

Hello Cheadle U3A Members

Welcome to the **June/July 2011 E-news** - Keeping "In touch with ewe"!

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Items for inclusion in the August E-news to Sarah before August 4th

Please print off a copy for your e-mail "buddy" so that as many members as possible receive this information update. If you haven't got a "buddy" perhaps someone in your group needs one. Please ask. Hard copies will be available at the coffee mornings. We would like to encourage you to use the PDF version to print out a copy as this ensures the format remains accurate. Follow the link at the top of this page.

OUR WEBSITE contains a calendar of events, information on activities, how to contact committee members, group leaders and much, **much** more. Walter Jaggli is our a new Webmaster
www.cheadleu3a.org

EMAIL GLITCH and the Group Leader's Reports!!!!

Apologies to all our members. The gremlin got in the works last month and the Group Reports were not initially linked to the website. They are there now on the Business Secretary's page. Click on the following link [GroupCoordinatorsReport2011.pdf](#)

COFFEE MORNING: Wednesday June 8th, 10 - 12pm at the Guild Hall, Cheadle. Meet Committee members and talk to Group leaders who will be available for consultation. Meet your friends, book and jigsaw exchange, book holidays and trips, card stall in aid of charity and much, much more....

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP - Coming soon, changes in the renewal/joining process.

Pay your subs by Standing Order!

We will be offering those who wish to use it, the opportunity to pay their membership subscriptions by **Standing Order** from their personal bank accounts. The forms for this purpose will be issued along with the membership renewal form with the Autumn "In Touch" magazine.

Help us to claim "Gift Aid"!

Simultaneously, the **membership renewal form** will include the facility to allow Cheadle U3A to claim **"Gift Aid"** on your membership Subscription. Your signature on the Annual Membership form will potentially increase the finance available to run your Cheadle U3A (the locally run branch) to the order of £1.75 for each member; with the 931 members at present this represents £1.75 x 931 = **£1600+ each year** of extra income simply because you indicated on that form that you were happy for Cheadle U3A to claim that Gift Aid!

"Subscription" remains at the bargain price of £7. New members joining will pay the same fee, members joining between 1st November and 31st December will pay the full annual fee (£7) but their membership would run to 31st December the following year. This simplifies the renewal process for all involved!

Have we got the most up to date version of your email address and telephone number? If in doubt send them to: ["membership@cheadleu3a.org"](mailto:membership@cheadleu3a.org)

COMMITTEE NEWS

At the AGM on 11 May there were certain changes to The Executive Committee. Your Committee for 2011-12 is as follows: President – Vaughan Richardson, Chairman – Barry Barnett, Vice-Chairman – Richard Moore, Business Secretary – Ann Mundy, Treasurer – Chris Mawdsley, Membership Secretary – John Owen, Groups Co-ordinator – Richard Moore.

Committee Members – Phil Boyer, Joan Charles, Alan Lewis, Dawn Maley, Bill Locker and Margaret Plant. The first meeting of the Executive Committee was held on the afternoon of 11 May. The next full meeting is on 16 July.

WEB SITE The Business Secretary has a special page on the web site on which is placed each set of signed-off minutes of Committee meetings so that members can follow the work of the Committee. The first lot are from a meeting on 16 March. The minutes from last year's AGM, now signed off, are also there. The revised Constitution, as agreed by the members at the AGM, is also on this page. Members may print off their own copy to study in detail how our organization is run.

The Chairman has his own page and on it has been placed his personal message to members. An article dealing with 'Who can join Cheadle U3A' is also posted as a link on this page, an article which first appeared in *In Touch* in April 2009. It tries to answer several questions about eligibility for membership.

In the e-news in future members of Committee will advertise further items placed in this way on the web site. The site is undergoing some revision by Walter Jaggli to streamline its style and layout and to make it more user-friendly. Members are encouraged to click on and see for themselves.

At the AGM our thanks and appreciation were expressed to Sarah for all her hard work over the last 15 months as Chairman. Sarah will continue to lead 'Not Strictly Barbershop' and will also continue to edit the monthly E-news and to collect all your pieces of information for this.

PC SUITE COURSE NOTICES

Absolute Beginners: Heather and Geoff Howard need some **more beginners** as soon as possible please! They have some but won't start their group activity on Monday mornings until they have a few more to make up a viable group. So come on tell your friends. Geoff and Heather have some experience and patience at teaching beginners. In addition to the basics, there will be an introduction to the Word program which will enable members to become confident users of email. Contact Heather and Geoff to register your interest 01538 750139

Not quite Beginners: Heather and Geoff will be taking the beginners' course further in the autumn teaching more about Word, organising saved files into folders etc. If there are members who have the absolute basics but want to learn more please get in touch with Geoff and Heather on 01538 750139.

Photo-Media: Beginners and Intermediate: This course will continue in the autumn on Monday afternoons. If there are any **new group members** who would like to learn how to make a slideshow from their photos with "music and movement" on a DVD then this may be for you. You do need to be able to put your photos on to the computer and organise them into groups or folders. Also there is the opportunity for others to extend their skill adding special features to the photos and being creative with music accompaniment. Contact Phil Boyer: philboy47@yahoo.co.uk Tel: **01538 723322**

CONGRATS to our VETERAN RUNNER A little known fact is that Cheadle U3A has an athlete in its ranks who currently holds the fastest half marathon time for an over 70 in the country for 2011. Alan Lewis tells me that he knew he'd had a good run for the 13.1 mile distance when he competed in the "Stafford Half" in March with his time of 1hr 38min. He did not realise how good it was, however, until he went onto a website which trawls through the results for most road races over all distances and then ranks athletes in their age groups. Alan was bowled over when he saw his name at the top of the heap and took several days to come back down to earth. Leg injury problems last year curtailed Alan's competitive running for six months. Leg injury problems last year curtailed Alan's competitive running for six months but by cutting back on his running and doing some long walking he was able to overcome the injury and four months of hard Winter training is now bringing its rewards. Another factor is the loss of a few pounds in weight bringing it down to 9 stone 12lbs, lighter than when he left school. Alan is hoping to compete in the Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon in mid Wales in September where he thinks he can knock a couple of minutes off his Stafford time since it is a flatter course.

RAMBLERS (June/July)

June 6th	Longnor Bill 01538 752467
" 13th	Middleton/Youlgreave Richard 01538 755197
" 20th	Coach Trip Anglesey 8.00am start Terry/Rose 01538 752705
" 27th	Four Villages Ken 01538 754295
July 4th	King Sterndale Dave F 01538 753572
" 11th	Hopton Heath Peter Jo 01785 816899
" 18th	Hen Cloud John F 01782 395271
" 25th	Peter Stone Peter B 01538 722425
Aug. 1st	Upper Derwent Rose/Terry 01538 752705

"90 YEARS YOUNG"

Winnie Turner celebrated her 90th Birthday on the 26th March and at their Poetry Meeting the group presented her with a box of chocolates, a poetry CD and a colourful bowl of plants. Winnie has been a member of the Poetry Group for a number of years and we all enjoy her contribution and cheery sense of humour.'

SHORT WALKS

06-Jun Draycott 4 Margaret & Tina 752756 starting at the Car Park of St Margaret's C of E Church at Draycott.

13-Jun Berry Hill 4 Chris & Val 756323

20-Jun Rudyard Lake 4.5 Carol, Marjorie, Marian 752654/-/722449

27-Jun Alton and Denstone 4 Ken & Jo Mainey 702556

04-Jul Hanley Canals 4 Sue Broughton 01782 399643

11-Jul Morrilow Heath Arthur Routledge 750950

18-Jul TBA Phil and Linda

25-Jul Moddershall 4 Clive Brassington 752775

01-Aug Rocester, Combridge 4 David Williamson 266386