

### **From the Chair – Jenny Carley**

Even though the sun has been shining, the committee have been busy putting together some policies. These have been registered on Chester U3A website for you to use. The Link - Chester U3A - [Policy Documents](#).

They are General Data Protection Policy (GDPR), Privacy Policy, a Legitimate Interest Assessment, Accessibility Policy (replacing disability policy), more on the way. We are now on our way to becoming GDPR compliant with the new regulations, although there is still much to do. We will need help on the committee at the next AGM.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee at the next AGM in November you may like to read the committee minutes which are now online, not really bedtime reading, it may help you to fall asleep though we usually have a few laughs along the way

CHAIRS at Tuesday and Thursday meetings – we need help, don't leave it to someone else, please do what you can to help.

Lastly – the 25th Anniversary – Get your tickets asap as booking will close shortly after the Thursday July meeting. The celebration is on 4th September so there will NOT be a meeting at St Columba's in the morning, sorry about that, we will have a treat on the Thursday meeting for those not attending the anniversary.

Memories of Chester U3A OLD PHOTOS of interest groups, social events, holidays, or do know any amusing stories The team would appreciate your memories to share. Send them to me at [chair@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@chesteru3a.org.uk) or call me 01244 680460. I look forward to reading them.

Jenny

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> July**      **Dr. John Edmonson : 'Georg D Ehret (1708 – 1770)'**. Dr Edmonson worked at the **Royal** Botanic Gardens Edinburgh and then at the Liverpool Museum where he was head of Science. He is a co-founder of the Cheshire Gardens Trust. His subject, Georg D Ehert, is a botanical artist who became a protégé of the Duchess of Portland. He also worked with Carl Linnaeus, the Swedish botanist who revolutionised the naming of plants. <http://www.botanicalartandartists.com/about-georg-ehret.html>

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July**      **Godfrey Harrap: 'Australian Travels'**

**7th August -Huw Jenkins - "The Wild West Indies – one hell of a paradise"**

Huw has come to Chester before when he spoke about "The snake in the Greenhouse". He is now a speaker on cruise ships and has been to the Caribbean many times. He promises his talk "will be humorous with gossip, history and wildlife but tinged with the misery of recent hurricanes".

## Social Events

**The Team: Elizabeth Flanagan 341097, Sue Proctor 335943,  
Tom Clarke 881485**

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 Caldys Valley Church lower car parking .

**Bookings will not be accepted without full payment. Please remember dates and times can change so check with an up-to-date news-sheet.**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July** matinee **The Dusty Springfield Story/Musical at Liverpool Empire.** Songs like "*Look of Love*", "*I only want to be with you*" and of course "*Son of a preacher man*" £20. I will meet you at the theatre at 2.p.m. (EF)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July** Plas Cadnant "**Hidden Gardens**" which have been restored to their former glory. Lunch now in Menai Bridge. Later we go to **Halen Mon (Anglesey Salt)** for tasting and factory tour. **HG 8.30am/D.St. 8.35/Sbys 8.50. Prices Coach. Full but have a waiting list. £24.00 (SP)**

**Fri Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Canal trip from Preston Brook to Lymm £13.00.** Full but have a waiting list. Lane for access to the boat is on the left on the A56 just as you approach the canal bridge and about a mile and a half past Frodsham (EF/BW)

**Thurs Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Come with us on an adventure day of horticulture to Trentham Gardens with its flora, Capability Brown lake and shops.** "Visit the **Flora Labyrinth** with its maze of flower beds which feeds the senses, a real haven to get lost in". **Price with coach and entry £17.50, or with Tour £21.00.** Plenty of places for lunch. Later in the afternoon on our way home we call at **Bridgemere Garden World** where, if you are still hungry, you can have a **£7.00 afternoon tea**, or just wander round and buy a few plants. **HG 8.45/ D.St. 8.50 /Sbys 9.00am (TC)**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8 day holiday to Croatia/Slovenia flying from Liverpool to Pula.** Can you please let me have your £15.00 p.p. return coach fare for airport. Times for pick-up (at Station or Sainsbury's) next month. (EF)

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** mat Helen Forrester's **By the Waters of Liverpool at Empire £20.** Tickets for this show will be given to you at the August/Sept meeting as I will not be available that day because of our holiday to Croatia. (EF)

**Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. Exclusive guided tour of Lancaster Castle which hosted many historic trials, followed by a 3 hour Canal Trip with Afternoon Tea.** Only 46 places so please book early. **Pickup HG. 8.15/ D.St 8.20/ Sby 8.30. £29.00 (SP).**

### Coming soon. Details at meeting

- ◆ November Bury Market (TC).
- ◆ 21<sup>st</sup> December Christmas at the Phil, various prices
- ◆ 31<sup>st</sup> December New Year party at the Phil. various prices (EF).
- ◆ Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 4 day coach and ferry holiday to Diksmuide Flanders. B&B with one evening meal on the first night. £329.00 (single sup. £60.00). Deposit of **£75.00** needs to be paid **a.s.a.p.** See Sue for details. EHIC card still valid in February. (SP)

**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

## Personal Data Information

This information is for group leaders.

You will have realised that change is in the air and you will have been inundated by information about GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). Personal data is the phrase of the moment and your committee is doing its best to sort out all the information to make your life easier. It appears that you will not need to access Beacon if you do not want to.

Providing you ask your group members to write down their information for you, then by implication you will have their permission to contact them. The only information you will require will be name, telephone number and e-mail address. Your members will need to be assured that the information will only be used for passing on information within the group and will only be kept for as long as each is a member. Keep a look-out for more information, especially at the Group Leaders' Meeting.

Bob Davies

Co-opted Committee Member

### Friday Writers' Group

We have room for new members!

We meet once a month on the second Friday from 10a.m.-12 noon in members' houses. We use a number of genres, from dark and scary stories to comic tales. Anything goes.....

Each session we work to a theme suggested by one of the group. Overall, it's fun. There's no right or wrong way to write and I continue to be astounded by the creativity and imagination of our members.

Please give me a ring on 01244 314215 if you would like to know more. I look forward to hearing from all you budding writers out there. Su Sisung Coordinator, Friday Writers' Group

### U3A Request for help

We have received a request from a Phd student at University of Chester who wishes to recruit adults over 65, musicians and non musicians for a research project on the benefits of musical training on the wellbeing of older adults. If you are interested in this please contact Kay on [groups@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:groups@chesteru3a.org.uk) or leave a message

### The Thursday Strollers

would love to welcome new members to join our walks. We walk on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Please contact Sheila Todd on 01244 675683 for more information.

### POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS

Astronomy for Fun needs a few more members to get going

Current Affairs- another group to meet EVENINGS

Jazz Appreciation 2 Jazz 1 is full but one of its knowledgeable members has offered to get another group going.

Everyday Maths- looking at the uses and misuses of maths in everyday life

Sunday Walking- a few more people and we might have a viable group

Games Group- would you be interested in trying out some board games on a regular basis?

New Experiences Group Have you ever felt that you had missed out on some exciting experiences? Would you be interested by joining others to rectify this by, for example, segwaying around the forest, zipping along wires in N.Wales or the Lakes, or, perhaps indoor climbing or ice skating in the winter?

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

### NEW GROUP

A second Italian Beginners has started. It meets on Mondays at 2.30pm.

If you are interested please contact Christine Armstrong on 01244 300897 or Sue Graves on 01244 301122 .

## Membership Renewal

As we are coming up to a new membership year on 1<sup>st</sup> September the committee decided to review the levels of membership and fees that we offer.

Before July 2016 there was only one level of membership available which gave access to all monthly meetings at St Columba's hall.

There was a first year joining fee for new members of £14 and annual renewals of £10.

Due to concerns about numbers attending the Tuesday meeting it was agreed in July 2016 that an additional option, that of 'Associate' member be introduced.

This did not allow attendance at a Tuesday meeting and was offered at a reduction on the annual renewal of £2. It was the only option available to new members.

The review found that the concerns over attendance numbers didn't materialise and that there was considerable confusion among members as to which meetings they could attend.

The committee have therefore agreed from the 2018/19 membership year that we will drop the Associate membership and only offer one level, 'Individual' membership. This will give access to all meetings and will be offered at the same rates as 2016.

### **MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2018/19**

Annual Renewal £10

New Member £14

### **HOW TO RENEW**

1. **Bank Transfer** – Sort Code **30 91 92**,

Account Code **59864768** ,

Payment reference – **your 4 digit membership number**

2. **In Person** – by cash or cheque, made payable to Chester U3A, on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August** at St Columba's hall

3. **By Post** – send a cheque made payable to Chester U3A to the Membership Secretary, PO Box 167, Chester CH2 1WL.

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



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

#### **Tuesdays**

<b>July</b>	<b>Social Justice</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Spanish for Holidays</b>
<b>Sept</b>	<b>Spanish Intermediate</b>

#### **Thursdays**

<b>July</b>	<b>Spanish</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Spanish Improvers</b>
<b>Sept</b>	<b>Storytelling</b>

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is **Wed 25th July**. 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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