clever
Our creativity goes on forever
We make our cards and better too
We recycle goods and produce new
Birthday cards too good to throw
Bring them to us, a new life to show
Encaustic Art â€” always a winner
Embossing, even for a beginner
Come and join our merry band
And at different crafts just try your hand

Stella Heritage

MUSIC ENJOYMENT - Alan Lewis - (Webpage)

This week a small audience watched a performance of an early Donizetti opera, Gianni de Paris. This is a lesser known opera of the composer but nevertheless has a straightforward libretto with some excellent singing particularly from the male leads.

The final showing until September will occupy the two Wednesdays May 23rd and May 30th. We are ending this season with a performance of a **VERDI** operatic masterpiece, **OTHELLO** based on **SHAKESPEARE'S** play. The leads are taken by two world class opera superstars Placido Domingo and Dame Kiri te Kanawa whilst the orchestra is under the baton of a world class conductor, although now deceased, in the Hungarian, Sir George Solti. The performance took place in 1994 when all three were at the peak of their powers. No more need be said, we will be watching "the best of the best" operatically. More detail can be found on the music enjoyment web page accessed from the Cheadle U3A home page.

All welcome to come and watch this blockbuster.

Alan Lewis

GARDENING GROUP

The next meeting will be at the cricket club on 11 May at 1.30pm -3pm, I ill look forward to seeing you. We are visiting Sue Wardleâ€™s garden at Consall on Friday 8 June From 1pm until 4pm. Light refreshments will be served and the Â£5 fee will go to NSPCC. If any members would like to attend from U3A please call me for details - all group members please sign our sheet at the meeting. Lifts are available from the Cricket Club by prior arrangement.

Val Egerton (Group Leader)

A REQUEST FROM HOMELINK

I would be extremely grateful if you could pass on the following information to your members as we are in great need of volunteers for our Meals on Wheels service.

We deliver in excess of 100 hot nutritious meals on a daily basis to elderly people in Cheadle from Monday to Friday and we urgently need more volunteer teams to help support this vital service.

Volunteering for a service such as Meals on Wheels is very rewarding and all we ask is that volunteers are able to offer one or two hours each week on a rota basis.

Our volunteering process consists of an application form, completion of two references and a DBS Check (paid for by Moorlands Home Link). We do offer all of our volunteers who use their own vehicles mileage expenses.

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

Having more volunteers would enable us to help a greater number of individuals in Cheadle, and possibly expand our delivery areas to cover surrounding villages such as, Tean, Blythe Bridge, Werrington, etc.

If any of your members would like to help or need more information please could they contact our

office on **01538 750511** or email **cheadlehomelink@btopenworld.com** .

Thank you for your time,

Sharon Ball, Executive Manager, Moorlands Home Link

FOOD BANK

The following items are the current needs at the Cheadle & District Food Bank:

Chocolate biscuits, bars of chocolate, Tetra pak - Fruit Juices, Tins/pkts of ready made custard, Jars of jam (**NOT marmalade**) , small packets of sugar, tins of spaghetti.

Heather

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