


Cheadle Hulme



NEWSLETTER

Winter 2010 – December

Editor: George Rogers

From the Chairman

By the time of our AGM in early February 2011, I will have served two years as Chairman of Cheadle Hulme U3A. Our constitution requires that the Chairman be elected every two years and I have decided not to stand for re-election then.

I have enjoyed very much being Chairman but feel that it is time for someone else to have a go and also I would like to use my freedom from office to join one or two other groups – perhaps even lead a new one. I would like to thank the Committee for all their help and hard work over my period of office; work that made the job easier for a rookie Chairman. I would also like to thank you the membership for your good nature at meetings and most of all for laughing at some of my corny jokes.

Paddy MacDonnell

CHU3A Monthly General Meetings

at 2pm in the Methodist Church Hall
on Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, on the first Thursday of each month.

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
2 nd Dec	*** Christmas Meeting ***	
6 th Jan	Parish History	Dr. Brigitta Hoffman
3 rd Feb	*** AGM ***	
3 rd Mar	Facial reconstruction	Dr. John Pragg
7 th Apr	Radio Broadcaster	Kevin Fitzpatrick
5 th May	Was Haig a Donkey leading Lions?	Dr. Jennifer Palmer

VISITORS are allowed one visit without joining, and need to pay £2 on that occasion. **Visitors from other U3As may come a maximum of three times a year and need to pay £2 each time towards Cheadle Hulme U3A's costs.**

This rule also applies to attendance at Groups of Cheadle Hulme U3A but the charge may vary with each group.

(CHU3A members pay £1 each month as from the March 2009 meeting)

The AGM will be held on Thursday 3rd February 2011 at 2.00pm
(see separate notice) **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU USE YOUR VOTE**

Alma Lodge

Annual lunch Friday January 28th 2011 £14.75

12 for 12.30

Please make cheques payable to "Cheadle Hulme U3A Events" and send to: -
Shirley Cawthra

CHU3A EVENTS – *Pat Vermes and Marilyn Johnson* have jointly volunteered to fill the vacancy created by Shirley Cawthra's retirement. (Shirley has kindly agreed to continue to organise the successful annual lunch at the Alma Lodge)

For all future events, please make cheques payable to "Cheadle Hulme U3A Events" and send to: - Marilyn Johnson, at the address listed in the printed edition of this Newsletter.

Royal Exchange

ZACK – Wed 5 January 2.30 £15.50

Harold Brighouse's TENDER and HILARIOUS classic

"Things always do go wrong with me, and they've been going the wrongest road they could, but, by gum, there's just a chance to put them right this time."

When her wealthy, unmarried niece Virginia comes to stay, Mrs Munning is desperate to show that her golden boy, son Paul, is prime husband material, and turn the family's fast-developing money worries into a thing of the past. But for their increasingly elaborate scheme to have any chance of success, they must keep Paul's unconventional, underachieving younger brother Zack out of the way and out of trouble, and that proves to be anything but easy in Harold Brighouse's TENDER and HILARIOUS comedy classic.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the celebrated Manchester School of Writers, Harold Brighouse was born in Eccles. Brighouse's most famous play HOBSON'S CHOICE sold out at the Royal Exchange seven years ago.

MOGADISHU – Wed 9 February 2.30 £15.50

World premiere of Vivienne Franzmann's GRIPPING and URGENT play

"I'm going to give you one more chance to tell the truth. So think very carefully about what you say..."

When white secondary school teacher Amanda is pushed to the ground by black student Jason, she's reluctant to report it as she knows exclusion could condemn him to a future as troubled as his past. Once the boy and his peers have decided to protect themselves by spinning a story of their own, Amanda finds herself sucked into a vortex of lies in which victim becomes perpetrator. With the truth becoming less clear and more dangerous by the day, it isn't long before careers, relationships and even lives are under threat in Vivienne Franzmann's GRIPPING and URGENT play.

Events 2011

Stockport Symphony Orchestra at Stockport Town Hall		
Aladdin Suite <i>Nielsen</i> Flute Concerto <i>Nielsen</i> Symphony No 1 <i>Sibelius</i>	Sat 5 February 7.30pm	£7.00
Till Eulenspiegel <i>Strauss</i> The Lark Ascending <i>Vaughan Williams</i> Symphony No 10 <i>Shostakovich</i>	Sat 26 March 7.30pm	£7.00
The Lowry		
Midnight Tango with Vincent and Flavia	Thurs 21 April 2.00pm	£29.50
Library Theatre at The Lowry		
A Doll's House <i>Henrik Ibsen</i>	Thurs 10 March 2.30pm	£12.00
Palace Theatre		
Buddy	Wed 30 March 2.30pm	£15.00
Mamma Mia	Wed 18 May 2.30pm	£34.50
Parrs Wood Cineworld (live by satellite)		
The following productions are beamed live by satellite and obviously include any intervals and applause, so tend to be quite long. They are very popular and are booked up quickly. As we can only make any bookings with payment, would you please let the events team know if you would like to attend with payment by 13th December .		
King Lear (with Derek Jacobi) (from the National Theatre)	Thurs 3 February 6.45pm (4 hrs)	£9.00
Lucia di Lammermoor <i>Donizetti</i> (tragic opera from Metropolitan Opera NY)	Sat 19 March 5.00pm (3 hrs 40 min)	£12.00
Bullocks Coaches		
Attingham Park, Shrewsbury for the Snowdrop Spectacular and Winter Mansion Tour (entrance to grounds and mansion tour included).	Sun 20 February	£24.95
Roy McCarthy Coaches		
Buxton and "My Fair Lady" First stop Tideswell for coffee and stroll before continuing onto The Bullshead at Foolow for a home-cooked two-course lunch. Then arrive in Buxton for the 2.30pm performance of "My Fair Lady". (Lunch and show included)	Sat 22 January	£29.00
Blackburn Cathedral & Quaker Tapestry Exhibition: Bury for coffee and time to visit market and then on to Blackburn Cathedral, which is displaying the tapestry. It depicts stories from the early railways, iron industry and social reform and is one of the world's largest community textiles on display.	Sat 12 February	£14.00

NB - Wherever possible, details of all events will be published in the Cheadle Hulme U3A Newsletter. However, as this is produced quarterly, there will be occasions when we only have short notice of a particular event and it will be too late for the Newsletter. When this occurs, the event details will be posted on the CHU3A website under the Events section so "watch this space"!

The new members' coffee morning was held on **Friday 26th November at the Hallmark Hotel (Belfry)** and proved to be a success for the small number that attended. It is hoped this will become a regular event. Bernadette chose this venue initially because of the pleasant surroundings obviating the need for members to organise and supply provisions. However, if you have any ideas for a more suitable venue, say on a bus route, please contact Bernadette.

Several NEW Groups were proposed – sheets will be available at the January meeting to express your interest. NB: These groups which currently do not exist will only be formed if there is sufficient demand.

Bird watching
Digital photography
Gentle exercise

Tai Chi
History
Current affairs

Philosophy
Investment club
Antiques

ED: Have you any more suggestions for additional groups ?

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

- **Membership renewals are due on the 1st January each year** regardless of the month of joining. Annual fee currently £10 pa (or £5.00 if joining in October, November or December)
- **Membership will automatically lapse at the 31st March for unpaid renewals.**
- **The waiting list is still in force. Rejoining of lapsed members will therefore be subject to new vacancies occurring.**
- **A prospective member is allowed ONE 'taster' visit before joining if a vacancy in the membership is available.**
- **Renewals** should be made to the Membership Secretary at the monthly meeting in January, February or March, by telephone or by post with a stamped addressed envelope for your annual membership card to : - **Judith Durrant.**

Contact details can be found in your printed Newsletter.

Ed: 124 individuals (including 6 visitors) attended the November meeting out of a total membership of 271.

The Data Protection Act 1998 and YOU !

The Act applies to some paper records, as well as computer records.

Before you collect personal information, please ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I really need this information about an individual? Do I know what I'm going to use it for?
- Do the people whose information I hold know that I've got it, and are they likely to understand what it will be used for?
- If I'm asked to pass on personal information, would the people about whom I hold information expect me to do this?
- Am I satisfied the information is being held securely, whether it's on paper or on computer? And what about my website? Is it secure?
- Is access to personal information limited to those with a strict need to know?
- Am I sure the personal information is accurate and up to date?
- Do I delete or destroy personal information as soon as I have no more need for it?

If you can answer 'yes' to all of the above, you should be complying with the Act.

Strict confidentiality is required of all members of Cheadle Hulme U3A who process data on its behalf. Please take care to safely dispose (shred) this when you have finished with it in order to comply with Data Protection regulations.

Walking Group - York Spring Break - 14th to 18th March 2011

Unfortunately Joan and Ken are unable to come to the York holiday, despite having put so much effort into its organisation. However they have masterly planned arrangements to provide a successful event in their absence.

They have made a provisional booking for four night's dinner, bed and breakfast at the **Newington Hotel in York** from **Monday 14 March 2011 to Friday 18 March 2011**. There is currently available one single room £180 and one double room at £139.95 per person.

Please check with Joan & Ken in case there are any other last minute cancellations.

The walks have yet to be finalised. This may involve the York U3A who have 1500 members and 6 walking groups ! It is expected that those who do not wish to walk will get together to arrange trips to places of interest in and around York to ensure no one is left on their own. Walter and Phillipa Fitzpatrick have agreed to do another "murder mystery" for us.

While the organisers will try to arrange lifts to minimise cars on grounds of economy and ecology it

must be understood that they are not tour operators and in the absence of sufficient people who are able or willing to car-share, participants must make their own travel arrangements.

As fewer of our members drive enquiries are being made about coaches and trains, with the thought that if the worst comes to the worst it may be possible to arrange favourable group travel rates.

If you want any talks to be given by York U3A, please contact Joan and Ken.

There is an early English music concert on Thursday 17th March. It is likely to be popular as it is an anniversary concert so it is advisable to book. Expressions of interest to Nancy Lomax.

There is a "Ghost walk" on Monday 14th. As we are a large party we need to book in advance.

All enquiries should be made directly to Joan and Ken

at joanandken@hotmail.com or by telephone on the numbers listed in the printed Newsletter

The Music Making Group has been pleased to welcome three new members who have joined in the past few months making a total of eight. We now have five recorder players, a flautist, cellist and a keyboard player and the group has members from both Cheadle Hulme and Bramhall U3A .We are enjoying the challenges the new format brings and hope we will continue to be able to meet in each other's homes.

A date for your diary – Bach's St. John's Passion at the Bridgewater Hall on Tuesday April 19 with the Manchester Camerata chamber orchestra and St. George's Singers. Concession and group discounts will be available as will coach transport. ***Gwyneth Pailin***

Martin Mere – Peter Rhodes' proposed visit for bird watching on March 4th 2011 – details in December.

British Legion

Several ladies at Bramhall U3A have knitted poppies raising nearly £600 this year for the Royal British Legion. Contact Pamela Brown on 0161 439 1476 email: p.brown700@ntlworld.com if you would like to help by knitting them next year.

ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER !

If you would like items published in the Newsletter, please hand them to the Newsletter Editor at one of the Members' Meetings, or (preferably) email to chu3a@talktalk.net or post to:

George Rogers

at the address and telephone number listed in the printed Newsletter

**Closing date for contributions to the March 2011 Newsletter
is the Members' Meeting on the 1st Thursday in February 2011**

Website: www.chu3a.org.uk

Technology Group All meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Heald Green village hall on Outwood Road commencing at 2pm – 4 pm. (£1 per member is charged at each meeting to cover the cost of hall hire and refreshments)

Winter / Spring Programme for 2011

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7 th December	The Origins of Cancer	Prof. P. Kumar
4 th January *** NO MEETING ***		
1 st February	"Osborne Reynolds" - eminent Manchester scientist, engineer and pioneer	Prof. Derek Jackson.
1 st March	Headquarters Resource Centre DVD - subject title later	
5 th April	" Superdrugs"	Dr. Alan Jacob

2nd November. 28 people attended this session since the subject matter touched all present and, indeed, the whole population of the UK. and beyond. Our Chairman Ian Reid, introduced the speaker – Professor of Telecommunications Nigel Linge of The University of Salford and the talk entitled "The call what he made" – the first 25 years of the mobile phone.

Professor Linge began by referring to a table full of 'antique' phones and relevant information that he had brought along for display and demonstration purposes. He then outlined the funding, provided by the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council which had now ceased, but research and development work still continues for the present.

In 1977 there were approximately 77,000 public red telephone boxes in England rising to a maximum of approximately 150,000 a few years later, but with the advent of the hand-held phone unit which paved the way to the modern mobile phone, the demise of the red phone box was inevitable. In 1959 the first radio car phone was introduced and an illustrated slide indicated the method of connection into the embryonic network systems.

In 1973 pagers were next on the scene and the Professor briefly outlined the quite complicated varying radio frequencies of the cellular network. In the same year Motorola introduced the world's first truly hand-held cellular phone which was the culmination of 15 years of research and development. It was, however, very heavy and bulky but a great achievement for the time. In 1982 UK Government Licences were granted to Cellnet and Vodafone.

Professor Linge then outlined further research and development dates and various types of hand-held phones some of which were used in many of the 1980's TV films etc. Examples were on the display table for one to handle and examine.

At the end of the 80's approximately 7% of the population possessed hand-held phones and so there was very strong competition between this fast developing type of phone and the traditional red phone kiosk (Remember coin in the slot and press button A or B etc.?!). The new phone was not only

expensive to purchase but also expensive to use. The size and weight problems associated with these phones had not yet been resolved.

The change from these rather cumbersome analogue phones to the new digital age phone evolved during the closing stages of the 80's when a new term, mobile phone, emerged. There was massive input of research and development techniques within national and international organisations in a race to produce a mobile phone that had to be reduced in size and weight and also, advanced technology had to be integrated within space reduction.

The early 90's saw the embryonic development of mobile phone texting and the first text was transmitted in late 1992. In 2009, over 3,000 messages per second were noted and a staggering 4441 million on Christmas Day! Messages have increased due to abbreviated words and symbols used especially by the younger generation.

Another slide indicated how the network supplier and you, namely the customer and mobile phone user, are connected. Mobile phone companies could now track mobile phone users as it is a very useful and essential tool for crime solving.

There was a colossal increase in the sales and usage of these phones and in 1999 one new phone was sold every four seconds, this representing 46% of the UK. population! In 2004 100% was reached and there are now more mobile phones than persons in the UK.

From 2000 onwards general packet radio services were developed and coupled up to computer facilities thus leading the way to a mobile phone with a camera and recording facility. Further personalised introductions included colours, sizes, interchangeable covers and, of course, ringer tones. Further developments have included market sharing with various network names; illustration projection devices; GPS, Google street scene mapping; internet connections etc.

Professor Linge concluded that the mobile phone has now become a micro computer BUT the very simple mobile phone without facilities IS still available – if you know where to look!

After tea break the usual question and answer session had to be extended due to the immense interest this subject had aroused. In thanking the Professor for a most absorbing and informative talk supplemented by slides indicating

many facts and figures, Ian mentioned that as there were so many interesting questions this had indicated a quality talk.

Errol Formilli

Computer Club at caféunity – 228 Finney Lane, Heald Green, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 3QA

The monthly Computer Club meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month 10am -12noon at a cost of £3 per session. **2011 dates for your diaries are: 25th January, 22nd February, 22nd March, 26th April, 24th May, 28th June, 26th July, 23rd August, 27th September, 25th October and 22nd November (no meeting in December).**

We discuss common problems and interests in computing, and although a certain basic understanding of computing is expected, an occasional topic will be presented by a more experienced computer user from within the group.

New members are welcome and no one is excluded. The group is **not** solely for experienced computer users. Please contact George Rogers if you would like to come. Email: chu3a@talktalk.net

FAMILY & SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP

This group has decided on a new approach following the start of the new season and we have changed our name to "*The Family & Social History Group*" to more correctly reflect the topics we hope to cover in the coming months. We will continue to meet on the afternoon of the last Friday of the month (except in December and January 2011). We now have a new venue and meet in the Friends Meeting House on Station Road, Cheadle Hulme close to the Methodist Church where the U3A monthly meetings are held. There is a small charge to cover the room rental and cost of refreshments, (currently £1 per person).

The format of our meetings will be that from 2:00 pm until the latest 2:45 pm we will offer advice and suggestions to those members with personal family history research problems. This should be of particular help to beginners or those who have hit a "brick wall".

After this session, and following a short refreshment break, we will move on to the topic of the month. The idea is that those attending the meeting will bring to the session any knowledge or experiences they have, perhaps from their own family history research or other enquiries, to share with the group. We hope to widen our knowledge of the topics by sharing information and discussion. Each session will have a leader to act as a focal point for the discussion and who may have a particular interest in the topic. We hope this will be of interest to a wider range of members of the U3A.

We held our first meeting in the new format on 29th October when we were pleased that there were 16 participants in the session. The topic was "Keeping your Family History Papers in Order" lead by Alison Davids and the group shared their ideas on controlling the mountain of paper that family and social history projects generate. The topics for the coming months are given below:-

Date	Topic	Leader
26th November '10	Miners	Keith Crowther
10th December '10	Xmas Meal – FHS Group Members & Partners only	David Greenfield
21st January '11	Workhouses	John Murray
25th February '11	Police and Criminals	Judith Durrant
25th March '10	Social Mobility	Alison Davids
29th April '11	Tradesmen	Hilary Lightfoot
27th May '11	Domestic Servants	

If you would like to join the group please contact Gillian Rowe.

Alison Davids and Judith Durrant

Note: Committee, Group and all other contact details omitted from these pages can be found in the printed edition of this Newsletter