



NEWS SHEET

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From the Chair

February already, where does time go? Still if time flies then it means that we are not sitting around doing nothing. Have you offered to help your group leader yet? You would not believe how much it helps for someone to assist and take away some of the strain.

We have decided to end the local Tradesmen list. There are so many options on-line that we cannot compete. Have you tried these two websites:-

trustedtraders.which.co.uk/which-local/tradesmen

<http://www.checkatrade.com>

We will still have the local list if you are stuck or, of course, ask your friends in the U3A.

Bob Davies *Chairman*

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Starting at 09.45 with tea/coffee followed at 10.30 by the meeting in

St Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester

Tues 7th February: Simon La Frenais: "Charles Darwin". A retired GP, Simon has a lifelong interest in Charles Darwin and also his associate Robert Fitzroy, Captain of the Beagle. He enjoys travel and photography.

Thurs 9th February: Tai Chi with Gerry Weatherston - come and join in this relaxing soothing exercise regime. Book shop, computer help desk

Tues 7th March: Talk by Carole Dodd entitled 'Confessions of a Registrar'. Carole who retired as Superintendent of Registrars in Liverpool, and only the second woman to be appointed since records began in 1837, will give some amusing anecdotes of modern day marriages.

Thurs 9th March: A Talk on Chethams and a recital by Philip Chidell an exciting young violinist who lives in Chester and is well known to several of our members. Book swap, computer help desk and craft stall.

Car Parking at Monthly Meetings: With the popularity of our Tuesday Meeting, parking has become difficult, so if you can come on foot or on the bus (No 51 Stagecoach, Stand 12) it will be helpful. Please park tidily in the car park and take care not to damage other vehicles. If the car park is full there is room in the surrounding roads, but remember not to park on Newhall Road as it is a busy street. There is always more space at the Thursday Meeting.

NEWS SHEETS: Copies left over from the Tuesday monthly meeting are taken to Age UK in Queen Street. **Did you remember to download the electronic version this month:** www.chesteru3a.org.uk? That way you can see a copy (usually from about the 1st of the month) without having to wait for the monthly meeting.

Social Events

**The Team: Elizabeth Flanagan - 341097 Sue Proctor - 335943
Jill Heaps - 351284**

Bookings will not be accepted without full payment. Please remember dates and times can change so check with an up-to-date newsletter. PLEASE PAY BY CHEQUE . For information these are the abbreviations for our stopping places - HG=Hough Green at Redlands Close bus stop. D.St= Delamere St. Sb=-Sainsbury.- SpU=Spar Upton. W100=Wirral 100. Last two are only for Liverpool trips that go via the A41. It is your responsibility to get to the bus stop in time.

Day time for Sainsbury's use Halfords Car Park. Evening use Caldby Valley Church lower car park.

Feb 15th Wed. mat. Million Dollar Quartet. at Liverpool Empire. In 1956 four star musicians, (**Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins**) gathered together in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. This musical, telling the story with many top songs, will take you back to your youth

Full. Make your own way and I will meet you at 2.00pm £19.00 (EF)

Mar 2nd Thurs. Norton Priory and Museum of Policing. Norton Priory has good accessibility and a hearing loop. Tea/coffee is included. Light lunch of soup and sandwiches (cheese or ham) or jacket potato, or individual sandwiches will be available for £5.70 but need to be ordered so please ring Sue to book. We also visit **Warrington Police Station** for our pre-booked visit to the **Museum** and we should be home about 5.30pm (depending on traffic). You should also bring your cameras as plenty of photo opportunities.

Full but will have waiting list. **Coach. HG 9.00am /D.St.9.05 Sby 9.15am £22.00 (SP).**

April 6th Thur. A morning tour of the **Hat Museum at Wellington Mill, Stockport.** Then we travel to **Arley Hall** (family home of Viscount Ashbook) for a tour of the **Hall and Gardens**, complete with **Sculpture Trail**. Lunch will be available here but needs to be booked so see me for options.

Coach - Darrens HG 8.45am/ Del St. 8.50/ Sbys 9.00am £23.00. (EF)

May 25th Thurs. The long awaited **Billy Elliot** comes to **Liverpool Empire. Top seats £43.50. Full. Meet at the theatre at 2.00pm (EF)**

May 29th – June 2nd Cotswolds Holidays with visits to two villages on the way down. Included days out to **Longleat House and Safari Park, Bath, High Grove Gardens, Oxford, Blenheim Palace, Chavanage House**, often used for filming and many other attractions. **£419.00.** Cases not to exceed 18kgs. **Any special requests please let me know a.s.a.p.**

Pick up times will be Chester Station 8.45am and Sainsburys 9.00am. Full but have waiting list. **(EF).**

June 29th Thurs. mat Matthews Bourne's Red Shoes On Tour, for one week only, is coming to the Empire L'pool. I have been able to get our favourite circle seats for the fantastic price of £12.00.

Seats at this price are limited so need to be paid for as soon as possible.

Make your own way of course and I will meet you at the theatre at 2.00pm. **(EF)**

Future outings will include Canal Trips to Beeston, Lymm and Anderton Lift. River Dee trips in the summer. More details next month.

N.B. We do ask that you pay by cheque please (**maximum of two trips per cheque**) which is more convenient and secure for you also please pay in full when booking.

Special phone number (07913111709) to ring on the day of a trip if you are unable to go at the last minute or get lost in the town/area/venue where we are. At other times please phone whoever is organising the trip.

Groups

Coordinators

Have you sent in your list of group members? If not, please could you email them to groups@chesteru3a.org.uk or post it to the Chester U3A PO box (see top of News sheet. Many thanks Kay Lunt

Sunday Dining

Meet at The Watergates 11-13 Watergate Street Chester at 6.30 on 12th February. Please contact Madeline on 880904 to be included.

This is NOT Watergate pub next to the race course

Can you help?

Is there anyone who knows **British Sign Language** and would be willing to help other members learn?

If so, please contact Kay Lunt on groups@chesteru3a.org.uk or leave a message on 01244 348715

Painting 2: Group vacancies

Could you be a budding Picasso or Constable? Come and find out at Painting 2. For more information contact Barbara Wright on 01244 349760

Craft Table

The Craft Group will have a sales table at the meetings in the hall on Tuesday 7th March and Thursday 9th March. Easter cards and other crafts will be on sale.

New Group: Poetry Appreciation

This group will mostly read, discuss and enjoy poems but can accommodate any who wish to write their own.

Next meeting Tuesday 21st February 2-3.30 pm. Please contact Thelma Stockley on 01244 347077 for more information.

Possible New Groups

Chess, Gardening 2, Literary Appreciation (another group). Anyone interested please contact Kay on groups@chesteru3a.org.uk or leave a message on 01244 348715

Popular Science - open to all members!

The next Popular Science lecture will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at Bishops Blue Coat Church of England High School, Vaughans Lane, Great Boughton, Chester CH3 5XF. Coffee will be served in the Library at 09.30 and the lectures will start at 10.00, finishing at noon. You do not need to book. There is plenty of parking at the school.

Dr Hilary Ash is Honorary Conservation Officer of the Wirral Wildlife Group of Cheshire Wildlife Trust. She has led the development and management of New Ferry Butterfly Park since its inception in 1993 and was honoured as Green Flag volunteer of 2016. Her talk is on Creating and managing Habitat for Invertebrates. Our second speaker is Dr Godfrey Harrap, well known to most of us as a recent chairman of Chester U3A and a regular speaker at Popular Science. His talk this time is about Rivalries & Controversies in Science.

For questions or to be added to an email reminder list, please contact Janet Money on 0151 327 2566 or email popularscience@chesteru3a.org.uk

Deafness Support Network – Help needed

Jenna Littlejohn from Deafness Support Network is appealing for help with a research study in which some members have already taken part. She has devised a new questionnaire which needs validating against people of all ages. She has sent a plea for **people over the age of 80 who think their hearing is pretty good**. All she needs is 15 minutes of their time, either at the Deaf centre or at their own home to ask some questions about their hearing and do a very brief screening test.

Jenna Littlejohn (Ph.D student)

Deafness and Dementia, DSN/University of Sheffield

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Short Course organised by Heswall U3A: A History of Cartoons

Open to Chester U3A members

A series of 3 x 2hr lectures by Ian Barclay on 16th Feb, 2nd and 16th March 2017, all from 10.00 am to 12 noon, at Heswall Hall at a cost of £10 for the three sessions.

Session 1: Art, Drawing, Cartoon Creation, and the Early History of Cartoons;

Session 2: Modern Day Cartoons and the Influence of Cartoons;

Session 3: Commerce and Communication and the Best of the Breed.

Contact Tricia Harrison on 0151 334 6085 for more information or to book.

Tea Rota for Monthly Meetings. Groups responsible must confirm during the previous week with:

Veronica Cavanagh 01244 679217 (Tues) or Jan Maidment 01244 344328 (Thurs).

	Tuesdays	Thursdays	
Feb	Holistic	Feb	Industrial Heritage 1
Mar	Industrial Heritage 3	Mar	Italian Improvers
Apr	Jazz Appreciation	Apr	Knitting

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 22nd February.

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