



Hello Cheadle U3A Members!

Welcome to the December 2020 eNews

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Items for the next eNews before 9 a.m. **Wednesday 30th December 2020** please. It would be helpful if people sent their news items in good time, otherwise they risk not getting them published

Many of our groups are presently inactive, although some are managing to remain busy and in contact. There may be some light at the end of the tunnel, but not bright enough yet to permit normality as we knew it. In the meantime we will try to keep you informed about other activities you may be interested in. There is a lot of information to take on board this month but I hope you will find something of interest.

Gardening Group

Hello everyone I hope you are all well and planning for the spring. I have seen a few bulbs peeping through but with the sharp frost this morning I think they will decide to go to sleep again!. Can i wish you all a very safe Christmas and a hope for a vaccine for 2021, we will meet up again soon.

Regards Val Egerton (GL)

WINTER SERIES of Evening PRESENTATIONS

(to run into March).

Below is a fuller list of the programme scheduled and this will be updated on each e-news. Please note this latest list differs from the previous list.

These evening presentations, starting no earlier than 7.pm, last for up to 90 minutes. The Group Leader will advise you when to enter when sending out the Zoom meeting invites. You should receive the invite at least 24 hours before the event.

Please do not share the invite with anyone else as the host will only accept those expected. A 'waiting room' will operate.

The Series are in 3 topic areas: Architecture; Family History and Lectures. To ensure you receive the invite by email, please send your interest to steven.booth@theadleu3a.org stating which topic(s) you are interested in. Steven can also be contacted on 01782 392972. You are not expected to attend every presentation within each topic.

If anyone is interested in presenting a topic, please contact [Steven](#).

December 2020

- **1st** - Pugin: A Driven Man.(1of 2) - Given by David Slade
- **4th** - 9 Lessons in Brexit: Negotiating Britain's Future Trading Relationships'. - Given by Sir Ivan Rogers KCMG
- **8th** - Family History v Genealogy. - Given by Steve Williams
- **15th** - Pugin: A Driven Man (2 of 2) - Given by David Slade

- **18th** - 'The Rise of Secularism'. - Given by Tom Holland.
- **22nd** - Family History - Sources. - Given by Steve William

January 2021

- **1st** - 'Sustainability and Infrastructure'. - Given by Lord Adair Turner
- **6th** (Wed) - Family History - Before 1837.- Given by Steve Williams
- **12th** - Church Architecture in England from Medieval to Present - Given by David Slade
- **15th** - 'Brexit & The British Constitution'. - Given by Lord Jonathan Sumption
- **20th** (Wed) - Family History - Civil Registration - Given by Steve Williams
- **26th** - A Comparative Landscapes of Scotland, England & New Zealand. - Given by David Slade

February 2021

- **3rd** (Wed)- Family History - English & Welsh Censuses - Given by Steve Williams
- **9th** - Religion, Politics and Architecture. - Given by David Slade
- **12th** - Lecture (TBA)

Please visit our Cheadleu3.org for contact details of Presenters.

Jigsaw Group

They are still circulating the U3A jigsaws which are proving to be a lifeline to many. To take advantage of these and have them delivered, please contact Joyce Burton on **01538 702445**.

Dear Fellow U3A Members, Feelings of isolation and depression

At the present time, as we see no end to Covid-19, and it is unlikely we will be able to take part in many of our usual U3A activities any time soon, we are aware that some of our members may be becoming isolated – particularly as winter advances. It is not an easy problem to solve. If you know of someone who lives on their own why not give them a phone call? You may be the only person they have spoken to for some time.

Also, we are fortunate in the Staffordshire Moorlands to have an organisation which addresses loneliness and isolation in older people. Moorlands Home Link, which is based in Cheadle and serves the whole of the Moorlands area, has over 30 years experience of helping people to stay “in touch” and involved. They offer befriending services – particularly over the telephone at this time, when someone will be linked to ring on a regular basis for a chat. They offer support in other ways by providing hot meals delivered to the door and transport by volunteers using their own vehicles.

If you, or someone you know, may benefit from these services Home Link’s number is **01538 750511**. They are also on Facebook and the web and their email address is:- office@moorlandshomelink.co.uk

A Piece of Cake.

A mince pie and a glass of Sherry greeting to each and everyone.
Dorothy.

Miscellaneous.

Horse Manure

Rotted and ready to dig straight into the soil. You leave your bags and when filled, you will be contacted. This is in support of a local charity, so donations welcomed. No physical human contact necessary. Contact Steven on **01782 392972**

Editors final note:

Unfortunately, as you know, there will be no coffee mornings for the foreseeable future. Any Group Leader who has any item for the January e-news should send it to me by Wednesday, 30th December.

The committee are continually working, on your behalf, to arrange, or facilitate, activities you can take part in within the current restrictive rules. We have recently arranged for a Zoom pro license so that you can enjoy longer sessions on your favourite subject. Any enquiries on this should be directed to Steven Booth at steven.booth@theadleu3a.org.

Please, also, take the time to check in with our web page and our Facebook page for any updates. Details of any activities will be included too.

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