



Hello Cheadle U3A Members

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

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*Items for the next E-news before 9am **Thursday, 6th September** 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

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO COFFEE MORNING THIS MONTH - (Webpage)

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 Â£275.00pp based on 2 sharing. A Â£40.00 deposit is required.

Please enquire via Margaret Plant email: plant320@btinternet.com, **01538 752756**, Mob: **07956 891894**.

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 Â£1,499.00. Departing 3rd June 2020.

U3A SUMMER SCHOOL

Last week Barbara and I attended our first U3A Summer School and we both thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was pure chance that I discovered the existence of these annual events back in April when I was trawling the U3A Resource Centre pages whilst looking for DVDs to use in my Music Enjoyment Group on the web. Despite being a member of Cheadle U3A for some 16 years or more, I had never heard of them, so I would imagine the majority of our current membership are in the same position. Therefore I thought I would write a piece for the Enews about our experience in case other people might be interested.

My attention was initially drawn to the fact that one of the two venues used each year is Harper Adams Agricultural University at Newport in Shropshire, less than an hour by car from Cheadle. (the other venue is Cirencester in Gloucestershire). Although the schools are residential you can also be a non resident if that is more convenient, so that the proximity of the venue meant that we could try it out this year without the expense of the residential fee, in case we found it was not for us.

Anyway one of the topics was Opera, in which I am interested, whilst Barbara joined the Play Ukulele group, in order to meet new people and to perhaps learn some extra techniques and improve her playing. Other topics included France, Garden History, Literature, Recorders, Cryptic Crosswords for beginners, Spanish, History etc. so a good range of topics from which to choose.

We both went not knowing what to expect and not knowing what levels of knowledge or experience, if any, would be required. In my case the tutor, whose love of opera went back to his teenage years, had chosen to look at Verdi's love of Shakespeare culminating in the two masterpieces of his later years, Otello and Falstaff (he was 80 when he completed the latter, an amazing achievement). In the course of the four days we were there I learned so much. Equally important however was that the course was conducted in a very informal manner so that the group melded together brilliantly and people were able to contribute their own knowledge and experiences. As Paul, the tutor, said at the outset. "I have obviously prepared a course programme, but it is far from rigid and your input- your sharing of your particular knowledge- can alter the direction of the course so that we all learn a little more", and that is exactly what happened. This was Paul's first experience as a Summer School tutor. As he said, he did not know what to expect either, so was really pleased that we had all got on so well.

Barbara also enjoyed the experience in an even less formal way because of the nature of the subject. Her tutor was very friendly and helpful and had a group of some 25 people. Their knowledge ranged from complete beginners to some with some degree of proficiency, though I do not think there was anyone at the level of some of the "expert players" within Cheadle UK3A. On

the final evening the group entertained us with a few songs in which we able to join including the "U3A" song. From what Barbara tells me it might be ideal for a beginner wanting a fairly intense introduction to the instrument, and to perhaps complement the time that Barry is able to give, should they perhaps wish to become part of our group assuming we have vacancies.

We were well fed and watered with coffee/tea and biscuits etc. both morning and afternoon together with a good three course lunch. Dinner was not included for non residents though you could take it if you booked the day before and paid the cost. Barbara and I chose not to as we travelled home at the conclusion of the afternoon sessions.

People were very friendly and at no time did we feel "out of it" despite our non residence status. Altogether a very pleasant experience which we will almost certainly repeat, maybe including residence next time.

Alan and Barbara

SOCIAL EVENTS

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!! Don't miss out! Get your tickets for the Summer Rock 'n' Roll Ball at the July Coffee Morning (Wednesday 11th July), which is the last coffee morning before the event on 25th August at 7.30pm in Cheadle Guild Hall, tickets are £5 each. There is no coffee morning in August.

If you can't make it to the July coffee morning reserve your tickets by phone with Peter on **01538 753 072** or **07908 533 999** or Roy on **07751 180 812**.

Meanwhile **Keep Rockin'**

Vital Sparks, your very own Rock 'n' Roll Band

THE BIG SING - MANCHESTER - 12th September 2018

U3A North West Region are organising **THE BIG SING**.

For details see the **"BIG SING" Flier**

To register, complete and return **"BIG SING" registration**.

U3A North West Region **Website**

GROUP NEWS

SHORT WALKS - ([Webpage](#)) ([Gallery](#))

Please contact Alan Mendelson telephone number **01538 703161** for details of future walks.

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

Date:	Details: (For Milage contact leaders)	Leader:	Contact:
AUG 6TH	ELLASTONE	PETER B.	01538 722425
AUG 13TH	WILDBOARCLOUGH	BRIAN B.	01538 753719
AUG 20TH	OSMASTON	CYRIL	01538 751747
AUG 27 (BH)	DILHORNE	BRIAN H.	01782 397420
SEPT 3RD	BAGOTS PARK	PETER D.	01538 723556
SEPT 10TH	YOULGRAVE	GORDON	01538 722634

JULY PUB STROLL ([Webpage](#))

Date:	Details:	Leader:	Contact:
August 15	Red Lion, Cheddleton	Shirley/Pat	01538 361929

Food needs to be ordered beforehand. Please contact Shirley for the menu.

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

Date:	Start:	Dist.:	Leader:	Contact:
Monday 6 August	Trentham to Aston Marina	-	Dee and Pam	-
Tues 14 August to Weds 15 August	North Wales Coastal path	-	Malcolm	-
Wednesday 22 August	Ford Green - Congleton	-	John	-

FURTHER DETAILS contact Joan Charles. Tel: 01538 753545

HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE ([Webpage](#)) ([Gallery](#))

is taking a short break until September but we shall return. Thanks go to all the lovely folk who

turn up each month and don't go to sleep, without you I would be talking to myself.

David Slade MA RIBA DPAGB

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP (Webpage)

The group started last October and has been meeting fortnightly since then. Led by Steve Williams, who is new to the U3A, the nine regular members of the group are all at various stages of research. There is a light hearted atmosphere and everyone enjoys helping each other to make exciting new discoveries. The group meets in the IT suite at the Guildhall.

Steve would be willing to start an additional group for beginners in the Autumn if enough interest were shown. If you feel you would like to take part in such a group, please let **Group Co-ordinator Helen Wainwright** know as soon as you can on **01538 753 326**.

NOTICE TO BALLROOM CLASS (Webpage)

Start date is 11 September (Not 4th September) Due to Guild Hall dance floor being treated. Look forward to seeing you on the 11th.

Liz, Dave and Sue.

MUSIC ENJOYMENT - Alan Lewis - (Webpage)

Having assessed whether or not to continue the group I have decided on a completely different approach. Although those who regularly attended the sessions found them enjoyable it was often not possible, because of the length of a work to show the whole piece in one session. This meant of course that those unable to attend two successive weeks missed either the first half or the conclusion of a work. In addition, from my point of view, Barbara and I were spending over three hours, including setting up and dismantling equipment for a two hour session with a regular audience of ten or less. From this I conclude that the group does not have mass appeal but that there are those who wish to enjoy what I am putting on. Therefore starting sometime in September I intend to run the group from my home assuming there is sufficient interest. The DVDs will continue to be obtained from the U3A Resource Centre but I will show them on my television coupled up to my Bose sound system which is superior to the system which I have used in the Guildhall. The other advantage is that there is little or no setting up involved, simply inserting the DVD and away we go. Another advantage is that I will be able to show a complete opera, ballet, etc. in one session. A further bonus is that we will be able to break off in mid session for tea/coffee and biscuits (even a glass of wine for those who cannot wait until the sun is over the yardarm (only joking, or am I?).

Because of the venue numbers are obviously limited and I anticipate a maximum of twelve people. I therefore intend asking, in the first place, those who have attended regularly as shown by the register. Any remaining places will then be filled by anyone else who might be interested. At the guildhall the sessions took place on Wednesday morning, but of course, it may be possible to have a different time or even to be somewhat flexible since the time will no longer be subject to a booked time. Anyone who might be interested can contact me by e-mail: alan.lewis@theadleu3a.org or mobile **07900798955**

CHESS GROUP (Webpage)

Would you like to exercise your brain with a game of chess? If so we would like you to join our Chess group in the Guild Hall Oakley Room on Tuesdays, 2 pm to 5 pm. We welcome learners and people who haven't played for a while but would like to start again.

Gordon Shaw, Chess Group Leader

GARDENING GROUP

We had a fascinating talk at our July meeting on Bees, Mike King was our meeter and greeter to welcome Mr Michael Walker from Biddulph and help with setting up slides etc. Brian Standaloft gave a vote of thanks to our speaker and we tasted honey from Mike's hives which was delicious. My thanks also to Doreen for her help with the register. We now know a lot about bees pollinating our garden flowers and produce and realise they are very important in our well being from honey in our diet to using it for medicine and wound healing, all very interesting. Our next meeting is on 17th August, will see you all then.

Val Egerton (Group Leader)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS (*Webpage*)

The membership is pretty static at present one new member this month, a lot of you will now be preparing for holidays if not looking after grandchildren in the school recess. Whatever you are up to have a good time. And look forward to starting again in. Of course I remain available if you need me via phone or e mail.

Cheers Val Egerton (Membership Secretary)

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