

From the Chair

Facebook and Cambridge Analytica have been in the news recently about trading personal data. It may be more than a coincidence that some changes to the operations of U3As are required to safeguard members' personal data. Judy and Mal attended the workshop 'Keeping it legal' in Leeds to find out more. The changes required will not impact the day to day running of our U3A. Groups and monthly meetings that you love so much will remain as before. The first change involves the implementation of a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

URGENT PLEA FOR HELP – Is there any member with any experience of Data Protection who would be willing to assist the committee so that we can demonstrate that Chester U3A is compliant to GDPR which comes into operation in May 2018. In view of the timescale we are not required to fully implement the act, only to demonstrate to the Third Age Trust that we will implement compliance a.s.a.p. I have given a description (**on page 3 of this news-sheet**) of the role of a DPO. If you feel you could help please contact me, Jenny Carley email chair@chesteru3a.org.uk Tel 01244680460 anytime if you wish to discuss.

Please see page 3 for details of the Data Protection Officer role.

Gift Aid reminder

Members are reminded that if they have registered with us to be able to claim Gift Aid on their membership donations, then if you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations (including those to other charities) in that tax year it is your responsibility to pay any difference to HMRC.

We are obliged by HMRC to remind members of this requirement. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact our Treasurer, Gary Nye, at treasurer@chesteru3a.org.uk.

If you have not registered for Gift Aid and wish to do so, please contact our Membership Secretary, Judy Anderton, at members@chesteru3a.org.uk.

Please ensure that you advise us if you change your address so our records are correct.

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,
Tom Clarke 881485

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. For information these are the Delamere St. Sb=-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.

- March 29th** Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled due to poor response. (TC)
- April 28th Sat** **Bakewell Food Festival.** Yummy stalls and the original **Bakewell Pudding Shop.** Later we visit **Haddon Hall** with parts dating from the 12th century "The most perfect house to have survived from the middle ages, sitting like a jewel in its Elizabethan terraced gardens overlooking the river Wye". Films made here include Elizabeth, Pride and Prejudice, and others. **£23.50 or £27.50** with guided tour.
Pick up HG 8.30 /D.St. 8.35 /Sbys 8.50. Davies's coach. (TC)
- May 3rd Thurs** **Music Train.** This is a slow train ride through the beautiful Cheshire countryside, a very short walk to the pub for lunch, and a stroll back to the train. **All this with musicians to entertain us.** Lunch at the **Railway Inn Mobberley** is extra and needs to be booked in advance. **Meet at Chester Station at 10.30am £11.50. (EF)**
- May 16th Weds** **Tissington Well Dressing** in Derbyshire. No one is entirely sure why the wells are dressed every year here but it may have been to celebrate that the village was saved from the Black Death. If you wish you can visit **Tissington Hall or Garden** at extra cost. Coach Davies's **HG 8.35am/ D.St 8.45/Sbys 9.00. £10.00 (EF)**
- May 28th Mon** **Canal barge from Cheshire Cat to Shady Oak or Whartons Lock** if you prefer to bring a picnic. Meals available at Shady Oak but need to be ordered on the boat. £12.50 Meet on the canal bank right outside the Pub. You can park there. **9.30am prompt. (EF/BW).**
- June 12th Tues** **Repeat Music Train;** same details as above but a shared trip (EF)
- July 19th Thurs** **Plas Cadnant "Hidden Gardens"** which have been restored to their former glory. Free time in Beaumaris for lunch or site-seeing. Later to **Halen Mon (Anglesey Salt)** for Tasting and Factory Tour. **HG 8.30am/D.St. 8.35/Sbys 8.50.** Prices Coach **£24.00 (SP)**
- Aug 17th Friday** **Canal trip from Preston Brook to Lymm £13.00. (EF/BW)**
- Sept 26th Eight-day holiday to Croatia/Slovenia** flying from Liverpool to Pula. Hotel is one of the Laguna (4*) group in Porec. 3 included excursions and one optional still to be decided. Leaflets at desk Twins £839.00 pp. and Singles using a twin/double room £1088. After March 31st price will rise by £50. (EF)
- Oct 3rd Wed** mat Helen Forrester's **By the Waters of Liverpool** at Empire **£20. (EF)**

N.B. We always include a gratuity for driver on day trips. **Please pay** in full when booking. **Special phone number (07913111709) to ring on the day of a trip** for any reason. Please enter this number into your mobile phone.

Groups

New Groups that have just started

Whist for Beginners. This new group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1-3pm at the Bawn Lodge Hotel

Anyone interested please contact Angela Rogers on 01244 346830

Reading Group 2

Reading group 2 would welcome new members. We meet at Caldley Valley Church on the first Friday of the month at 2.00p.m. Please contact Aileen Small on 01244 38 28 76

Possible New Groups

Astronomy for Fun

Jazz 2

Psychology

Sunday Walking

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Kay at groups@chesteru3a.org.uk or leave a message on 01244 348715

The Tuesday Walking Group needs YOU!

Currently there are vacancies in the above group. We're a friendly bunch who walk on the third Tuesday of the month between 5 and 7 miles with very modest height gain (ie no mountains!). Members take it in turns to choose and lead the walks. We either meet at Halfords (near Chester Sainsbury's) to share cars or go direct to the venue and we finish with a pub lunch.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Jean Brannan on 01978 854724 or Margaret Reid on 01244 341544

Family History

Researching your family history is a fascinating and rewarding hobby. Chester U3A has a thriving and knowledgeable family history group. Later in the year, we plan to run a 'How To Start Your Family History' course which will run over a period of approximately four weeks.

If you would like to take part, please ring Hilary Watmough on 01244 326285

Poetry Appreciation

We are a small lively group who meet every third Tuesday in the month at 2pm in each other's houses. We enjoy reading and discussing a wide range of poets and poetry.

We are currently looking for one or two new members to join us.

Contact **Thelma Stockley on 01244 347077** if you are interested or would like to find out more.

Details of Data Protection Officer (DPO) Role,

as outlined in 'From the Chair' on p1

The DPO will be required to be a Trustee of Chester U3A. He/she will be the point of contact for Data Protection issues and advise on Chester U3A policies and procedures that hold members' personal data. The DPO will inform and advise the Trustees of Chester U3A on their data protection obligations and provide advice regarding the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which takes effect in May 2018. Support for this role will be provided by The Third Age Trust, National Office.

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 3rd April **Jill Burton** 'The Howard de Walden Family at Chirk Castle 1911 to 1946: the society years'. Jill is a retired National Trust Education Officer for the properties of Erddig and Chirk Castle. Last time she spoke about the servants of Erddig. This time she is focusing on Chirk Castle and the society years both above and below stairs.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chirk-castle

Thurs 12th April **Eddie Tarry: 'Reducing Reoffending'**. Eddie Tarry is the Community Engagement Officer at Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, Styal.
Computer help desk, book swap and craft table

Tues 1st May **Mark Flinn: 'Allegri to Zelenka'**. Mark is from the [North West Early Music Forum](#). His group of players will tell us a little about pre-classical music and play a variety of pieces on instruments from these early years.

Thurs 10th May **Philip Chidell** is making a welcome return visit to give us a musical talk entitled '**Classical Music: overcoming the commercial challenges**'.
The usual book exchange and computer help desk will be in attendance.

On the Thursday social meetings we have been entertained by a variety of groups and individual members who have professional or amateur interests which they talk talked about. We have a few more lined up but I'm sure there must be many people out there who would be willing to share their enthusiasms with the general membership. I just don't know who they are. Please contact me on 01978 761309 - Jane Harrap

Car Parking at Tuesday Meetings: parking is difficult, so if you can come on foot or on the bus (No 51 Stagecoach) it will be helpful. 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 parking space at the Thursday Meeting.

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

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



Tuesdays

Thursdays

April Racketball

April Reading I

May Reading 2

May Scrabble

June Science

June Singing for Pleasure

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 18th April. 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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