



NEWS SHEET

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From the Chair

It is with regret that I announce the passing of Les Edwards. He has been our Speaker Secretary and Committee member for just over a year. His speakers brought knowledge and humour to our Tuesday meetings. As a Committee we always knew that the speakers and their organisation were in good hands.

We shall miss him greatly and our thoughts go to his family at this sad time.

You have been marvellous during this renewal time. Congratulations. Whether you have been renewing by cash, cheque or electronically you have done very well. There have been one or two glitches, but nothing that hasn't been easily sorted out.

Don't forget that we need you. Yes **YOU!** We still need a new **Chair and Vice-chair**. Both positions can be a challenge and great fun. So get in touch with me **NOW**.

Bob Davies Chairman 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 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.

Thurs October 12th and **Thursday 9th November** Group Fairs . 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? 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=Spur 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 Caldley Valley Church lower car parking .

Aug 30th Wed. Salt Museum at Marston followed by Roberts Bakery. No pacemakers or jewellery allowed. Caldley Valley Church bottom car 9.50a.m. (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 Criccieth for lunch, (2 courses for £12.00 or 3 for £14.00). See me for options. In the afternoon you are free to explore.

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. Transport to airport will pick up at Sainsburys at 11.15am and Chester Railway station at 11.30am. Please let me know where you will join the coach (EF)

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

Nov 2nd Thur. Music Train from Chester, lunch at the Railway Inn and return to Chester by 3.00pm. Hardly any walking. Lunch needs to be booked in advance at Railway Inn Mobberley, and paid direct to them on arrival. Menu available on their website. Please book your lunch. Meet at the Station at 10.30am. £10.50 (EF)

Nov.10th Fri. Evening Welsh Nat. Opera Die Fledermaus at Liverpool Empire

Four characters scheming to spend the night at a magnificent masked ball given by the Prince, have lied about their whereabouts.. The scene is set for a hilarious story of mistaken identity full of splendour, posh frocks and masks and set to a rich, romantic score by Johann Straus II. £30.50 including coach. HG.5.30pm/ D.St 5.40 /Sbys 5.50 / SpU 6.00/ W100 6.10. (EF)

Thurs Dec. 21st Eve. performance of the Spirit of Christmas, presented by John Suchet, at the Philharmonic. With coach. Stalls £39.75 Mid Circle £28.50 Back Circle £23.50. Coach HG.5.30/ D.St 5.40 /Sby 5.50 / U.Sp. 6.00. W100.6.10. (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

Group Co-ordinator's financial reporting

Group co-ordinators are reminded that the financial report for any group that has an annual turnover of more than £50 should be sent to the Treasurer by **Friday 15 September**. Guidance notes on preparing this report can be found on the [Group Co-ordinator's website page](#).

Co-ordinators should contact the Treasurer, Gary Nye at treasurer@u3a.org.uk for further information or assistance.

Popular Science - open to all members!

The next Popular Science meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1st November** 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.

Laraine Beavis will open our meeting with her talk on **The Invention of the Kidney Machine**.

Our second talk will be given by **John Brinkley** on the subject of **Minerals and the Geologist**.

For questions or to be added to an email reminder list, please contact Janet Money on 0151 3272566 or

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 or leave a message on

Current Affairs

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

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

HOLISTIC THERAPIES

Fortnightly Mondays am.

Each meeting we watch a video of therapies old and new, followed by discussions, simple exercise and relaxation techniques. We meet in a comfortable room in Christleton.

There are a few places available for this group.

AGELESS (ANCIENT) WISDOM GROUP

Every Friday a.m.

There are a few places available for this group.

Contact - ANN WILKINSON 01244 332388

Local History

Wesley Meeting Hall, St. John Street Thursdays at 2 p.m.

7th September - Shipbuilding in Chester - presenter Tony Barratt

5th October - St Olave's Church - presenter Tom Welsh

2nd November - 1745 in Cheshire - presenter Tony Barratt

7th December - Huntington - Group Presentation

Digital Photography

Change of Coordinator - Digital Photography is now coordinated by Gordon Stockley at 01244 347077

Philosophy Group

This group is now going to be part of Chester U3A instead of a regional group.

Possible new Groups

Are you interested in playing **Chess**? A little more interest and we could get a group going.

Do you have an interest in brushing up your **Italian**? We already have a beginner's and an intermediate group, but both are full.

Anyone interested in the above please contact Kay on 01244 348715 or groups@chesteru3a.org.uk

Membership Renewals

Your membership ran out at the end of August so you will need to renew it if you have not already done so. £10.00 (full membership, including attendance at the Tuesday meetings) or £8.00 associate membership, without Tuesday meetings) if renewed by end of September - after that it will be Associate only at £12.00. Payments may be made by Bank Transfer

Sort Code 30 91 92

Account number 59864768

Payment reference – your four digit membership number

Alternatively by cheque send to the P O Box 167 CH2 IWL
Membership cards may be collected at the September Tuesday & Thursday meetings.

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

Sept Mosaic Making

October Music 4

November Needlecraft 2

Thursdays

Sept Music 2

October Needlecraft 1

November Opera Appreciation

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 20th Sept Please send contributions to the News Sheet web address: newssheet@chesteru3a.org.uk or in writing to: PO Box 167 Chester CH21WL
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