



**Hello Cheadle U3A Members!**  
**Welcome to the March 2021 eNews**  
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Items for the next e-News before 9 a.m. **Monday, 29th March 2021** 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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### **CHEADLE U3A MEMBERSHIP HEADCOUNT 2021**

Over 40% of the members who were sent the Survey Email in February have not yet voted. Here is another chance to do so!

This important poll is being carried out by your committee to determine our membership headcount.

Will you please confirm your intent to renew your membership in November 2021 by clicking the YES or NO button? Kindly respond by Friday March 5th 2021.

**YES**

Be sure before you click a button! You only get ONE GO!  
If you want to change your vote send an email to:  
[webmaster@cheadleu3a.org](mailto:webmaster@cheadleu3a.org)

**NO**

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### **WHY THE COMMITTEE NEEDS THIS INFORMATION**

For the year 2021 members were given free membership of Cheadle U3A because of suspension of activities due to the Covid pandemic. The cancellation of the membership renewal process for 2021 has meant that we do not have a membership headcount on which to calculate our payment to the Third Age Trust, the U3A Governing body that provides all U3As with insurance, support, advice etc. Our annual payment to the Third Age Trust of £3.50 per member, due in April 2021, will be based on the number of members on our books on March 31st 2021.

By replying to this poll you will provide us with information to enable us to estimate our current membership and help us to avoid any unnecessary overpayment.

Your response will be used for polling purposes only. It carries no obligation to renew your membership or otherwise. Where two or more members use a single email address we will assume that the response returned applies to all.

Thank you very much for your help and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

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### **SewSocial Sewing Group (Webpage)**

Hi all.

Well, who would have thought, when we had our last meeting last spring, we would still be staying home nearly twelve months later? I hope you and your families have managed to stay safe.

I have missed our meetings with the chatter and laughter...oh yes and a bit of sewing! I thought I would just catch up with you all to confirm we will carry on as soon as it is possible. Lots of exciting new projects, although not compulsory if you like to 'do your own thing' with a little help and advice.

I had grand ideas at the beginning of lockdown to start up some form of online group to keep us in contact. As I

am not that conversant with all the necessary platforms, it would have needed quite a learning process for me, so I have kept putting it on the back burner.

I have, in fact, been exceptionally busy. An unexpected business has been born. Before Christmas 2019 there was a tv sewing competition. Some of my sewing groups members encouraged me to enter (Karen/Margaret thank you!) and in February 2020 I had a screen test for Sewing Street tv as a Guest Designer. Fast Forward to May 2020 when I had my first tv appearance demonstrating techniques for shirt making. This had to be filmed at home, as the strict lockdown meant we were not allowed to travel to the studio. Home filming is no mean feat, I got there in the end and was encouraged by the lovely feedback I had from the viewers. Since then, Allison Maryon Designs.....a hastily put together business name.... has gone from strength to strength. I do fortnightly (on average) slots, (apart from a missed slot in September when I suffered a heart attack) both demonstrating Sewing Street projects but also my own kits that I have started to put together. Some my own projects, some in collaboration with the Sewing Street team.

If you are interested in seeing what I have been up to, you can search for me by name on the Sewing Street YouTube channel where all the demonstrations are available. You can also send in your requests for group workshops if you see anything you fancy having as a project when we can all meet up again. Hopefully, this will not be too far off.

**Best wishes, Allison**

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### **GARDEN GROUP** (*Webpage*)

Hello everyone, hope you are all safe and well. Hopefully, we have had the vaccine and are looking forward to being able to meet up again soon. I have beautiful daffodils and loads of crocus and snowdrops, so spring is just around the corner. I am planning what to grow in my new garden in Uttoxeter all very exciting. Hope you are all planning your plots, pots, flowers, and veg. So, let us look forward and enjoy.

**Regards Val Egerton (tutor) 01889 739701**

(Ring if you want a chat)

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### **Coffee Mornings** (*Webpage*)

We miss our Coffee Mornings ..... so why not try a Coffee Morning meeting on Zoom.

We will be holding a Coffee Morning on Zoom on the second Wednesday of every month, until we can meet again in person.

All members are most welcome and a link to join the next Coffee Morning Zoom meeting on **Wednesday 10th March 2021** is below.

**Join Zoom Meeting by clicking this link: *U3A Coffee Morning***

**OR** Start Zoom, click join and enter the following details:

Meeting ID: 898 1810 2942

Passcode: cakeandtea

The above details will be the same for each "Coffee Morning". Drop in at any time between 10 and 11.30am.

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### **Winter Series of Evening Presentations** (*Zoom Presentation Programs Listings on Website*)

This series of evening presentations currently runs to the end of March. For March, the Lectures have been suspended due to their nonavailability. The Quizzes will go on as long as wanted.

All March presentations coming under the Architecture Distribution List, uses the same logon invite for all these presentations. Please save the last email to use again. The Zoom invite will be sent via the relevant 'Distribution Lists'(Architecture, & Quiz) If you want to attend these additional presentations or any other, and are not on a 'Distribution List', please contact me. Kwa lectures in March have been postponed as these are not yet available.

I have not kept lists for the 20+ individual evening presentations. This was impractical but may result in you receiving an invite to a presentation you do not wish to attend. I apologise for this, but it is unavoidable.

## **March**

**2nd** - Living & Working in Hong Kong - given by Denis McNicholl (Architecture Distribution List)

**9th** - Pugin: A Driven Man (1of2) - given by David Slade. 14th - Quiz

**16th** - Living & Working in China - given by Denis McNicholl

**23rd** - Pugin: A Driven Man (2of2) - given by David Slade.

**28th** - Quiz

It is good to see that U3A daytime activities are increasingly using Zoom, with more opening. See the U3A website for more information.

## **Zoom Quizzes**

Steven is running fortnightly, a Sunday evening Quiz via Zoom. It is based on the principle that this is a social activity, fun and depends on honesty and trust. Although he has 10 teams, future quizzes may allow more. If any team of 4 are interested to be put on a reserve list, please contact:

**Steven** on [steven.booth@cheadleu3a.org](mailto:steven.booth@cheadleu3a.org)

## **Horse Manure**

This well-rotted manure is available. Under lockdown and for safety reasons, Steven will fill your bags (up to 50 litres). A donation is gratefully received, to an animal rescue sanctuary.

**Contact** [steven.booth@cheadleu3a.org](mailto:steven.booth@cheadleu3a.org)

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## **History of Architecture Group (Webpage)**

The winter zoom talks have been well supported, the last talk of mine on The Arts and Crafts Movement had 36 attendees, so thank you for your support and staying awake.

So I thought that I would offer the first Wednesday of each month starting April 7th for ongoing zoom talks until we can meet again, I have yet to decide which subject to inflict on you. It might be worth looking at a continuation of the Arts and Crafts by looking at its influence in America with among others Frank Lloyd Wright, who incidentally had an affair that so shocked his beloved public, it forced him to leave America for a while. More is yet to be revealed.

I will be circulating similar information to all those folks on my circulation list for the zoom talks, so please do not get fed up with over advertising. I thought it could start at 11.00 and last about an hour.

**David Slade**

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## **Editor's Note**

Hope you are all managing to stay sane and safe. I thought I would update you all on what is happening this year after the announcement by Boris recently.

So, we can all have a haircut and prepare our bodies for the summer from 12th April step 2, ready for the pubs to open fully on the 17th May in step 3, which is great news for all. However, even greater news is that it looks like we can all meet up indoors and commence activities from 21st June (all being well!) under step 4. By which time, the rule of 6 will be abolished, we can hug a few mates, we will all look fantastic and we can get on with 2021... yippee! Oh yes, we can!

It does seem a long time until 21st June but at least we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, and we can start planning and preparing for the big 2021 finale. We must be positive and have something to look forward to after the most miserable year we have had.

So, let the curtains rise and the stage come to life!

If anyone has any questions please ask, I will see you all very soon (hopefully in the sunshine with a pint in each hand).

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