

JULY 2025

Those of you who read the Newsletter from start to end [!], and those who only attend the monthly meetings, will be aware there have been repeated requests over the last few months for members to volunteer for committee roles in order that our u3a can continue.

At the Committee Meeting on Monday, five members came along to 'watch and listen'. Views and ideas were shared, and discussed at length, and at the end of the meeting the 'observers' decided they would join the committee. Defined roles have yet to be decided but no doubt the membership as a whole will appreciate that these members are going to support the current committee.

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### INTEREST GROUP NEWS

There have been suggestions for both a poetry and chess group. If these are for you please get in touch with our group coordinator.

If you have thoughts about starting a new interest group and would like some help in how to get it going Stella would be very pleased to discuss ideas with you. You can contact her on [interestgroupscoordinator@wilmslowu3a.org.uk](mailto:interestgroupscoordinator@wilmslowu3a.org.uk)

### FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Geoff Tideswell, the U3a Peak District Family History Network chairperson has forwarded details of this forthcoming event. It has already been circulated via Beacon but some of you may have missed the details.

The U3A Peak District Family History Conference is being held at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire on Saturday 6th September 2025. This event has been running annually for over 13 years. See also <https://peakdistrictnetwork.wixsite.com/familyhistory/about-5>

Perhaps some Wilmslow members might attend and even feel inclined to start a Family History group in due course?

Saturday 6th  
September 2025



## SPEAKERS

Tickets £30  
Includes Light Lunch, Refreshments  
Free prize draw



**Debbie Bradley -**  
Progressing Your Family History



**Karen Evans -**  
Unlocking the secrets of DNA testing



**Steve Gill -**  
Photographic Restoration and Conservation



**Peter Threlfall and Judith Beastall -  
Researching a War Memorial**



QR CODE

For further information and to purchase a ticket go to our website  
<https://peakdistrictnetwork.wixsite.com/familyhistory/about-5>  
 or scan the QR Code

## **TECHNOLOGY FOR EVERYONE - CHEADLE HULME u3a**

Peter Cadman, currently acting as group leader for the above group, has sent the following details regarding the programme of talks commencing on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Wilmslow members are invited to take part in these events as part of the North East Cheshire Network but will be required to show proof of membership.

Email: [p-mcadman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:p-mcadman@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 0161 437 8235.

The meetings commence at 2.00 p.m. in Heald Green Village Hall, Outwood Road, Heald Green SK8 3JL. Admittance is £3.00 which includes tea /coffee and cakes / biscuits.

Programme to date as follows:

### **7th October 2025**

Alistair Sutcliffe from Wilmslow U3A. "Are computers about to take over the world completely and if so what are the consequences?"

### **4th November 2025**

Peter Webb - a talk on Lithium (Details to be confirmed).

### **2nd December 2025**

Our atmosphere by Peter Cadman from Cheadle Hulme U3A entitled "From the ground up". How the different layers of our atmosphere affect us and exactly what is going on inside them.

### **JANUARY 2026 - NO MEETING.**

3rd February 2026. A talk by Tariq Aslam. (Details to be confirmed).

3rd March 2026 - Topic to be confirmed.

7th April 2026 - Topic to be confirmed.

5th May 2026 - Annual trip to be confirmed.

## CHEADLE AND GATLEY U3A ENVIRONMENT GROUP VISITS 2025

The complete programme for this group was originally detailed in the April 2025 newsletter however some of you may appreciate a reminder about the remaining visits in August, September and October as shown below

“They take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of the month and the North West venues to be visited will be in Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Derbyshire or South Yorkshire. The following list identifies the towns that will be visited and it includes some of the main environmental interests that our Group may be familiar with”:

**Visit 25/5** on August 14<sup>th</sup> **Worsley Old Hall and the Bridgewater Estate**

**Visit 25/6** on September 11<sup>th</sup> **Hebden Bridge and Calderdale.**

**Visit 25/7** on October 9<sup>th</sup> **Whaley Bridge**, including **Toddbrook Reservoir** (after its restoration) and **Peak Forest Canal Basin.**

**Visits will start at 10.00 am, meeting at Cheadle Leisure Centre, Shiers Drive, SK8 1JR to arrange car share.**

**Please contact Peter Briggs to confirm your intention of joining the visit well before the visit date at [peterjbriggs1959@btinternet.com](mailto:peterjbriggs1959@btinternet.com) or phone 07587195851 or 0161 4856871**

## JAZZ JAZZ AND MORE JAZZ

Roger Browne, who has visited Wilmslow u3a on at least three occasions, and who will also be providing our seasonal entertainment in December, has written to advise of ‘picnic lunch’ jazz sessions which he and his fellow musicians are starting at the Conservative Club, 23 High Lane SK6 8DR This building is situated on the A6 near the end of the A555 airport relief road on the way to Lyme Park.

Roger and colleagues have realised that some trad jazz enthusiasts are not always wanting to drive for evening sessions so have decided to offer an alternative.

These events will take place on Mondays, the club doors open at 11.30 a.m. and admission will be £8.00. The club only sells drinks, nuts and crisps so you are invited to take your own ‘picnic’. **You will be expected to purchase all your drinks from the club.** The sessions commence at midday and finish at 2.30 p.m.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August** a special guest will be the brilliant jazz violinist Julian Gregory formerly with the BBC Philharmonic orchestra.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – special guest, world class banjoist, guitarist, singer and raconteur, Tom ‘Spats’ Langham.

## DATES FOR DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Christmas social meeting with musical entertainment at the URC hall

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas three-course lunch at Wilmslow Rugby Club

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**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2025 at 2.30 pm**

**at The United Reformed Church Hall Chapel Lane Wilmslow SK9 1PR**

**we welcome**

***NEIL HANSON***

**Neil** will be talking about his experiences running the highest pub in Britain '**The Inn at the Top**' in Richmond, Yorkshire during the 1970's - 1980's. Highs, lows, quirks and foibles; grappling with tight-fisted farmers, eccentric characters, bizarre local customs, naturist weekends "lates and lock-ins", police raids, rats in the attic, close encounters with magistrates and planners, and the shooting of a famous double-glazing commercial.

*[Neil Hanson is a successful author with 70 published books to his name. As well as his own, much-acclaimed work, he's also a "ghost writer". His clients include household names - an American showbiz legend, England's most legendary cricketer, a famous actor, one of Britain's most decorated soldiers, an England football manager and a man who turned his family's bakery into Britain's biggest fast-food chain - but also many less celebrated men and women who have led extraordinary lives or achieved remarkable things. Among many others, they include SAS men, fast-jet pilots, explorers and adventurers, a treasure diver, a kidnap negotiator, a notorious gangster, the first woman ever to qualify as a gamekeeper and deer-stalker, a leading surgeon and a spy.]*

*Neil, an award winning speaker and storyteller, has entertained audiences at every type of occasion - corporate events, conferences, festivals, luncheon clubs, dinners and banquets - throughout the UK and right across the USA, Australia and New Zealand.]*

*Please remember to turn off, or switch to silent, your mobile telephone  
during the presentation*

