



Monthly Meetings

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

Thursday September 5th	John Winter - Blame it on the Beatles And Bill Shankly
Thursday October 3rd	Ted Doan - Stockport Plaza.
Thursday November 7th	Margaret Brade: CEO Age UK, Stockport - How to Live longer.
Thursday December 5th	Christmas Party.

Chairman's Report

Welcome to our Autumn term, which starts this month. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to Autumn.

I have to say that your Committee have been well occupied this summer. After the extraordinary general meeting in July we have submitted our agreed revised constitution to u3a Trust and received their approval and subsequently resubmitted our application to the Charities Commission.

We have also joined the overall trust web portal and rebuilt our website to hopefully attract new members as well as providing up-to-date information on our groups and activities. So if you haven't already, please check out our new website <https://cheadle-hulme.u3asite.uk>.

The website is kept up-to-date with all our current information for members. Just a quick note that we were the 250th site to join the u3a portal.

Also during the summer we have set up our u3a Beacon system to allow easier management of our membership details together with the financial management which will be required by the Charities Commission. So yes we have been pretty occupied this summer.

On a different topic, can I please remind you of our trip to Trentham gardens in October, currently we have insufficient numbers for the trip to go ahead so if you wish to go all payments have to be in no later than the 7th September.

I hope you have an enjoyable autumn with our u3a.

Neil Rackham

Events

Trip to the Trentham Estate

On Wednesday 16th 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

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 as soon as possible.

NAME Person 1.

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Mobile No(s)

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Emergency No(s) (ICE).....

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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

Groups

Weekly Zoom Quiz

We have had a forced three month break in our quizzing due to Neil having minimal internet service. This is now resolved and the weekly quizzes will resume on Zoom on Thursday 6th September.

If anyone is interested in joining our merry group please contact Neil Rackham.

French “pot pourri” Group

We are a small group meeting in a member's home close to Cheadle Hulme Village on the first Monday of the Month 10:30 am-12:00 pm

We try to improve our knowledge of French and also French culture.

We would welcome one or two new members.

Only a very basic knowledge of the language is necessary and there is no pressure to do anything but enjoy the experience and good company.

Contact: Hilary Lightfoot

French Conversation

We are a small group who meet on the First Monday of the month and use a variety of sources to brush up our French.

If you have a basic knowledge of the language and wish to refresh your skills do come and join us.

Contact Group Leader: Julia Ball

German Group

This group meets at the Quaker Meeting House, Cheadle Hulme on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.30 p.m.

The group would welcome new members.

It is intended for those who already speak some German and either wish to brush up their skills or learn wider vocabulary.

To join, please contact the group leader: Susan Brayzier

Italian Group

The group aims to meet on alternate Friday afternoons in members' houses.

We are practising our reading, writing and listening skills. We are following a grammar textbook course and also enjoy reading short stories in Italian.

The group is now at an intermediate level and not suitable for a beginner.

If you would like to join us, please contact the Group Organiser: Pat Clayton

Spanish Group

The Spanish group meets at 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Our aim is to have fun whilst improving our Spanish in a variety of ways. Do contact Hilary Lightfoot if you wish to join.

Group Leader: Hilary Lightfoot

Book Group 1

We meet in members' houses on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 10.15 a.m. Meetings start with tea or coffee provided by the host..

We take turns in choosing a book which everyone reads and discusses.

New members welcome.

For details of the next meeting, contact the Organiser: Pat Vermes

Book Group 2

This Group meets on the third Thursday of the month, 10-12 noon at Ladybridge Connect, Cheadle Hulme.

A room charge of £3 will apply.

We aim to encourage members to spread the word about books they personally have enjoyed. Please contact the Group Leader to find out more.

Group Leader: Steve Normansell

Poetry Discussion Group

The Poetry Discussion Group meets on the second Friday of each month in members' homes at 2 p.m. The group would welcome some fresh faces.

If you have an interest in poetry, do join us. Just contact the group leader, David Greenfield, for details of the next meeting.

Group Leader: David Greenfield

2nd Wednesday Strollers

For details of the next walk, please contact the Group Leader.

Group Leader: Walter Fitzpatrick

Bridge Group

The Group meets at members' homes on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

More Bridge players would be welcome. You do not need to find a partner in order to come and join this small sociable group.

For more details contact Group Leader, Judi Cooke

Canasta Group

Our group for all you canasta players is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm at the John Millington.

If you have not played before but would like to try, please come and join us.

Anyone who might be interested in joining is welcome to attend on the day or contact the group leader: Judi Cooke

Art Appreciation Group

We are a group looking at all aspects of art and architecture – from the earliest cave paintings and drawings to the cutting edge of modern art.

The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Heald Green Village Hall. Our 2024/25 programme will begin on Thursday 19th September when Ross Evans (Heatons & Reddish u3a) will talk to us on

Hans Holbein – A German at the Court of England.

On Thursday 17th October Mark Newman will talk on “The journey of a local artist” – his inspiration, his type of work, his methods and why art is important

Cost: £3.00 per meeting

Contacts: John Broadbent & Sarah Pugh

Practical Art Group

The Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 2-4 pm at the Scout Base camp, Oak Road, Cheadle Hulme.

The first meetings this term will be: 9th and 23rd September, 14th and 28th October, 11th and 25th November and 9th December.

New members are very welcome and no experience is required, just your enthusiasm.

The Group is guided by local artist Mel Edge.

The fee for the term, to cover room hire, is expected to be around £20 per person.

For more details, or to register your interest, please contact the

New Group Leader: Alison Hunt

Photography

The club welcomes individuals of all abilities and meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Ladybridge Park Club, Cheadle Hulme.

Tea and Coffee £2.20

We also have a monthly field trip to take photographs as a group within the Greater Manchester area, to improve our photographic talents and to put into practice techniques we have learned at the monthly meetings.

Contact: Neil Rackham

Technology for Everyone - The Appliance of Science

This Group is for those who wish to increase their awareness and knowledge across a wide spectrum of scientific and technological subjects, many of which affect our daily lives.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month

at Heald Green Village Hall.

Our 2024/25 season will begin on 1st October when Prof Michael Fisher will talk on AI, Autonomy & Robots.

Cost: £3.00 per meeting

Group Leader: Roger Law

Computer Group

The Group meets at **Ladybridge Park Club**, Cheadle Hulme on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

For those of us who have problems in understanding some of the modern technology we use daily. Or if your understanding has grasped some of these technologies and you are prepared to share it with others, then the computer club is for you.
Tea & Coffee £2.20

Group contact: Neil Rackham

Mac Group

Own a Mac, or getting one? Then this Group is for you!

The aim of the group is to help each member get the best from their investment in Apple products.

The Group meets at Ladybridge Park Club,

Cheadle Hulme on the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

For more information contact Barry Richards

Monday Lunch Club

The Group meets at 12.15 for 12.30pm on the Monday following the Monthly Meeting at The Governors House, Cheadle Hulme.

Please inform the group leader by phone on 439 7245 if intending to come and leave a message. We now have to inform the Governors Pub by Friday beforehand of numbers attending.

Group Leader: Philippa FitzPatrick

Board Games Group

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 2-4 p.m. at Cheadle Library Rear Room.

Group Leader: Philippa FitzPatrick

Tuesday Evening Diners

The group will meet on Tuesday September 10th at 6.15 pm at Tang's Chinese restaurant on Church Road, Cheadle Hulme.

Contact Ruth Baldwin

Group Leader Hilary Lightfoot

3rd Thursday Evening Diners

For details of the next meal, please contact the Group Leader.

Group Leader Walter FitzPatrick



The Thursday Evening Dining Group pictured at Tang's Restaurant. In clockwise order: George Rogers, Margaret Rogers, Jayne Fletcher, Chris Fletcher, Brian Durrant, Chris Read, Gillian Rowe, Terry Bridal, Philippa FitzPatrick and Walter FitzPatrick

Music Appreciation Group

The group meets on the third Monday of the month.

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th September at 2 pm and the programme is "Gustav Holst at 150".

September marks the 150th anniversary of Holst's birth so this month's meeting will include some of his compositions other than the ever-popular Planets Suite for which he is best known. Terry Bridal will be hosting the meeting at 70 Blenheim Rd., Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7BA,

All welcome.

Audio Visual Team – urgent need

We have an immediate need for more people on the AV team to help with this essential role at monthly meetings. Our team of two is not sufficient to ensure that we always have someone to set up and run the AV.

Can you help?

Training will be given.

Contact John Broadbent or Roger Law

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 NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSHEET IS FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER.