



**Hello Cheadle U3A Members**  
Welcome to the **Dec/Jan 2019 eNews**  
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Items for the next eNews before **9am Thursday, 24th January 2019 please.**

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Do visit our **WEBSITE** on a regular basis. It contains a calendar of events, information on activities, how to contact committee members, group leaders and much, **much** more.

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### **COFFEE MORNING** ([Webpage](#))

PLEASE REMEMBER THE COFFEE MORNINGS ON **WEDNESDAY, 12th December 2018 and 9th January 2019.**

### **News from Chris Mawdsley (Chair)**

#### **Membership Renewal**

It would appear some confusion has arisen concerning the period U3A membership is valid for, so for the avoidance of doubt Cheadle U3A membership runs from 1st January to 31st December each year. Membership renewal facilities are available during the November, December and January coffee mornings, or by post with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. **Those who have not yet renewed are nevertheless valid members until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**, however time is running on, so I would recommend you renew sooner rather than later. Nothing has changed in the last few years and I'm unsure how the confusion has arisen, but I hope this clarifies things.

In the meantime, this is a timely opportunity to wish everyone **A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**



#### **Safeguarding Policy**

At the committee meeting, on 21<sup>st</sup> November, we approved our Safeguarding Policy and Procedure, which means that we are required to:

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- ii. Set an organisational culture that prioritises safeguarding, so it is safe for people to report incidents and concerns in the knowledge they will be dealt with appropriately.
- iii. Have adequate safeguarding policies, procedures and measures to protect people and make sure they are made public, reviewed regularly and kept up to date.
- iv. Handle incidents as they arise and if necessary, report them to the relevant authorities.

The committee member responsible for 'Safeguarding' is our Almoner, Dawn Maley. So, if you become aware of possible incidences of neglect, abuse or someone you feel is particularly vulnerable you should contact Dawn in the first instance.

The Safeguarding Policy is available on the Web Site. [Download Here!](#)

## **Mike King**

It is with regret that I have to let everyone know that Mike King has had to step down from the Committee due to ill health. We would like to thank Mike for his contribution over the last few months and wish him better health in 2019.

This means he will not be taking over as Registers Secretary and Jenny Crump has kindly offered to continue with this role, until we can find a replacement. It also means that we have a vacancy on the Committee, so if anyone thinks they would like to contribute to the running of our U3A please let me know and we can arrange for you to be co-opted onto the Committee, with a view to standing for election at the AGM next year.

I look forward to being on the receiving end of all those excellent New Year resolutions.

## **GROUP NEWS**

### **Singing for The Untuned** ([Webpage](#))

With the register nearing 50 and a regular attendance of 35, I am having to close the waiting list. This is an exciting reflection of the pleasure and fun we have at these twice monthly sessions but is unfair of me to keep adding to a waiting list which often takes 6 months for me to get to! I will advise all when the waiting list is to be opened again, but I wish to take this opportunity of restating an expectation of a minimum of 50 % attendance.

Enjoy Christmas and the New Year; and keep singing!

**Steven**

### **The Architecture Group** ([Webpage](#))

The Architecture Group does not meet in December as I suspect no one would attend with a rival attraction but we will meet again on the 16th January to look at the continuation of the Late Renaissance in the Stuart Period and Palladianism and then we will also look at the excellent revolutionary churches built in London following the Great Fire by Wren, Hawksmoor and others. These one cell preaching churches turned worship on its head and are an interesting prelude to the about turn that happens in the Gothic Revival when worship reverts to its earlier origins, led and inspired by one man. These interesting changes in worship patterns are driven by the political and social attitudes of the times, so it is worth contemplating on the severe effects of social conditions on the type and style of the architecture of the times. Although Wren certainly drove the style of architecture, how much was he influenced by outside influences, what drove the move towards a preaching box church?

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

Please contact Alan Mendelson telephone number 01538 703161 for details of future walks "Hello Short Walkers and Cheadle U3A Members

This has been a very difficult year. First it was very wet, then it was very hot neither condition favourable for walking.

So, our numbers dropped. This year we have had more illness and injuries than I have known before and our numbers dropped to around 8 or 9 walkers.

I am pleased to report members are back and we are now averaging 25 walkers again. We can also welcome several new walkers who have recently joined our group.

Early in the year we had our Spring Lunch, but the coach trip failed to materialise due to financial issues and low numbers. I am happy to announce that both events are in place for next year. Keep the dates free if you are interested, see [programme attached.](#)

The programme for next year is filling up but there are still gaps to be filled. However, I have published the programme now, so Walkers can see what to expect. We still have a

few more walks before Christmas, weather permitting, keep an eye on your emails. New Walkers are always welcome to join us please call me on the number below.

Best regards

**ALAN** - Short Walks Leader

### **The Cycling Group** ([Webpage](#))

The Wrinkly Riders are meeting on Monday 7th January to discuss the possibility of one or two short breaks. Anyone interested in joining us should telephone Joan Charles **01538 753545**.

### **December/January PUB STROLLS** ([Webpage](#))

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Details:</b>	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Contact:</b>
Dec. 19th.	* Ramblers Retreat, Dimmingsdale, ST10 4BU*	Margaret Plant	01538 752756
Jan. 16th.	** T.B.A.	Margaret/Michael	01538 755183

\* All spaces for the Christmas meal are taken, but all are welcome to join us for the walk at 11:00hrs.

### **GARDENING GROUP** ([Webpage](#))

Hope you are all enjoying your break and organising your seeds and have done the winter digging. I have had quite a few responses to the trip London Gardens, so will be contacting you about that early in the new year so you can book yourselves a place. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Val Egerton**(Group Leader)

### **Country and Western Group**

There is the possibility of a Country and Western group forming to meet twice monthly and anyone who is interested is asked to contact Peter Moss to express their interest. His email address is [apmoss121@gmail.com](mailto:apmoss121@gmail.com) and his phone number is **01538 753072**.

There is a strong possibility this could start in January.

### **VERSE AND WORSE** ([Webpage](#))

## **VERSE AND WORSE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**

On **TUESDAY DECEMBER 18TH** the U3A poetry group **Verse and Worse** will be holding its usual monthly meeting but this month with a difference. We will be having a visit and rendition from our friend and published poet Paul Fox. Paul has visited our group on several occasions and his renditions of his poetry are always entertaining. Quite a few of you have been to see him on previous occasions so are fully aware of his act and repertoire of poetry. Anyone expecting verse which describes **hosts of daffodils (Wordsworth)** or **hoping to be compared to a summer's day (Shakespeare)** will be sorely disappointed. Paul's poetry is, in general, aimed at stimulating your "chuckle muscles" and in this aim he succeeds admirably. Furthermore he will be reading from his newly published book entitled intriguingly **The Underpants of Doom**, don't ask, I didn't dare, but I'm sure everything will come out in the wash so to speak. One thing's for sure if it's anything like his previous publications, you will be in for a treat. We might even persuade him to bring along his 12 string guitar on which to accompany the odd ode. Hopefully Paul will bring along some of his books for your perusal and possible purchase, both his new one and maybe his previous one. They make excellent reads and last minute Christmas stocking fillers and furthermore all proceedings from these sales are donated to a very worthwhile cause in Katharine House Hospice, Stafford.

The session will be held in the **Guildhall, Main Hall**, and will run from **10:30 till 12o'clock**. **Tea/coffee and biscuits** will be provided and **the total cost will be £2** in order to defray Paul's fee and travelling expenses etc. All are welcome, you do not need to be a member of the poetry group and you are welcome to bring a friend with you if you wish. Last time Paul came we had an audience of some 50

people and are hoping to exceed this on this occasion.  
So if you want to put a smile on your faces prior to the stress of Christmas please come along and enjoy

Alan and Barbara Lewis ([Webpage](#))

### **Drama Group** ([Webpage](#))

The group are busy rehearsing for their next performances. We will be closing for Christmas on 6<sup>th</sup> December and re-opening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**Marge Stanley, Leader.**

### **SEWSOCIAL** ([Webpage](#))

Freehay Village Hall. Wednesday 1.30 -3.30.

Social sewing group. All needlecrafts welcome. The intention is not teaching but learning through sharing knowledge. Occasional group projects but these are not compulsory. Starting date for the new year is January 9th. We look forward to seeing you.

Many Thanks

**Allison Maryon**

### **BRIDGE** ([Webpage](#))

I hope to start a small group of total beginners on Thursday afternoons. There are 3 names so far and 2 more would help. Is there anyone who would like to try the card game of Bridge? It will need commitment and some homework, while patience will be helpful as learning Bridge is a lifelong activity. However, in a year you should have the basics if starting from scratch. If still interested contact Steven on **01782 392972**

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### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS** ([Webpage](#))

Thank you for making the first month of renewal go so smoothly. The coffee Morning went well and the next one is 12<sup>th</sup> December where the team will be there to help you renew your membership subscription. Please remember to enclose a SAE with your postal requests as I cannot return cards without this, these cards will be at the coffee morning ready for collection. Just to remind you that all subs should be received by 31<sup>st</sup> December, and those not received by the end of February will be removed from the database and you will no longer be a member of Cheadle U3A. There will be a coffee morning on 9<sup>th</sup> January also on 13<sup>th</sup> February where I will be in attendance for renewals and will look forward to seeing you. May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope for your continued support in 2019.

Regards **Val Egerton (Membership Secretary)**

### **Message from the Editor**

May I wish you all the very best for Christmas, and that you have a great New Year. Thank you for your support so far.

**Roy Scott**