



# NEWS SHEET

## January 2018



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### From the Chair

**A new and exciting year lies ahead of Chester U3A this year. We are starting with the lunch for new members, where they will hear about Interest groups and the wider U3A. Come along with all your questions and ideas.**

**This year will be our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary – an opportunity to celebrate our achievements. There is still time to send me your ideas – email [chair@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@chesteru3a.org.uk). This is your U3A so you should decide how it is celebrated.**

**We closed 2017 with a Christmas lunch. So thanks to Patricia, Olwen and Brian for their superb organisation. It was a great day. The guest speaker The Lord Mayor of Chester spoke about her personal journey to become Lord Mayor. Thank you to Cestrian Handbells and Mal (our vice chair) and members of the ‘singing for pleasure’ group who entertained us. Thank you to all who contributed to make the day special. The Thursday meeting this year was a Christmas fair. Thank you, Angela (minute secretary) for arranging all the stalls. It was great for those last-minute presents and stocking fillers.**

**I know many of you will have had your own Christmas get together in your groups. Thank you to all the co-ordinators, you are the backbone of any U3A. Lastly - to all the members who volunteer to help, I cannot name you all, there are so many, Thank you.**

**This year there is a new group, ‘The Really Useful Group’ (RUG) this is a group of members who are willing to get involved in a one-off basis in the organisation of Chester U3A. Some members have already come forward but we need more – all will be welcomed, opportunities for all, no experience required, just a willingness to learn and participate.**

**To give you an idea of what the committee do and say, the minutes (approved) of the last committee meeting are on Chester U3A website [www.chesteru3a.org.uk](http://www.chesteru3a.org.uk). *Go take a look on the committee page and find out what we are planning and doing.***

**Jenny Carley    Chairman Chester U3A**  
**Research Project Advisor**  
**International Committee Member**

**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,

*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 Caldley Valley Church lower car parking .*

### **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan matinee - Jersey Boys** at Liverpool Empire.

I have managed to get 20 seats at a very reasonable price. This is the true story of 4 boys from the wrong side of the track who wrote their own songs and invented their own unique sound . Remember their top hits such as **Can't take my eyes off you. Big girls don't cry and Bye Bye Baby. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Meet at 2.00pm £20.00 (EF)**

**Wed Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> A one hour boat trip around Salford Quays**, and time to visit the **WarMuseum** 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)**

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March** An outing to Liverpool to see **The Beate Story** followed by the **Chinese Terracotta Warriors** (discovered in 1974). I will go by train at 9.30am but if you want to go by bus please meet us at the **Beatles Story Building** at 10.30am as tour is booked for 10.40am. Lunch will be your own choice of venue. **£23.00 (EF) .**

**The reason there are so few items on the list, this month, is because we are still looking for members to come forward who are willing to organise new outings for the coming year. You will be given help.**

**Please get in touch with me if you are able to help. (Liz).**

**My email is [naganalfb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:naganalfb@yahoo.co.uk).**

**N.B. 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.

**No more than two items per cheque.** If you are paying for more than one person please write the names of the other person on the back of the cheque.

**. 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 make sure you know what time the trips are leaving.

**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

## Popular Science - open to all members!

The next Popular Science lecture will be held on **Wednesday 21st February** 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.

This time we will have two new talks from members of our Science Group.

**Andrew Cross**, will be talking about Green Energy. Andy lives in Ashton Hayes, which since 2006 has been working towards becoming a carbon neutral community; green energy is one of Andy's long term interests.

**Ros Flinn** is well known to Maths for Fun students but started her career as an astronomer and is an active member of Chester Astronomical Society. Her talk will be on Gravitational Waves, and we can expect the very latest news from this frontier of astronomy.

For questions or to be added to an email reminder list, please contact **Janet Money** on 0151 3272566 or email [popularscience@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:popularscience@chesteru3a.org.uk)

## Local History

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

**4th January The Street Where You Live**

Each member to give a short account of where they live and its history.

**1st February Ellesmere Port - Terry Garner**

**1st March Handbridge - Doris Wilcox**

**5th April Transport in N.E. Chester - Tony Barratt**

**3rd May May Celebrations Around Chester**

Each member to give a short account of the celebrations where they live

**7th June Effects of 2 World Wars on Chester Landscape - Tony Barratt**



The ukulele group—**Ukes3A**— at the Christmas Fayre.

## New Group - Maths for Fun 2

First meeting to be held **Thursday 18th January 2018** at 10.00 am. at St Michael's Church Centre, Newton.

Anyone interested please contact **Ros Flinn** on **01244 343944**

## Strolling Group

Sadly this group may close shortly. Any offers of help or more information please contact **Mary Farrugia** on **01244 341193**

## Whist

A set-up meeting for this group will be arranged end of **January/ beginning of February** for those members who have already expressed an interest.

If you wish to be included please contact Kay on [groups@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@chesteru3a.org.uk) or leave a message on **01244 348715**

**Thursday Spanish** - Gareth would you please ring again as the phone number you left was incorrect so I have been unable to contact you. Joy Yates

## 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 2nd Jan** *Mike Lyne: Driving in Our Third Age. Talks about the problems we may encounter as we get older, the risks and some solutions on how to continue driving safely.*

**11th January is** *our celebrated New Year Quiz presented by Tim Carley hopefully with Samantha in attendance. Please come with your team of six or join in with a team on the day.*

*\*Computer help desk and book exchange.\**

**February 8th** *Local folk singer and composer Dave Atkinson will give a mixture of singing and chat.*

*\*Book exchange and computer help desk.\**



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

Tuesdays

Thursdays

December Painting 1

December Painting 2

January Philosophy

January Photography

February Popular Science

February Psychology A

**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*

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 24th January - 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  
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