



## Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the September 2019 eNews

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Items for the next eNews before **9am Thursday, 26th September 2019** please. It would be helpful if people sent their news items in good time, otherwise they risk not getting them published.

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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.

### **COFFEE MORNING** (*Webpage*)

The next Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday, 11th September at 10.00a.m.**

### **BOWLING GROUPS** (*Bowling1*) and (*Bowling2*)

The Bowls group holiday to Weymouth on Wednesday 5th February to Sunday 9th. £135pp has a few twin bedded rooms available also 2 single rooms with steps. Please contact Dawn Maley on **753578** or Margaret Plant on **752756**.

Thanks, **Margaret & Dawn**

### **CARD CRAFT** (*Webpage*)

The Card Class has now finished for the summer.

I hope to start the bi-weekly Card Class at the Cricket Club 10.0.a.m.-12.0. on Tuesday 17th September. We are always open for new members.

**Stella Heritage**

### **CHESS - Exercise for the Brain** (*Webpage*)

Did you used to play Chess and would like to start again, or to learn? If so come to the Oakley Room at the Guild Hall, Cheadle on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm - 5.00pm, and join a small friendly group of mixed ability players.

If interested contact **Gordon Shaw** Group Leader on **01538 755613**

### **SINGING FOR THE UNTUNED** (*Webpage*)

The waiting list for the above is now empty and before the usual enquiries come in, usually from September, I offer you the chance to express now, your wishes to join the above group. Although the attendance list of 50 is currently full, vacancies do regularly occur.

Plan now for the winter months.

Note we are not a choir but aim to have fun while singing popular songs.

**Steven**

### **CYCLING GROUP** (*Webpage*)

**SEPTEMBER OUTINGS - WEATHER PERMITTING!!**

**Wednesday 4 September:** Staffordshire 4 villages 22 miles, **Leader:** Joan Charles

**Thursday 19 September:** Middlewood Way **Leader:** Dave Burrage

**Monday 23 September:** Trentham, Longton, **Leaders:** Garry Quinn, Dee Ford, and Emma Bridgewater

Full Programme on the Cycling **Webpage** or contact **Joan Charles** **01538 753545**

### **Walking Netball** (**Webpage**)

Walking netball has got off to a good start on a Friday afternoon at South Moorlands Leisure Centre. The session is from 2 pm to 3 pm and U3A members are welcome to come and give it a try. Please wear non marking shoes and bring a bottle of water with you. I promise no running or jumping!!

### **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**)

History of Architecture

We meet once again on September 18th to look at the developing style of Gothic Revival and its battle with Classical architecture to become the prominent expression of the growing wealth of commercial cities. We will look at the social conditions of the Victorian period as the working man was so poor, while the aristocracy and professional classes were so rich, and do we see an emergence of a middle class? Some classes of people are becoming more mobile as the railways are developed to cover the whole country and towards the end of the Victorian era even the poor can go to the sea side, so how does that affect the architecture? We see the emergence of great engineers and new materials such as steel. The Crystal Palace is a revolution in architecture and 'spending a penny' is absorbed into the language. This is a great and exciting time for architecture.

### **DavidSlade MA RIBA DPAGB**

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### **Cheadle 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 9th November, until Wednesday 13th 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 1st 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 **Email**

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

## **Cheadle U3A Art Group** *(Webpage)* **ART CLUB NEWS**

This year we decided not to hold our established annual Summer Exhibition at the end of July in the Guild Hall. This was 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. We had also been invited to put on small group painting sessions in Cheadle Library and these have now started.

If you would like more information about our activities please contact **Viv** **07718 585 279**

## **Guitar Group**

Cheadle U3A will be holding a Rock'n'Roll Pre-Christmas Party at The Guild Hall Cheadle on Saturday 7th December 2019 from 7.30 pm Till 10.30 pm. Live music. Dancing to Cheadle U3A's own Rock'n'Roll Group. Proceeds to u3a funds. Tickets £5 from **Peter Moss: 01538 753 072.**

## **GARDENING FOR PLEASURE** *(Webpage)*

Hello Everyone, we had a very well attended meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> August 19 attended, we had discussions on our gardens various problems were solved by combined efforts. We also tried with much amusement to name a mystery plant of one of our members who texted a photograph. We had advice on heathers and pruning, also hedge cutting. Next month's meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> September when we will be discussing taking soft cuttings (Fushsia) Please remember to make your scarecrow! Enjoy. Our thoughts and kind wishes go to Bill Stanley. I look forward to seeing you then regards **Val**

## **DRAMA GROUP** *(Webpage)*

Plans are now being made for our Drama evening in the Guildhall.

You were all notified previously, that this would be 19th. October. However, due to a booking mix-up, this date had apparently been booked by another group. Accordingly, we will now be performing on Saturday, 23rd November. More details to follow.

## **PUB STROLLERS** *(Webpage)*

Our next Pub Stroll is on Wednesday 18th September at 11.00hrs, and is from the Duke of York at Barlaston ST12 9AA. We will be leaving the Leisure Centre car park at 10.15hrs. Food orders must be in by SEPTEMBER 4th. For details of the menu, contact the leaders – Bert and Janice on 01782 396458.

## **The Knit and Natter Group** *(Webpage)*

The knit and Natter group have just sent 17 blankets, 113 hats and 11 vests to hospice Africa well done everyone, we also sent 44 baby blankets, 56 hats and 57 cardigans to the prem unit at Royal Stoke, all were very gratefully received. The class starts again on the 3rd September, so

ladies knitting needles to the ready, hope to see you all then , after a well earned rest. **Brenda**

### **ADOBE PHOTOSHOP BASICS (Webpage)**

This Group is closed for the summer break and will resume 10th September 2019.

**Linda Keighley**

### **Model Group (Webpage)**

It is 10 years since the club was started by Allan Webster who is stepping down as our leader this year. We are very grateful for his input and contributions for making this club so successful, but he will still be attending our meetings with his fantastic engineering and skills.

So now I have been asked to lead this very friendly and interesting group, consisting of model engineering, wood, plastic and variety of arts and crafts. A lot of knowledge can be gleamed from the wealth and experience of fellow members. My passion is remote controlled trucks.

We would welcome new members to add to our club. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at Freehay Village hall 10am-1200.

Contact: **Vaughan Williams 01538 753 172 or 07745 562 341**

### **SEWSOCIAL NEEDLECRAFT (Webpage)**

The SEWSOCIAL needlecraft group will be starting again on Wednesday 18th September. We meet weekly at Freehay Village Hall 1pm to 3pm.

I run occasional workshops but on the whole members work on their own projects (dressmaking/upholstery/cross stitch/embroidery/crochet & knitting etc.) within this knowledgeable, supportive & friendly environment.

With my recycling hat on, I would like to arrange a group within the group, of people to make MORSBAGS. These are shopping bags, sewn from recycled/donated fabric, bedding/curtains etc. They are given away free, with the aim of reducing single use plastic waste. I have given some out during a previous coffee morning. I will do this again but would like to incorporate the making of them and then donate to local shops and the Cheadle Foodbank. So if you have a sewing machine that is gathering dust at the back of your cupboard, you could come and join us making these very simple tote bags. I will provide the labels.

I would also like to put a call out to anyone who has any fabric they can donate to the cause. I can collect from the local area.

If you enjoy needle crafts of any kind, do come along and check us out. Tea/coffee & biscuits are available.

### **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUIRED (Webpage)**

We are currently running with one vacancy and we will have at least two people stepping down from the committee after completing several 'terms of office'. This means there will be 3 vacancies next year. I'm sure there are members who could spare some time to contribute to the successful running of your U3A, so don't be shy – get in touch with any current committee member and have a chat.

We have 4 committee meetings a year, plus the Group Leaders Meeting and the AGM. We do communicate via e-mail between meetings as and

when necessary but generally speaking things run fairly smoothly and your commitment is unlikely to impact on the important things in life – like holidays, hobbies, family.....

One of the vacancies will be created by my standing down as Chairman and leaving the committee, after 12 years. Your Chairman next year will be Jenny Crump, who has done an excellent job as Vice-Chair during the last three years.

You all know our Membership Secretary does an excellent job, but she will be standing down in April. This means we need someone to take on this role after the AGM in April next year.

In order to make the hand-over as simple as possible, it would be beneficial if someone could volunteer to be co-opted onto the committee now, to shadow Val between now and next April, with a view to being elected to the committee at that time. So, if you feel you can use a computer but don't feel confident enough to volunteer, let me assure you you'll get all the guidance and support you need. Speak to Val she can re-assure you.

So, to recap, we have 3 vacancies coming up, 1 specifically for the Membership Secretary and 2 others to join as committee members 'without portfolio' until such time as they are in a position to take on whatever role they feel suited to.

**REMEMBER THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY IS A VITAL ROLE AND CHEADLE U3A WOULD FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OPERATE WITHOUT ONE.**

Committee Members contact details are on the website and on the Spring Newsletter, or you can have a chat at one of the coffee mornings.

**Chris Brown (Chair) - Email:** [chair@cheadleu3a.org](mailto:chair@cheadleu3a.org)

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