



# NEWS SHEET

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### From the Chair

Congratulations to Stan Fielding who has reached the magnificent age of 100. We wish him many more active years as a U3A member.

Don't forget Renewals Day on the 10th August. Pay by whichever method you feel happiest. A reminder of everything will be in your email newsletter.

Also don't forget that we need a new Chair and Vice-Chair, male or female. Aliens need not apply!

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 1st Aug** Talk by Philip Caine entitled 'Barrow to Baghdad and back'. Philip appeared at the Chester Literature Festival in October 2016.
- Thurs 10th Aug** Membership Renewal, craft table, computer help desk and book swap.
- Tues 5th Sept** Talk by Dr John Wallis, 'Crime and Justice in Georgian Cheshire'
- Thurs 14th Sept** John Quinn's Photography group are giving a display. Computer help desk and book swap.

*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) 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. (The No 51 bus now goes from stand J in the new bus interchange. The accessible Shopper Hopper bus will run every 15 minutes from the Town Hall to the interchange. You can use your bus pass on both services.)*

**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,  
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 .*

- 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. (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) This is now full but I am taking names for the next Music Train. Date at meeting.
- 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 Caldly Valley Church bottom car park at 9.50am We need one more driver 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 Criccieth.** In the morning we have a guided tour of the castle. We then move to **The Lion Hotel in Cricceth** for lunch, (2 courses for £12.00 or 3 for £14.00). See me for options. In the afternoon you are free to wander around Criccieth or relax on the beach. Don't forget your bucket and spade. **All inclusive price £24 or £26. Or £12.00 if bringing a picnic.** Coach **HG.8.30am/Del.St 8.35 / Sbys 8.45.** We should be home about 6.00pm. (SP)
- Sep 20th Wed Summer holiday to the Hotel Garden Alassio in Italy,** with day trips to Monaco, Monte Carlo, Dolceaqua, Ventimigli and Portofino. Transport to airport will pick up at Sainsbury's at 11.15am and Chester Railway station at 11.30. Please let me know where you will join. Pay at meeting please. £20 p.p return. (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. All-inclusive prices £24, £27 or £29. See me for details. Coach H.G. 8.30am /D.St.8.35 / Sbys 8.45. (CR)
- Dec 21st Thurs Evening performance of the Spirit of Christmas at the Philharmonic.** With coach. Stalls £39.75 Mid Circle £28.50. Back Circle £23.50. Coach HG.5.50pm/ D.St 5.55 /Sbys 6.05 / U.Sp. 6.10. W100.6.15. (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

## Dates for your Diaries

**Co-ordinators' Lunch**

Saturday October 7th

**Group Fairs**

Thursday 12th October and Thursday 9th November

## Group Co-ordinator's financial reporting

Group co-ordinators are reminded that a financial report detailing income and expenditure will be required in September for any group that has an annual turnover of more than £50 to the 31 August. Guidance notes on preparing this report can be found on the [Group Co-ordinator's website page](#). Co-ordinators should look at the [Study/Interest Group Accounts](#) document for guidance and a sample spreadsheet illustrating the format for the report.

Co-ordinators should contact the Treasurer, Gary Nye at [Treasurer@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:Treasurer@chesteru3a.org.uk) for further information or assistance.

## Possible New Groups

We are still looking for a few more members who might be interested in **Chess**, **Whist** and a second **Gardening** group. We might then be able to get these groups started.

Are you interested in a walk on a Sunday? If so, please contact Kay on [groups@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@chesteru3a.org.uk) or leave a message on 01244 348715

## Local History

There is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 7 September at the Wesley Meeting Hall, St. John Street at 2 p.m. when a talk on Shipbuilding in Chester will be presented.  
Kay Hall-Wilton

Do you fancy a **stroll followed by lunch** on the first Friday and third Monday of the month? If so, please contact Mary Farrugia on 01244 341193

**Current Affairs** Change of Co-ordinator. The new Co-ordinator is Patricia Bogunovic 01829 741157

## History

As part of our work on Anglo-Saxon England, several members of the group went on a very interesting trip to the site of the Battle of Chester at Heronbridge near Ecclestone. We were very fortunate to have the services of Dr Clive Tolley from the Chester Archaeological Society, who has done a lot of research on the site.

Excavations in 2004 uncovered post-Roman graves buried beneath a defensive earthwork over an old Roman settlement. There is evidence that they contain the bodies of casualties from the Battle of Chester in the early 7th century.



## Chester U3a membership renewals day 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Payments may be made by Bank Transfer

Sort Code 30 91 92

Account number 59864768

Payment reference – your four digit membership number

If you pay by 9<sup>th</sup> August your membership card will be available for collection on 10<sup>th</sup> August.  
£10.00 for Full Membership; £8.00 for Associate Membership.

You can still pay by cheque or cash on the day and collect your card as in the past.  
If paying for more than one member, please put their name and membership number on back of cheque.

Thank you  
Patricia –Membership Secretary

## Chairman and Vice-Chairman

In November we will hold our AGM. Neither our Chairman nor Vice-Chairman are eligible to stand for re-election having served their maximum allowed two years. We are therefore still 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.

## Advance notice

The Chester U3A **Christmas lunch** has been booked at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel for Tuesday 12th December 2017, with a festive menu priced at £20.00. Tickets will be on sale at both the Tuesday and Thursday meetings in September, October and November.

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

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



### Tuesdays

August Maths for Fun

Sept Mosaic Making

October Music 4

### Thursdays

August Meditation

Sept Music 2

October Needlecraft 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](mailto:newsheet@chesteru3a.org.uk) or in writing to: PO Box 167 Chester CH21WL  
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