



### From the Chair

We are getting close to membership renewal in August. Can I remind you of what will happen. Those of you renewing will have the choice of renewing your membership as either full or associate members, £10 and £8 respectively. Associate members will not have access to Tuesday meetings. Once again the August Thursday meeting has been put aside for membership renewal. New members will only be allowed to join as associates. In addition this year there will be the opportunity to pay digitally, but more about that nearer the time. In the meantime let's hope that the good weather continues and that we get some rain over the night time.

Bob Davies, Chair. 07986515449

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

*Starting at 0945 with tea/coffee followed at 1030 by the meeting in St Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester*

**Tues 6th June** Rev. Michael Burgess: Marriage, For Better for Worse. Michael has served in parishes in the North East and Cornwall and now at Lymm. He has many amusing stories and anecdotes of marriages. [m.e.burgess@tesco.net](mailto:m.e.burgess@tesco.net)

**Thurs 8th June** No meeting because the hall is being used as a polling station.

**Tues 4th July** Michael Murphy: Don't Forget Your Ration Books. A light-hearted speaker on over 50 different historical topics. Members may remember the ration book period.

**Thurs 13th July** Lynda Pilkington is returning with her Line Dancing group: bring your dancing shoes as there will be opportunities for all to join in. Book share, computer desk etc.

*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](http://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, Christine Robinson 683742

*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 IF POSSIBLE. For information these are the abbreviations for our stopping places- HG=Hough Green at Redlands Close bus stop. D.St= Delamere St. Sbys = 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 Caldly Valley Church lower car parking .*

- Jun 15<sup>th</sup> Thurs** Take the **Music Train** into deepest Cheshire followed by a visit to a hostelry for lunch (extra payment). Then it is back to the comfort of your train to continue being entertained. A restful day. Meet me at Chester Station 10.30am. **(EF)**.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Mon. Canal ride, Cheshire Cat to Wharton lock**, stopping at the **Shady Oak** for those wanting to lunch there while picnic people can stay on board for the turnaround. **Leaves at 9.30am. Park in the pub carpark.** Barbara will be in charge and will have a menu for you to choose your lunches. Full. **£13.50 (EF)**
- Jun 29<sup>th</sup> Thurs. mat Matthews Bourne's Red Shoes** at the **Empire L'pool**. Make your own way and I will meet you at the theatre at 2.00pm. Full **(EF)**.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> Thurs mat La Cage Aux Folles at Liverpool Empire.** See me for translation for it is not as it seems (to those of you who speak French). It is the story of George, manager of a Saint Tropez night club and Albin, the star attraction, and the farcical adventures which ensue when George's son brings home his fiancée's ultra conservative parents to meet them. Full. Meet at the theatre at 2.00pm **£32.00 (EF)**
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Tues Preston Brook to the Stanley Arms Anderton.** Two places left. **£13.50 (EF)**
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Fri. Preston Brook to Lymm along the Bridgewater canal** **£13.50. (EF)**
- Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Sat Full day visit to Shrewsbury Flower Show.** 5 venues with flower shows and horticultural talks. Mobility scooters available but must be booked Many places to eat. **HG.8.45am/ D.St. 8.50 / Sbys 9.00am. £27.00. (CR/EF)**
- Aug 24<sup>th</sup> Thurs** Due to popularity another **Music Train ride**. Hardly any walking. Entertainment both ways with a pub lunch in between (Extra payment) **£10.00 (EF)**
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Wed.** Last chance for a tour of the **Salt Museum at Marston** followed by **Roberts Bakery**. No pacemakers or jewellery allowed in the bakery. **As we have to make our way by car we will meet at Caldly Valley Church car park. We need 4 drivers to volunteer to take three other people in their car. You will be paid for this.**  
**£14.50 (EF/CR)**
- Sep 20<sup>th</sup> Wed, Summer holiday to the Hotel Garden Alassio in Italy**, with day trips to **Monaco, Monte Carlo, Dolceaqua, Ventimigli and Portofino**. Collect details and booking forms from the desk or website. Book direct with the holiday company. Transport to be arranged to the airport (small charge). **£849.00 (EF)**

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

## A new group : “Cryptic Crossword Puzzlers”

We often hear about the importance of mental, as well as physical, activity as we get older, and there is no better way to keep those little grey cells ticking over than by solving cryptic crossword puzzles!

With this in mind, a few of us have formed a brand new group within Chester U3A, the “Cryptic Crossword Puzzlers”, for beginners and experts alike, and we had our inaugural meeting recently.

We aim to meet on the 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of every month, at 2 pm, in a house in Guilden Sutton, and will work together to solve cryptic crossword puzzles. We can do this as a whole group activity (all working on the same puzzle), or can split into pairs and compete against other pairs. However, both methods will involve bouncing ideas off each other and working collaboratively.

We can have little competitions e.g. everybody take the same word or phrase away with them, and set a cryptic clue for it, ready for the next meeting.

Absolute beginners who have never tackled cryptic crossword puzzles before will be most welcome, as we can teach them “the lingo” – the puzzles are nowhere near as impenetrable as they first appear once people know the principles which are used in clue setting. Also, the sense of achievement when a clue is cracked is most satisfying.

So come along and join us, and enjoy sociable and stimulating afternoons!

Please phone 01244 300678 for further information.

### Do you play a musical instrument?

Would you be interested in playing and creating some music with a pianist?

If you are interested please contact Kay Lunt on [groups@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@chesteru3a.org.uk) or leave a message on 01244 348715.

### Popular Science

9 members of Chester U3A visited New Ferry Butterfly Park on 22nd May for a conducted tour by Dr Hilary Ash, who spoke to our last Popular Science meeting. On a dry but cloudy morning we learned about the biological and industrial history of the site, which is located on the former goods yard at Bebington station. Although we only saw 2 species of butterflies, we found many other insects and even netted a few newts from the pond. A second visit is planned for 15th June.

If you would like to go please send an email to [PopularScience@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:PopularScience@chesteru3a.org.uk)

### Racketball Group

We now have two sessions, each Monday afternoon at the Chester Northgate Arena :

The new session, for beginners or anyone who wants to come along and watch, is at 4pm each Monday (except Bank Holidays).

We meet in the Cafe at the Northgate Arena, and there is free parking.

The 2pm Monday session continues as before, for the more experienced players, who have kindly supplied these quotes :

"Racketball is good fun; ageless: and friend-making"

### Possible New Groups

Crossword Solving, Chess, Creative Writing, Gardening 2, Literary Appreciation, Whist, Psychology, Mindfulness, Maths for Fun 2

Anyone interested in the above, please email Kay Lunt on [groups@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@chesteru3a.org.uk) or leave a message on 01244 348715

**Advance Notice of AGM  
and invitation to apply for Chairman and Vice-Chairman posts**

In November we will hold our AGM. Both our Chairman and Vice-Chairman are not eligible to stand for re-election having served their maximum allowed two years. We are therefore looking for members who can fill these vital positions, without whom Chester U3A cannot legally function. Please consider putting yourself forward for either position, details of the roles are available from the current Chairman. Please speak to the Chairman if you wish to have informal discussions about the roles.

You may be aware that, due to changes in charity law, we have to change our constitution to reflect current law. We had hoped to put forward the new constitution this summer but talks are still ongoing between the Third Age Trust and the Charity Commission. We have therefore decided to postpone changing the constitution until an agreed model constitution is available from TAT/CC.

Laurence Cole, Business Secretary

**New News-sheet Editor**

Welcome to Jen Sterling, who has offered to help with the Chester U3A News-sheet as co-editor.

She has helped me with this edition and is about to be dropped in at the deep end with the next edition (her first solo attempt) as I shall be away on holiday. I'm sure it will all go well and that she will enjoy the challenge!

Many thanks to Mal Waite who stepped into the breach to act as co-editor in recent months. She is now freed up to do her other work for our committee.

Joyce Carrington

**Tea Rota for Monthly Meetings.** Groups responsible must confirm with: Veronica Cavanagh 01244 679217 (Tues) or Jan Maidment 01244 344328 (Thurs).



**Tuesdays**

**Thursdays**

**June Literary Appreciation 2**

**June (No meeting)**

**July Local History**

**July Mahjong**

**August Maths for Fun**

**August Meditation**

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 21st June. Please send contributions to the News Sheet web address: [newssheet@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:newssheet@chesteru3a.org.uk) or in writing to: PO Box 167 Chester CH21WL  
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