



Hello Cheadle U3A Members!

Welcome to the January 2021 eNews

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Items for the next e-News before 9 a.m. **Wednesday 27th January 2021** please. It would be helpful if people sent their news items in good time, otherwise they risk not getting them published

WINTER SERIES of Evening PRESENTATIONS ([Webpage](#))

(to run into March).

Below is an up-to-date programme of the above internet Zoom evening(7.00pm) presentations. As with most planning, circumstances require some changes to the previous programme. These presentations continue to be popular with a total of over 100 people attending the first presentations in each topic. The presentations are of Architecture, Family History and Lectures. However, it is not too late to express interest in any of these 3 presentations. You will be included in that presentations 'distribution list' for all that topics Zoom invites. We cannot maintain a list for individual presentations.

Attendees will be checked against that presentation's distribution list before being admitted from the 'waiting room'. For security reasons those receiving the Zoom admission details are asked NOT to share those details.

If you still wish to join any of the presentations; have questions about content or of a technical nature, please contact Steven Booth either on **01782 392972** or email steven.booth@cheadleu3a.org.

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 - Comparative Landscapes of Scotland, England & New Zealand. - Given by David Slade

February

3rd (Wed)- Family History - English & Welsh Censuses - Given by Steve Williams

9th - Religion, Politics and Architecture. - Given by David Slade

12th - 'International Development - Britain's Future Role' - Given by Rt. Hon Andrew Mitchell

19th - 'The Story of China' - Given by Professor Michael Wood

23rd - 'Arts & Crafts Movement' - Given by David Slade

March

Programme to be confirmed up the end of the Series on the 26th March. I would like to thank Group Leaders David Slade and Steve Williams for their extensive contributions to this programme

Is there anyone wishing to run or assist in a quiz, played on Zoom? Contact Steven on 01782392972 or at steven.booth@theadleu3a.org to discuss further. More details in February's e-news.

Happy New Year, Steven

MEMBERSHIP

I am passing the mantel to Alan Mendelson, I wish him lots of luck and will be supporting him if needed. I have enjoyed my 3.1/2 years as mem sec and do thank you all it has been a pleasure to work for you. My thanks go to all the committee especially to Chris Beesley and my team at coffee mornings. To Dawn for her support and coffee and biscuits to keep us going at renewal periods. I hope to continue to serve u3a in the future. Keep safe all.

Val Egerton

GARDENING

I hope you all had a lovely peaceful Xmas and wish u the same for 2021. I have planted bulbs and they are coming up in the borders. Keep looking at the seed catalogues and planning towards the spring. We will be meeting up again and until then keep safe and take great care.

Val (Group Leader)

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

Editors final note:

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.

Group Leaders

Why not try and run your activities on Zoom, even if for a chat with faces you know? Help is on hand to give it a go, or just watch a session already being run on Zoom. Contact:

steven.booth@chadleu3a.org or ring him on **01782 392972**

The Future:

Recently, members of the committee met with members of the Guildhall committee to discuss our joint future plans. It was generally agreed that any activity at the Guildhall would be unlikely to resume, logistically, until April at the earliest. This is due mainly to the ongoing work on the roof, and additional problems that have emerged, as well as the uncertainty caused by Covid 19.

It may be that a phased return to normality would be adopted. It was decided that we would meet again towards the end of January.

We also need to take into account the views of members as to when they would feel safe returning to the Guildhall. To this end we will be sending out a questionnaire/survey later in the month.