



## Monthly Meetings

Monthly Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2pm. In Ladybridge Park Club, SK8 5PX.

Thursday July 4th

**EGM to approve the new constitution.**

Followed by **Mac Carding. Greenpeace** - Climate change: no-one is too small to make a difference.

August

**No meeting**

Thursday September 5th

**John Winter - Blame it on the Beatles ..... And Bill Shankly**

Thursday October 3rd

**Ted Doan - Stockport Plaza.**

### Your U3A needs you!

Help is needed with some tasks at the monthly meeting. In particular someone to meet and greet members as they arrive at the Ladybridge Park Club and to help anyone wishing to join Cheadle Hulme U3A. Help is also needed with serving refreshments and with registering attendance.

If you feel you can help, please let Neil know.

John Broadbent and Roger Law would like some help with the sound and projection systems at the monthly meetings.

They need two more people to join the team to cover for holidays or other absences. Training will be given and we have a full set of instructions.

If you think you would be able to help, please have a word with John or Roger..

Some groups do not operate in August. Please check with your Group Leader.

## Events

# Trip to the Trentham Estate

**On Wednesday 16 October 2024**

Pick up will be 09.30 am prompt Ladybridge Park Residents Club, Edenbridge Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 5PX.

Depart 4pm from Trentham

The Trentham Estate offers something for everyone. Set in 725 acres of spectacular natural beauty it is home to award winning gardens and a unique shopping village housed in 80 timber lodges offering a mix of independent and renowned high street names. The village also has a mix of cafes and restaurants.

Its Garden centre is the country's largest such centre which also houses 2 restaurants and a café.

You may choose, on the day, to visit the gardens for an additional cost of £11.50. You can find further information on <https://trentham.co.uk>

**Tear off**

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Trip to the Trentham Estate 16 October 2024

The cost for a seat on the coach is £20

Payment to secure your place should be paid by 4 July 2024.

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Please reserve a seat/s. I enclose a cheque for £.....made out to

Cheadle Hulme u3a, with Trentham and membership number written on the back.

Event Contacts: Barbara Haynes/Dorothy Connor email: [events@chu3a.org.uk](mailto:events@chu3a.org.uk)

## Music Appreciation Group

The next meeting of the Music Appreciation Group is on Monday 15th July at 2pm and the programme is "The Music of Anton Bruckner."

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Bruckner's birth so there is more interest in his music which is otherwise a bit neglected. This is partly because his symphonies are rather long (usually well over an hour) and also because he was a very religious and retiring person, as well as being a bit odd.

Terry Bridal will be hosting the meeting at 70 Blenheim Rd., Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7BA,

All welcome.

## Looking Back

Technology For Everyone Group. Visit to Re-Cycling Plant.

This month, 15 members went to the Longley Lane recycling centre at Sharston GM to see how our domestic waste is treated, mechanically/electrically/pneumatically sorted and processed to create revenue wherever possible. Waste is brought from all the Manchester boroughs except Wigan who have their own disposal procedures. The sorted waste is then sold off to generate revenue for GMC.

Initially we had a short talk by Alison Fare Education officer for R4GM on what we should put into the 4 domestic bins given to each household in Stockport MB.

Green waste containing food waste as well as gardening waste is composted down to provide sellable fine compost.

Blue bin waste is for paper recycling involving chemical treatment to produce paper pulp which is dried off to produce course brown paper.

Brown bin waste is primarily for bottles, tins, and aluminium cans; and involves various technological procedures to separate the metals from the plastic and glass bottles.

Black bin waste goes to the incinerator where the heat is used to generate electricity. The exhaust gases are treated by various technologies to prevent pollution of the atmosphere. Only the ash goes to land fill.

After an exercise to test our ability to put our waste into the correct bins, we were kitted up with safety glasses, hard hats, gloves, and hi-viz jackets to tour the bottle/tin/aluminium can processing plant which is often quite noisy, smelly and dusty. Various conveyors move the waste around to pass various magnets, blowers and electronic devices and lasers to separate the metals from the plastic and glass bottles. In practice some items lose their way in the process due to being 'shielded' by other items, so human spotters are still used to weed out the small number of incorrectly sorted items.

Our overall impression of this large site was that we do not fully appreciate the work they do in sorting our waste to avoid polluting our planet and that the waste is used to generate cash wherever possible. Also, repairable items can be rendered usable again and sold to avoid someone having to buy a new item whilst helping to reduce our waste disposal costs.

Roger Perry 2024

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSHEET IS FRIDAY 30th AUGUST.**