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Hello everyone, and welcome to your e-News. This is the last e-news until 1st February 2022.

Items for inclusion in the February e-news should reach me by 25th January please.

Don't forget the coffee morning on Wednesday, 8th December 2021 at 10 a.m.

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### **Cheadle u3A cycle group** [Webpage](#)

The group will be back in the saddle for rides in 2022. Please keep an eye on the webpage. We look forward to seeing riders of all abilities whether using electric or road bikes. Come along and meet this friendly group.

Groups now ask £2 per session from 1st January 2022, but your first trial ride will be free.

### **Chess** [Webpage](#)

If you have ***never played*** before, it does not take long to learn.

If you ***already know how to play***, but want to tickle your brain into action, come along and see what you can do!

Chess is a mental game and is rewarding in many ways ... and it always helps to improve your mind, so give me a call on **01538 755613**.

**We meet every Tuesday in the Guildhall, Oakley Room from 2-00p.m. to 5-00p.m.**

**Gordon Shaw.**

### **Architecture** [Webpage](#)

On December 1st we will be looking at the magnificent Romans who adopted Classical Greek architecture and took it on to a new level. They fired bricks and built masonry structures using arches and spans

never seen before. They invented a lime mortar which when mixed with volcano lava produced a pozzolanic action and became what we call concrete. This concrete was so strong that they were able to build the biggest unreinforced domed structure in the world, to this day. They channeled water to their cities so that they could build public baths and fountains that ran all day. They built theatres and stadiums for plays and spectacles that were then abused, by the tyrants who took over and ruled. They built temples and worshipped several Gods until a man came on the scene with such a powerful personality that he changed their beliefs. A race of people who ruled this country for some 400 years and left their mark. In January I will continue with the end of the Roman Empire moving into the Byzantine era, including Muslim architecture, that era of the first pointed arch, not a period I know much about, but keen to learn.

**David Slade**

**Melody Makers** [Webpage](#)

### **Drummer required!**

The Melody Makers is a group of instrumentalists who meet on Thursday afternoon at 1.30 to 3.30 to play in the Oakley Room at the Guild Hall Cheadle.

We are a small group who enjoy playing music for our own enjoyment and occasionally perform in different venues. In the past we have played for Harvest Suppers in two local churches, village halls and retirement homes. At Christmas we played carols for different groups and churches. We have started performing for organisations again since lockdown has eased.

At the moment we have members who play oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, flute, alto sax and tenor sax but if you play any of those instruments you would still be more than welcome.

We play to backing tracks normally but would very much welcome a drummer. If you are a drummer or know anyone that might be interested, then please get in touch to have a chat.

The Melody Makers is a very relaxed group. We meet to play and enjoy playing our instrument along with others, rather than playing alone at home. It is a social occasion, to play music which is mainly easy listening genre. We have recently started playing songs from the shows. We are not a rock or jazz group.

If you are interested in joining the group or require more information, please contact Peter Walker on **01538 702783**

**Donations for Zoom activities, past present and future.**

Anyone still wishing to show their gratitude for the above can still make cheque or cash donations. However BACs transfers should no longer be made. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

### **Singing for the Untuned** [Webpage](#)

All past members and Zoom participants have been contacted asking if they want to join. The group still has 2 vacancies. Once full (30) a waiting list will be in operation. Covid guidelines are followed as best as possible. Steven

### **Bridge for pleasure.** [Webpage](#)

We are progressing happily, nearly back to full strength in a spacious room. Covid precautions are applied to ourselves and the playing cards/ boards. If I am to start a beginner's group, I will need a couple of more interested players. Steven

**Don't forget your compost (rotted Horse manure).** This can now be dug by yourself, although I can fill your own bags. Very limited delivery options exist. Steven **01782 392973**

### **Pub Strolls** [Webpage](#)

The next Stroll will be in Dimmingsdale on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. December, starting at 11:00hrs from the car park next to the Ramblers Retreat (ST10 4BU). Anybody not sure of directions can meet at the Cheadle Leisure Centre car-park at 10:30am, from where we can travel in convoy.

Margaret Plant has kindly organised a Christmas Lunch at the Ramblers Retreat for those who want it. However, Covid restrictions at the 'Ramblers' mean that seating is very limited, and only a few places remain. Anyone else wishing to attend the lunch should contact Margaret as soon as possible on 07956 891894. Due to the organisation involved, Members who just turn up for the lunch are reminded that they will still need to pay the normal £1 attendance fee.

**There will be no Pub Stroll in January**, but I am asking for volunteers to lead the 2022 walks on February 16<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, and June 15<sup>th</sup>. These can be either proper Pub Strolls, or (whilst Covid19 is still an issue) Non-Pub Pub Strolls. If you fancy leading any of these walks please contact me on **01538 755183**.

**Mike Beardmore**

### **Card Craft** [Webpage](#)

We are doing OK, only 6 members but keen !! Every other Tuesday at the Cricket Club

All the best

**Stella**

**Writing for Pleasure Group 1** [Webpage](#)

The November 25th Zoom meeting of Writing for Pleasure Group 1 is the last one before Christmas.

I shall be retiring as group leader after 10 years in the post and I am pleased to say that Janette North will be taking over and keeping the group alive.

Janette's contact details are:

**07966023113** or [mrsjanettenorth@aol.com](mailto:mrsjanettenorth@aol.com)

**Beryl Slade**

**Editors Notes.**

**May I remind everyone that as from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 fees for all Groups will increase to £2 per session.**

**We have a personal Comb Binder should anyone wish to avail themselves of this useful object. Please contact our secretary Marj Povey.**

**On behalf of the committee I would like to take the opportunity of wishing you all a very happy, and merry, Christmas. We all hope that 2022 will be a much happier year for everyone.**

**Take care, be sensible and remain safe.**

**Roy Scott**