



NEWS SHEET

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From the Chair

Having seen in last month's news that we shall be looking for a new Chair and Vice Chair I'm sure that you will be interested in knowing more about the roles. There are potentially 1123 of you out there who would be excellent. Stop us and inquire. Your U3A needs you.

Please read the passage from our Treasurer, Gary Nye, about the different ways that you can pay for your membership this year.

We live in interesting times.

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 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.

Tues 1st August Craft Group will be having a craft sales day on the 1st and also on the

Thurs 10th August (also registration day.)

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, 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 Caldby Valley Church lower car parking .

July 6th Thurs mat La Cage Aux Folles at Liverpool Empire. Meet at the theatre at 2.00pm
£32.00 Full. (EF)

July 11th Tues Preston Brook to the Stanley Arms Anderton. One place left. £13.50 (EF)

July 14th Fri. Preston Brook to Lymm along the Bridgewater Canal £13.50. (EF)

Aug 12th 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. Must be paid by 6th July for this discount price. (CR)

Aug 24th 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 30th 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 meet at Caldby Valley Church bottom car park at 9.50am We need 2 more drivers to volunteer to take three other people in their car. You will be paid. Please pick up a health and safety form from me (Christine). £14.50 (CR)

Sep 12th Tues Caernarfon Castle and Cricceth. Spend the morning exploring the castle and then to The Lion Hotel in Cricceth for lunch, (2 courses for £12.00 or 3 for £14.00) See Sue for options. In the afternoon you are free to wander around Cricceth or relax on the beach. Don't forget your bucket and spade. Coach HG.8.30am/Del.St 8.35 / Sbys 8.45
Various prices (SP)

Sep 20th Wed, Summer holiday to the Hotel Garden Alassio in Italy, with day trips to Monaco, Monte Carlo, Dolceaqua, Ventimigli and Portofino. Book direct with the holiday company. Transport arranged to the airport (small charge). (EF)

Oct 18th. Wed. A visit to the National Memorial Arboretum with time to explore on your own, or join a guided walk (£3.00 extra), or have a special Buggy tour for £5.00 extra Then we go to Lichfield for lunch, followed by an assisted guided tour of the Cathedral.
Prices £24- £27 - £29. See me for details. Coach H.G. 8.30am /D.St.8.35 /Sbys 8.45. (CR)

Thurs Dec. 21st Evening performance of the Spirit of Christmas at the Philharmonic.
With coach. Stalls £39.75 Mid Circle £28.50. Back Circle £23.50. Times later (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 –

"Music Performing"

The idea behind the group is to (re)discover the joy of making music with others in small groups – duets, trios etc..Pieces are learnt in the privacy of our own homes, with opportunities to perform in front of the rest of the group every two to three months.

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Currently we are a very small group – just two members playing piano duets. But our hope is that other solo instruments – e.g. clarinets, flutes, violins, cellos, recorders – will join us, to play music of any and all genres from classical to popular, including film music, music from the shows, folk and rock.

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So, if you have an instrument collecting dust in the attic or are a regular player with an orchestra/band but would like the opportunity to play solos, please get in touch.

Please contact: Rob Green (01244 383836) or Pev Foxtton (01928 722426)

Upton Twinning AGM

Upton is twinned with Arradon in southern Brittany. In Spring 2018 a party from Arradon will be visiting Chester to stay with members of the Twinning Association.

If you would like to host a French couple for three nights, with a potential return visit to Arradon in 2019, the Annual meeting of the Association will take place in **Upton Pavilion at 12:00 on Sunday, 23 July.**

We would love to invite you to the meeting. For further information, please contact Gary Nye (01244 665923).

Possible New Groups

Chess, Gardening 2, Psychology, Whist. If you are interested please contact Kay Lunt on groups@chesteru3a.org.uk or leave a message on 01244 348715

Groups Information

Please note that the **Meditation Group** now includes **Mindfulness**.

Please contact Ann Wilkinson on 01244 332388 for more information

Racketball Groups

4pm -Beginners & 2pm -The more experienced
Meet Northgate Arena café - Mondays

Non U3A Group Information

New weekly fitness class for over 50s for one hour.

Gentle exercise with warm up and down . Takes place at Cheshire County Sports Club in Upton. Cost £3.00 members £4.50 non-members. Begins 22nd June. Contact 01244 381167 for more information.

Chester U3A membership renewals

Members are reminded that their annual membership is due for renewal on **1 September**. All members have the opportunity to become Full members (£10) or Associate members (£8). The only difference is that only Full members may attend the monthly Tuesday meetings.

As before, the Thursday meeting on 10 August has been put aside for members to renew their membership and collect their membership cards for 2017-18.

This year, to help the membership team, payment can be made by bank transfer. If you wish to collect your card at the meeting, please ensure the payment (£10 or £8 as appropriate) has been made by **Wednesday 9 August**.

Payments can be made to Chester U3A by one of several methods:-

1. Internet Banking
2. Telephone Banking
3. at your bank branch using your debit card.

Please ensure the following payment instructions are provided:-

Sort Code: 30 91 92

Account number: 59864768

Payment Reference: <your four digit membership number>

You will need to instruct your bank to set up Chester U3A as a beneficiary before you can make the payment using the above details. If you are renewing the membership of two or more members, please set up separate instructions for each membership number. This will help us ensure that your membership is renewed effectively.

Tea Rota for Monthly Meetings. Groups responsible must confirm with: Veronica



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

Tuesdays

July Local History

August Maths for Fun

Sept Mosaic Making

Thursdays

July Mahjong

August Meditation

Sept Music 1

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 23rd August Please send contributions to the News Sheet web address: newsheet@chesteru3a.org.uk or in writing to: PO Box 167 Chester CH21WL
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