



## **Hello Cheadle U3A Members**

Welcome to the May 2019 eNews

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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.

**Don't forget the next Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 8th May at 10.00a.m.**

### **Pub Strollers** ([Webpage](#))

The Pub Stroll for May is as follows:

**15<sup>th</sup> May**, Butchers Arms in Forsbrook, Lead by Pat & Shirley, Contact: **01538 815379**

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

**Tuesday 7 May:** Forest Park Circular, 16-20 miles.

**Leader:** David Clowes **07512245900**

**Thursday 23 May:** Sawley Marina and Nottingham, 18-20 miles.

**Leader Peter:** Lamb **07940784660**

**Wednesday 5 June:** Cannock Chase from Seven Springs, 16 miles.

**Leader:** Malcolm Jones **074843326**

Full Programme on the Cycling [Webpage](#) or contact Joan Charles **01538 753545**

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

**Wed 1.30 - 3.30 Freehay Village Hall.**

During the New Year we have had a wide variety of activities. Dressmaking, Hat making, Bag making, Memory Quilts, Curtain making, upholstery, Tapestry and Cross stitch, all as individual projects.

During March we have had a group project making Easter bunnies. Much fun & giggles along the way.

If you enjoy any needlecraft, come along and join our group of friendly, like minded ladies. Freehay Village hall is a lovely venue with convenient parking and plenty of room for machines/cutting out etc.

**Allison Maryon**

### **Walking Netball**

This will take place on Friday afternoons, between 2 and 3 p.m. at Cheadle Leisure Centre - a date will be forwarded to those interested.

### **Walking Hockey**

There is a possibility of Walking Hockey and a taster session will be available and information as to date and time will be available shortly. This will be for both men and women.

Please contact Jenny Crump on **01889 5056743** for either of these groups.

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

There will be no History of Architecture in May but I look forward to seeing you all in June when we will be looking at the massive swing to Gothic Revival driven on by the dynamism of our local hero Augustus Pugin.

I think it true to say that we all enjoyed our field trip to Pugin's gem here in Cheadle, a delightful introduction to the architecture that becomes the facade of Victorian identity.

[davidaslade@aol.com](mailto:davidaslade@aol.com)

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

The walks for the Ramblers in May are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Point</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>6th May</b>	Cauldon	Derek	<b>01538 752257</b>
<b>13th May</b>	Onecote	Brian B.	<b>01538 753719</b>
<b>20th May</b>	Rushton Spencer	Cyril	<b>01538 751747</b>
<b>27th May</b>	Chelmorton	Dave F.	<b>01538 753572</b>

### **Short Walks** ([Webpage](#))

Short Walks have been going splendidly, the weather has been very kind to us and we have been to some wonderful places.

The idea of Short Walks is to get out in the fresh air for some exercise (sometimes the hills are demanding) and good company without committing the whole day to the activity. My ideal walk will finish in time to allow me to get back home for lunch at 1.00pm.

Our two big events of the year have been a great success and very well supported (over 40 members on each occasion), for this I am very grateful to Group Members. Back in February we had our Spring Lunch at the Royal Oak in Dilhorne, after a shorter walk than normal we had a splendid lunch. At the beginning of April we had our coach trip, we were dropped off at Chatsworth House and we walked through the park, across the fields and golf course to Bakewell. A wonderful area with incredible views across the park to the House, it was really worth the effort. Every one turned up back at the coach on time for which I am truly thankful. The paper work involved for losing a group member is astronomical.

I have rationalised our list of group members so that Cheadle U3A have a better knowledge of how many members are in our activity, I have removed the names of those walkers who I have not seen for a long time. If anyone wants to come back to the group they are most welcome, just contact me on the number below. Walkers who I know are absent through sickness or injury will continue to get the e-mails and I hope they recover fully and are able to rejoin us shortly.

Being an outside activity we are not restricted on the number of participants in the group. If you want to join us please contact me on the number below and I will provide you with the relevant information. When you turn up at the Cheadle Leisure Centre on a Monday morning I will get you to fill in one of our registration forms so that you have the necessary Health and Safety Information.

## Our Walk Programme for the next 6 weeks is as follows:

<b>6 May</b>	May Bank Holiday	No Walk
<b>13 May</b>	Dimmingsdale	Pam and Elaine
<b>20 May</b>	Greatgate	Eric and Margaret
<b>27 May</b>	Spring Bank Holiday	No Walk
<b>3 June</b>	-----	No Walk

Please contact Group Leader for further details.

[alan.mendelson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alan.mendelson@hotmail.co.uk)

Alan Mendelson **01538 703161**

## U3A Travel Group [\(Webpage\)](#)

This month I want to tell you about two holidays I have sorted out. The first one is a Turkey and Tinsel break for four nights, to Newquay, staying at the Barrowfield Hotel. The date for this break is from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The price is as follows £206 per person for a twin/double room, and £216 per person for a single room.

Secondly, I have found cabins available on the P&O cruise ship Ventura, for a 12 night cruise to Madeira, and the Canary Islands. The cruise leaves on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, from Southampton, so no flying, and leaves just in time for you to do your Xmas shopping in the sunshine, as there are no luggage restrictions.

For more details about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me, on **01538 756583**, or [mellorwest@aol.com](mailto:mellorwest@aol.com).

I will be in my usual seat at the next Coffee Morning, please come and say hello.

## U3A Art Group [\(Webpage\)](#)

### ART CLUB NEWS

The Art Club currently has 30 members and we have had a very busy and enjoyable term. We are proud that our 30+ poppy paintings, completed for the 'Flanders Field' exhibition which commemorated the Anniversary of the end of WW1 are now included as part of the 10,000+ paintings at the Society for All Artists Headquarters in Nottingham. The exhibition was opened by the Mayor of Newark at the beginning of April and is available to view on certain days listed on the SAA website.

In February we invited the talented professional artist Brian Smith, from Sheffield, to work with us on an artist's 'surgery'. We had a great time wading through Brian's extensive 'out takes' (instruction sheets) and watching him paint solutions to our many problems and questions. This session has generated much food for thought and given us renewed inspiration for our painting. We hope he will visit us again sometime.

As usual we took part in the Cheadle Arts Festival High Street Gallery and Showcase Day in March. There was excellent attendance at the Showcase Day, helped by the performance of the Community Band who brought in the crowds with their rousing music! This event is now firmly in our calendar and a good time was had by all.

This year we have decided not to hold our established annual Summer Exhibition at the end of July in the Guild Hall. This has been a tough decision, but many of our members have had a difficult time with family illness, surgery and bereavement and I feel we are all in need of a good rest. We will be back next year with renewed vigour!

In the pipeline we are exhibiting paintings at Ipstones show on the last Saturday in August and our weekly 'en plein air' sessions will resume at the Ramblers Retreat on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We have also been invited to put on small group painting sessions in Cheadle Library and these will start after Easter, times to be confirmed, so no excuse for allowing our brushes to dry out over summer.

If you would like more information about our activities please contact Viv [07718585279](tel:07718585279)

### **Lunch Club**

The Lunch Club will meet at the Ship Inn, Teanford on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 12noon.  
Margaret Plant

### **Calling all you ex cyclists! ([Webpage](#))**

Have you ever thought what it would be like to ride on an electric assisted bike (E-Bike) ?

Now is your chance to try one out completely free of charge. Head to [my page](#) on the cycling section for more information.

Peter Lamb

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

The group took part in the annual National One-Act Drama competition in March, performing two plays. Although this year we did not get any awards, the plays were well received. As with last year, we would like to give you all the opportunity to see these plays. We are in the process of planning a drama evening in the Guildhall later this year. Watch this space!

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