

Cheadle Hulme



NEWSLETTER

September 2011

Editor: George Rogers

From the Chairman

Well, we are at the end of the summer. It was not a particularly warm and sunny one, but I hope that you were able to enjoy most of it, especially those long light evenings. Your committee has had a busy few months. In June, George, Hilary and I attended the North West Conference in Manchester. There was a plenary session on the future of our organisation, and then a choice of workshops. We chose Group Leaders, Communications and Committee Meetings. These were well organised, and from these groups and in general discussion with other attendees it was clear that we all share the same experiences. Several groups were very interested in our approach to new members, and planned to adopt and implement it themselves.

Plans for our Tenth Anniversary party are well under way, and we are looking forward to sharing a very enjoyable experience with you in December.

Earlier this year we were advised by Head Office that we should endeavour to provide First Aid training for as many of our members as possible. After careful consideration, it was decided to start with Group Leaders, and so an invitation was issued to those group leaders who were at the June meeting to come earlier to the July meeting and talk about this over a light lunch.

As a result there are plans to have a workshop on First Aid in October again for an hour before the General meeting. The group chose Heart Attack, Stoke and Fractures as the content of this first workshop. We know that there are more people who would also like to have this training, but as the Red Cross personnel can only deal with around twenty people at a time, we will arrange other sessions during the coming year.

Another coffee morning for new members has been planned for October, and we hope that this will be as successful as the previous two.

We have had some interesting speakers this year and I hope you enjoy those arranged for the last few months. Many of these speakers are recommended by our members and I really appreciate this help, and thank all those concerned.

A lovely day was enjoyed by all who went to Saltaire with Derek in June. Those who went to the Isle of Wight with Peter reported that it was a great holiday, and Paddy arranged a successful trip to Bradford for the Technology group. Thanks to those people for taking the time to organise these trips.

Bernadette

**The December meeting will be a 10th year celebration of CHU3A's formation.
A letter will be sent to ALL MEMBERS EARLY IN OCTOBER inviting applications for tickets.**

We will be repeating April's successful meeting of
**New Members with Group Co-ordinators and Committee members
on Friday 28th October at 10.30am at the Hallmark Hotel**

**Note for your diaries – Annual Lunch at Alma Lodge Hotel
Friday 27th January 2012**

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
1 st September	Last Orders	Patricia Byron
6 th October	The Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop	Charles Harding
3 rd November	Growing up in Apartheid South Africa	Gordon Woodhead
1 st December	10 th year Cheadle Hulme U3A celebration (ticket only)	

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)

CHU3A EVENTS - Pat Vermes and Marilyn Johnson

*For all events, please make cheques payable to "Cheadle Hulme U3A Events" and send to: - Marilyn Johnson, 13 Yew Tree Park Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7EP
Phone: 0161 485 4701 (Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your tickets)*

Theatre on Screen at Cineworld Didsbury

Live Transmissions from The Met.

15th October 2011

Anna Bolena

Donizetti

29th October 2011

Don Giovanni

Mozart

5th November 2011

Siegfried

Wagner

19th November 2011

Satyagraha

Glass

3rd December 2012

Rodelinda

Handel

10th December 2011

Faust

Gounod

21st January 2012

**The Enchanted
Island**

*Handel, Rameau,
Vivaldi and others*

11th February

2012Götterdämmerung

Wagner

25th February 2012

Ernani

Verdi

7th April 2012

Manon

Massenet

14th April 2012

La Traviata

Verdi

Live Transmissions from The Globe Theatre

The Merry Wives of Windsor

Henry IV Part 1

Henry IV Part 2

Henry VI

Dates and prices to be confirmed.

Please note that these performances are awaiting confirmation. More details will be available as soon as we have them. Tickets should then be booked as soon as possible to ensure a choice of seats.

Garrick Playhouse, Altrincham

Hello Dolly: Saturday, October 8th at 2.15 pm - **Cost £12** Payment, please by September 8th

Some Enchanted Evening - a celebration of the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein -
Saturday, November 5th at 2.30 pm - **Cost £11** Payment, please by October 5th

Roy McCarthy Coaches

Sunday, 16th October.

A Taste of the Peaks and the Great Peak District Fair

A day out to Buxton Pavilion Gardens, calling at Foolow for morning coffee before continuing onto Buxton Pavilion Gardens where you will find an abundance of activities including crafts, handmade jewellery, music and entertainment throughout the day. **Cost £14** Pick up Fiveways, Hazel Grove

Sunday 27th November

St Nicholas Fayre, York

The St Nicholas Fayre is a traditional Fayre and market, held in the cobbled streets as a Christmas celebration. It will include Morris dancers, carols, buskers, street theatre and a craft fair. A lovely day out. **Cost £19** Pick up Fiveways, Hazel Grove

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 (www.chu3a.org.uk) under the Events section so "watch this space"!

GUIDELINES FOR ARRANGING TRIPS AND EVENTS

In order to help any member considering the organisation of a trip or outing, if you first contact one of the Events Co-ordinators, Pat Vermes or Marilyn Johnson (tel. numbers in Newsletter), you will be provided with guidelines for trips and relevant paperwork covering accident reports and income and expenditure reports, which you are required to use. The latter two documents will assist you and the co-ordinators with controlling the finances for the trip.

Handel's Messiah at Gorton Monastery - Saturday November 26 at 7pm

St George's Singers and Northern Baroque

Tickets £16, concessions £13

Coach from Poynton and Hazel Grove

Sign up at U3A or contact Gwyneth Pailin 0161 483 2924

The new Cheadle, Gatley and Heald Green U3A had approximately 100 members at its first enrolment meeting on 13th July. It will meet each month on the second Wednesday at the United Reformed Church, Gatley. We now have 4 new U3As in the area, formed in the last 18 months.



Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme U3A holiday together on the Isle of Wight

On Monday morning, 27th June, at 8am, our holiday group of 21 gathered outside St Michaels and All Saints, Bramhall, the sun was shining, everyone appeared to be in good spirits – the mood and the weather was set fine for the next five days.

There were eight Cheadle Hulme (six if we didn't have first claim on the organisers, Peter and Pam) and thirteen Bramhall U3A members in the party, travelling and touring the Island with Shearings coaches, and staying for dinner bed and breakfast at the Royal Esplanade Hotel, on the seafront in Ryde.

The hotel, like much of the Island's architecture, is splendidly Victorian – showing its age and in need of restoration – but comfortable and suitable for group holidays like ours, with public rooms for sociable relaxation and entertainment in the evenings, as well as the all-important spacious dining room serving good food.

Travel was by Shearings air-conditioned luxury coaches, a feeder from St. Michael's Bramhall to the Stretton depot, where we transferred to our holiday coach and driver, John, an IOW resident, who seemed to have very firm opinions on many things – especially schoolchildren, as we were to discover when we boarded the ferry, to cross from Portsmouth to Fishbourne, and there were scores of, as he described them (only jokingly, of course) "those nasty, horrible noisy little things" travelling to the Island from the mainland just like us, but displaying considerably more energy and excitement, on their way to a weeks schools' group holiday.

After a good dinner, and it being the first of four glorious sunsets – with views across the Solent, north-west, beyond East Cowes, to Southampton and Portsmouth, Southsea and the Channel to the north-east – a stroll along the 681 metre, nearly a half mile, long pier was irresistible for many of our group. The pier is next to the Hovercraft and Island Rail stations, along with the bus station, on the promenade, just across the road from the hotel. The pier-head is the terminus of the Island railway and berth for the fast Ryde to Portsmouth Catamaran service, linking the railheads on both sides of the Solent. Occupants of sea-front rooms at the hotel needed no wake up calls – the first hovercraft full of commuters departs for Portsmouth at 06:10am.

For our first day, after the full breakfast rituals, we were taken on a round trip of the Island, mostly following the main coastal road from Ryde, south through Sandown and Shanklin, with some spectacular cliff-top views from the coach along the way, westerly from Ventnor to St Catherine's Point before a coffee-stop visit to the Pearl Centre. Then it was on to the western tip of the Island for what some might describe as an over-long stop at Alum Bay. Apart from its fine view of the Needles, the option of a ride on

a ski-type chair lift, or a steep flight of steps and a boardwalk to the beach, this location, The Needles Park, with its collection of souvenir shops – selling jars filled with coloured sand and the like – appeared to be just a convenient depository for tourist coaches. Eventually, we were able to get on our way, along a picturesque stretch of the northern coastline, for a lunch stop, in the delightful little town of Yarmouth, where ferries cross the short stretch of water to Lymington, on the mainland at the edge of the New Forest.

The return to Ryde, by way of the Island's capital, Newport, crossing the tidal head of the River Medina, included a stop for tea at Arreton Barns. This craft village, housing a pub, a brass rubbing centre, craftsmen and shops selling local produce, is most memorable for its 12th Century Church of St George, with its famous Burma Star window and beautiful setting beside the village lily pond.

For our second day there was an optional extra morning trip to East Cowes where we boarded a foot-passenger ferry for the Two Ports Cruise, with commentary, taking us around Cowes yacht harbour, across to Spithead and around the Royal Naval dockyard, Portsmouth.

Thursday, our final day before the journey home on Friday, we were offered a morning trip to Carisbrooke Castle and in the afternoon an optional extra excursion to the lovely village of Godshill.

Only on arrival at Carisbrooke Castle, were we informed that there was about to be an official visit from HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, at which he was to present The Queens Award

for Voluntary Service to three Island organisations. As the Prince was also coming here to inspect the museum it was closed to the public. However, we were able to visit other points of interest within the courtyard, the highlight of which was the well-house where we saw a demonstration with one of the team of donkeys working the "donkey wheel" to draw water from the well. A cartoon depiction of a castle donkey is also imaginatively used, in the visitor-centre film show, to relate something of this famous castle's long and interesting history. The ramparts of the castle are very impressive and the more adventurous amongst us, with a head for heights and the legs for all the steps, were able to climb to the top of the tower and walk most of the way around the outer walls and gatehouse.

At other times, forsaking the comfort of the coach, some of the group ventured out, with their bus passes, to visit Osborne House, or Shanklin Chine and other favourite places on this beautiful island. Riding in the front seat of a double-decker bus on winding and potholed bumpy narrow country lanes can, we found, turn out to be quite exciting – and a sudden tight bend positively awesome, with some very solid-looking obstacles swinging rapidly, and frighteningly close, across one's line of vision!

A big thank you to Peter and Pam Rhodes for all their hard work in arranging and managing this, interesting, great fun, and excellent value-for-money holiday.

Barbara and John Anderton

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:

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**Closing date for contributions to the December 2011 Newsletter
is the Members' Meeting in November 2011**

Website: www.chu3a.org.uk

Calling on all Group Co-ordinators - Please check your entry on the website and send me (chu3a@talktalk.net) an up to date copy about your Group. If there is no information about your group, then shame on you. Please provide something !

Computer Club at caféunity - 228 Finney Lane, Heald Green, Cheadle, 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: 27th September, 25th October and 22nd November (no meeting in December).**

New members are welcome and no one is excluded. The group is **not** solely for experienced computer users, although a certain basic understanding of computing is expected. We discuss common problems and interests in computing and an occasional topic will be presented by a more experienced computer user from within the group .

Please contact George Rogers if you would like to come. Email: chu3a@talktalk.net



"Didn't you get my e-mail?"

Art Appreciation Programme September 2011 to March 2012

Date	Subject	Presenter
2011		
15 th September	A History of Impressionism:	Bernadette Murray-Robb
20 th October	Visit to Whitworth Art Gallery	
17 th November	Renaissance Paintings	Judith Durrant
22 nd December	No meeting	
2012		
19 th January	The Art of 'Art Deco'	Clyde Raines
16 th February	Winston S Churchill – the Artist	Derek Moffitt
15 th March	William Hogarth – Father of Modern English Painting	Carol Massey

The meetings will be held in the Village Hall, Heald Green, Outwood Road, commencing at 2.00 pm.

**How about you writing a short piece (say approx 250 words) on
“What our U3A means to me” ?**

Go on, give it a go !

(Send to the Newsletter Editor, chu3a@talktalk.net – £10 prize for the best one)

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)

Programme for 2011

4 th October	How Manchester Cotton Wired up the World	Prof. Nigel Linge
1 st November	Technical Visit to John Rylands University Library	
6 th December	Alan Turing	Prof. Bernard Richards

Family and Social History

Next meeting - Friday 30th Sept Social History talk - Gillian Rowe.

28th October and 25th November – (to be announced)

We have a visiting speaker for 24th February 2012 - Kevin Dranfield

Lawyers should never ask a Mississippi grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'



The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defence attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defence attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counsellors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said,

'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair.'