



NEWS SHEET

November 2017



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From the Chair

Don't forget that the AGM is at 10.30 am on 7th November, 2017.

You will be pleased to know that we have nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Membership Secretary,

We are still a nomination short for the Speakers Secretary.

A sigh of relief will be heard across Chester.

This is my last note as Chair. I'd like to thank all of you for your support during this time. I have enjoyed the last two years and look forward to being part of and helping out with Chester U3A for a good many years to come.

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*

Tuesday 7th November, 2017 "Fracking" by John Hatfield An unbiased view of of a national and very local subject.

Thursday 9th November 2017 Group Fairs . Computer help desk and book swap.

Tuesday 5th December, 2017 "Historic Villages of the Wirral Dee Coastline" by Gavin Hunter

Thurs 14th December: Christmas Fair. S talls ranging from Local Artisan Foods and Crafts to U3A Groups Arts and Crafts. Book swap table, computer help desk and social events table. Entertainment from Chester U3A Singing, Music Performance and Ukulele groups

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=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 .

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, (01565 873155) and paid direct to them on arrival. Menu available on their website. Please book by Oct 30th saying you are from Chester u3a. Meet me at the Station (by the gate to enter the platforms) 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. Full but I do have a waiting list. (EF)

Wed Jan 31st mat. Her Benny at the recently restored Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool. This is an adaptation of the novel written by Silas Hocking in 1879. A brief synopsis is “ Benny, a ten year old boy from the slums of Liverpool, scrapes a living by running errands. His mother is dead and his father a drunken violent brute. Along with his sister Nell he runs away”. What happens next? Come along with us and find out. Why not have lunch beforehand at the café and watch the world go by through the large windows. Meet at 12.30pm for a 1pm start. £13.00 (EF)

Thurs Feb 15th A one hour boat trip around Salford Quays, and time to visit the War Museum etc and have lunch. Then a guided tour of the hidden gem Ordsall Hall, dating from 1177, with included tea/coffee. HG.8.40am/ DelSt 8.45/ Sbys 9.00. We should be home by 5.30pm. £23.50. (SP)

NB We always include a gratuity for the coach driver in our price so no need for you to tip.

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.

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

Thurs 14th December Christmas Fair.

Stalls ranging from Local Artisan Foods and Crafts to U3A Groups Arts and Crafts.

Book swap table, computer help desk and social events table.

Entertainment from Chester U3A Singing, Music Performance and Ukulele 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@chesteru3a.org.uk

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

Local History

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

2nd November - 1745 in Cheshire - presenter

Tony Barratt

7th December - Huntington - Group Presentation

Bridge for beginners

New Group for those new to bridge, or for those who want to brush up their game from the beginning.

Contact Elizabeth Flanagan - 341097

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

Digital Photography

Change of Coordinator - Digital Photography is now coordinated 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) WISDOM GROUP

Every Friday a.m.

There are a few places available for this group.

Contact - ANN WILKINSON 01244 332388

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

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 November.

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



Tuesdays

November Needlecraft 2

December Painting 1

January Philosophy



Thursdays

November Opera Appreciation

December Painting 2

January Photography

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 22nd November. 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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