



# NEWS SHEET

## October 2017



Reg. Charity No 1048416

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### From the Chair

You will be pleased to know that we have a volunteer for the post of Vice Chair, but we do need two additional volunteers, one to take on the role of Speakers' Secretary and one as Membership Secretary. The role of Chair is still outstanding. I look forward to hearing from YOU.

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*

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| <b>Tues 3rd October</b>   | David Cummings   | “ The Story of a Street: Bridge Street”. |
|                           | Welcome back to David who will take us through 2000 years of history of this familiar Chester Street |  |
| <b>Thurs 12th October</b> | Group Fair. Computer help desk, book swap and social events table                                    |  |
| <b>Tues 7th November</b>  | John Hatfield  | “Fracking”                               |
| <b>Thurs 9th November</b> | Group Fair. Computer help desk, book swap and social events table                                    |  |

### 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 October and November.**

*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 goes from stand J in the new bus interchange. The accessible Shopper Hopper bus runs 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,  
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 .*

- Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 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.10<sup>th</sup> 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)
- Dec. 21st Thurs 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)
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> Wed** matinee, **Her Benny**, at the recently restored Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool. Why not have lunch beforehand at their café and watch the world go by through their large windows. Further details at the meeting. **£13.00 (EF)**

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**N.B. Can you please book and pay the organiser of the trip you wish to go on. Messages have been left on the answer phone of other members of this committee, who have been on holiday. This, of course, has caused confusion.**

Please pay by cheque if possible which is more convenient and secure for you also please pay in full when booking. **No more than two items per cheque.** If you are paying for more than one person **please write the names of the other persons** on the back of the cheque. **Please pay cheque to whoever is arranging the trip.**

**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. Please enter this number into your mobile phone. At other times please phone whoever is organising the trip. Please ensure you know what time the trip leaves.

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



### Tuesdays

October Music 4

November Needlecraft 2

December Painting 1

### Thursdays

October Needlecraft 1

November Opera Appreciation

December Painting 2

# Groups

## 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 email - [popularscience@u3a.org.uk](mailto:popularscience@u3a.org.uk)

## Walking Group



*"Walk yourself young!!"* Why not put on your walking boots and join us twice a month?

We walk on the first Friday and the third Monday of the month, starting at 10.30am and finishing around 1.00pm with a pub lunch (optional).

This is a great opportunity to explore our beautiful local countryside in good friendly company. Typically walks are approx 5 miles long.

If you would like to know more please contact Joan Webb on 01244 371709



## Local History

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

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

**2nd November - 1745 in Cheshire** - presenter Tony Barratt

**7th December - Huntington** - Group Presentation

## 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](mailto:groups@chesteru3a.org.uk)

## Current Affairs

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

## Digital Photography

Change of Coordinator - The group is now co-ordinated by Gordon Stockley at 01244 347077

## 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) Wisdoms

Every Friday a.m.

There are a few places available for this group.

Contact - ANN WILKINSON 01244 332388

# CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November at 10.30 am in St Columba's, Newhall Road, Chester

### AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 1st November 2016
2. To receive and approve the Chairman's Annual Report
3. To receive and approve the examined accounts
4. To elect members to fill vacancies on the Committee
5. To announce intended Co-opted members
6. To approve an examiner for the 2017/2018 accounts
7. Any other business appropriate to an AGM

### Explanatory Notes

The Minutes of the 2016 Meeting and the Treasurer's Report will be available at the AGM. Nominations required are given below. The examination of the Accounts is a formal necessity. The present examiner is Richard Morris.

### NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Under the Constitution the Committee may have ten members including the Officers (Chairman, Vice-chairman, Treasurer, Business Secretary and Committee Secretary) who are elected for an initial term of two years. In addition members may be co-opted and their term expires at the AGM following their co-option. All Committee members may seek re-election but the Chairman and Vice-Chairman must stand down after serving two years. Other retiring Officers may stand for re-election and the Vice-Chairman may stand immediately for the post of Chairman.

**Nominations** are invited to fill the following vacancies on the committee: Chair; Vice-Chair; Membership Secretary; Speakers' Secretary

The nominee, the proposer and seconder must be paid up members by the date of the AGM. Nominations should be made in writing to reach the Business Secretary (Laurence Cole, PO Box 167 Chester CH2 1WL) by 20th October 2017. Nominations should have the name of the proposer, seconder and nominee and the proposer should confirm that he/she acts with the consent of the nominee and seconder. A list of the present committee with nominations received up to the closing date will appear in the November News Sheet.

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### CHESTER U3A Nomination form for election to Executive Committee for 7/11/2017 to 6/11/2018

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Post (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by 20th October 2017 to Business Secretary, Chester U3A, PO Box 167, Chester CH2 1WL

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 25th Oct 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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