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Hello Cheadle U3A Members!

Welcome to the April 2020 eNews

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Items for the next eNews before 9 a.m. Monday, 27th April 2020 please. It would be helpful if people sent their news items in good time, otherwise they risk not getting them published.

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.

CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY

We hope you are all safe and well in this time of unprecedented worldwide concern.

No doubt all our Cheadle U3A members are aware of the current emergency. There is a lot of information out there on the internet and we have compiled a list of the most helpful websites you can access to get more information:

- [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- [nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/)
- [u3a.org.uk/keeping-in-touch/](https://www.u3a.org.uk/keeping-in-touch/)

The national office also provides a regular Newsletter which we encourage all members with Internet Access to sign up to. Here is the link:

- <https://www.u3a.org.uk/email>

Keep Healthy, The Committee - Cheadle U3A

AGM 2020 postponed!

Due to the CoronaVirus Emergency, the AGM 2020 is postponed. Cheadle U3A members will be advised of the new date as soon as it is available.

Coffee Morning ([Webpage](#))

There will be no coffee mornings for the foreseeable future, but we will let you know when that is!

EDITORS NOTE

As you all know, all activities have been temporarily suspended so I did not expect many news items for this e-news. However some leaders have sent items, for which I am grateful. It is important to keep lines open and maintain contact with all members. I am sure that you group leaders do

keep in touch with your members. Barry Barnett has established a Blog on Dropbox for his members. The Art group has a long established, and successful conversation group using Whatsapp. There are a number of free apps out there that will enable you to hold group meetings by video e.g. Houseparty, Zoom and also Messenger. However you do it, I hope it is successful.

Those of you who do use Facebook should take advantage of our own Facebook page: Cheadle U3A Staffordshire. I set this up to promote and inform people of our Groups and activities. Once this present difficulty is resolved I hope that Group Leaders will use it to advertise their events etc.

JIGSAWS

Many thanks to Joyce for her jigsaws which were very popular. There are still 500 and 1,000 piece puzzles left. She is now confined to home but says her husband is willing to deliver if people are still desperate.

We must give Joyce a huge thank you and hope she keeps well.

Email: joyce.burton593@gmail.com OR Phone: **01538 702 445**

Knit and Natter

To all the Knit and Natter group , hope you are all keeping safe and well , keep knitting

Best wishes. Brenda.

QUARANTINED WITH HUBBIE FOR TWO WEEKS
- GERTRUDE IS KNITTING SOMETHING SPECIAL
FOR HIM! 🧶



Art Group

"We may be closed for the foreseeable future, but that's not keeping our members in total isolation. Most of our members have smart phones, and

we use a messaging app, called WhatsApp. This App is encrypted and safe to use. We have 2 groups set up. One is a chat group and the other is one that we share our artwork, inspirational photos and special events, like weddings or parties that group members have attended and like to share with the rest of the group. In February, our lovely member, Eva, travelled to Venice to attend the annual Masked Ball. She's also a fabulous photographer and has shared some amazing photos with us via WhatsApp. Some of us are going to have a go at painting the beautiful images. We can then show our efforts via the App.

We have also been sharing funny videos and jokes to help keep us all smiling.

Those members who are not online, have had phone calls to make sure that all's well and that they have enough support.

So Art Club is carrying on painting, sketching, chatting and laughing, just as we always do, but in a different way. "

Stay safe everyone

Fee Fraser Art Club Group Leader

MEMBERSHIP NEWS ([Webpage](#))

As you are all aware we have suspended all future activities. We are all living in uncertain times and we very much hope in time normal services will be resumed. Please do ring me if you are experiencing difficulties if only for a friendly chat. My thoughts are with you take care keep safe.

Val Egerton (men sec)

Gardening ([Webpage](#))

Hello all we had a lovely first meeting. Our plans have changed and class is cancelled for the foreseeable future. Our proposed speaker cancelled last Friday which obviously was expected but I have asked them to keep our booking which we hopefully we will do at a later date. I hope you are all keeping well and please stay safe. Regards to you all and happy gardening it will keep you fit and the fresh air do you good.

Val (tutor)

CYCLE GROUP ([Webpage](#))

I hope you are looking after your health as you are at risk.

Gareth Malone is putting singing at home on YouTube.

Royal Opera house is streaming ballets and operas during April, also YouTube.

Regards,

Joan Charles - 'non-cycling together group' but maybe some sole cyclists

Tai Chi Group

Malcolm has set up a written list of Tai Chi exercises that would be suitable for all U3A members. Unfortunately the file is rather large for the e-news (it

is four A4 pages) but Malcolm would send it to any non-Tai Chi members who are interested. This is a great offer. Malcolm's e-mail is: mjreeves@uwclub.net

Editor's Note

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