

From the Chair – Jenny Carley

Thank you to those who have started to bring your own cups to the monthly meetings. It seems to be working so far, so let's continue to reduce plastic waste.

August was renewal month for membership. For anyone who has not renewed by 30th November, membership will be £14 and not £10 for renewal. Details on how to renew are in August News Sheet and on the website on the Membership page. Some members are still asking how they will receive their membership cards. Here it is again, please spread the word in your groups.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENEWED AND NOT RECEIVED THEIR MEMBERSHIP CARDS

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CARDS AT THE MONTHLY MEETINGS ON

THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER or TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER.

THERE IS NO MEETING AT ST COLUMBA'S ON TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

This day is our 25th Anniversary celebration at the Hilton DoubleTree. The festivities start at 1.00pm. This event is now closed. The room is at full capacity so please do not turn up unless you have purchased a ticket.

Details of our AGM are appended to this News Sheet.

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 4th Sept: Chester U3A 25th Anniversary Celebrations at 1pm. As Chester U3A's 25th Anniversary Celebrations are taking place in the afternoon Jenny Carley's talk "Mysteries of the Trust" will not now take place in the morning. Hopefully it will be rescheduled for 2019.

Thurs 13th Sept. Carole Codd who is a Ceremony Celebrant is giving a talk on the varied aspects of her work. The usual book exchange and computer help desk.

Tues 2nd Oct: John Walley - "The George Formby Story". John has worked as an actor and entertainer for many years. His television work includes "Halls of Fame" with Roy Hudd, "Collectors Lot" with Sue Cook and "Searching for George Formby" with Frank Skinner. He is an honorary member of the George Formby Society. He also owns one of George's ukuleles. He will give us an insight into the life of George Formby as well as illustrating his talk with several songs. A trip down memory lane.

Thurs 11th Oct: Retired pharmacist and U3A member Christine Robinson will be speaking about her life as a pharmacist. Book swap table, computer help desk and social events table.

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 Caldby 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.**

Aug 30th Thurs Come with us on an adventure of horticulture to **Trentham Gardens** with its flora, Capability Brown lake and shops. "Visit the **Flora Labyrinth** with its maze of flower beds, 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 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)**

Sept 12th Wed mat Saturday Night Fever. At Liverpool Empire. Due to what happened at Son of a Preacher man I am enclosing a sentence from ATG "Whilst paying homage to the 1977 John Travolta classic this new version promises more drama, more music and hot new choreography which is sure to have you dancing in the aisles."
Featuring all the well known songs. Meet at 2.00pm **£25.00 (EF)**

Sept 26th. 8 day holiday to Croatia/Slovenia flying from Liverpool to Pula.
Coach times 6.45am Town Crier (opposite the Railway Station) and Sainsbury's 7.00am (EF)

Oct 3rd Wed mat Helen Forrester's **By the Waters of Liverpool** at Empire. Tickets for this show will be given to you at the Jul/Aug/Sept meetings as I will not be available that day because of our holiday to Croatia. **Two tickets left for this. (EF)**

Oct 4th Thurs mat Due to demand another visit to **By the Waters of Liverpool** for those who couldn't go on the Wed. **Meet at the Empire at 2.00pm £21. (EF)**

Oct 23rd Tues 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).**

Nov 14th Wed Bury Market (one of the largest in the country) **and Museums.** Get your black puddings or socks and everything in between. Great cafes for lunch. Time to visit **Art Museum** (free), **Fusilier Museum** with guided tour (£4.95) or **Transport Museum** (free). On the way home we visit "**The Singing, Ringing Tree.**" (What's that? Well wait and see). **HG.8.40am /D.St 8.45 /Sbys 9.00am. (TC)**

Dec 21st Fri Christmas at the Phil, hosted as usual by John Suchet and conducted by Ian Tracey Soloist Jennifer Johnston. Various prices. **(EF)**

Feb 11th Mon. 4 day holiday to Diksmuide, Flanders. B&B. We hope to include an evening meal on the first night. **Visits to the battlefield sites in Ypres, the Somme, Messines and Passchendaele with poetry readings.** Deposit of **£75.00** needed now, otherwise holiday will have to be cancelled. **£329.00 (single £60.00 extra). (SP)**

2019 trips: Feb - The Bodyguard (EF); March - Black Country Museum (TC)

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

Popular Science - open to all members!

The next Popular Science lecture will be held on Wednesday 31st October 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.

The British Geological Survey and the Natural Environment Research Council will be building a **Geological Observatory** at Ince Marshes. This will be a globally important research site with the aim of developing new energy technologies that can help us tackle climate change while keeping the lights on. The **BGS** will be sending a speaker to explain the aims of the project and how it fits with other science initiatives in Cheshire (name to be announced).

Our other talk will be given by our own **Dr Vince Hatton**, on the subject of **Data Presentation**. Did you know that Florence Nightingale was a statistician who invented the Rose Diagram to show how better sanitation could reduce deaths in the Crimea? This talk will demonstrate techniques for making numbers tell a story.

For questions please contact Janet Money on 0151 3272566 or email popularscience@chesteru3a.org.uk

Possible New Groups

Current Affairs — EVENINGS

Jazz Appreciation 2

Everyday Maths

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

Collecting

Do you collect things? Do you have some interesting collections already? If so, would you like to share your enthusiasm with like-minded members in the Collectors' Group? The Group meets 2nd Monday in the month at 2pm. If interested please contact Ken on 01244 880904

Music 2

We meet on second Monday in the month, 10-12, and we have some vacancies. If interested please contact Avril on 01244 328828

Singing for Pleasure

The group will resume on 10th September from 2pm - 4pm at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane, Upton. Ladies and gentlemen welcome to join. If interested, please phone Norma Jones on 01244 374603

Flower Arranging

We would love to see new faces at our monthly flower group. Come along, make new friends. Arrange flowers to brighten your home. All levels very welcome. Hope to see you on the third Thursday of the month at New Scene Youth Club, Newton CH2 2HH, 10am-12pm. Please contact Marie Cunniff on 01244 340564.

Literary Appreciation 1

The group has room for a couple more members. We meet on the second Friday 2-4 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting house in Frodsham St., Chester. Phone Carol Ferris on 01244 332016 if interested.

Whist

The Whist Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1 till 3 pm at the Bawn Lodge, Hoole Road. Our next meeting is on 5th September and unless we get more members the group will have to fold up. Anybody wanting more information should contact Angela Rogers on 01244 346830

Christmas Lunch - Advance Notice

The Chester U3A Christmas lunch has been booked at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel for Tuesday 11th December 2018, with a festive menu priced at £20.00. Tickets will be on sale at both the Tuesday and Thursday meetings in October and November.

Group Co-ordinator's financial reporting

Group co-ordinators are reminded that a financial report detailing income and expenditure will be required in September for any group that has an annual turnover of more than £50 to the 31 August. Guidance notes on preparing this report can be found on the [Group Co-ordinator's website page](#). Co-ordinators should look at the [Study/Interest Group Accounts](#) document for guidance and a sample spreadsheet illustrating the format for the report.

Co-ordinators should contact the Treasurer, Gary Nye at treasurer@chesteru3a.org.uk for further information or assistance.

Dates for your diary

The Group Coordinators' Lunch this year will be held on SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER. An official invitation will be sent out nearer the time.

The agenda items for discussion will include Group Fairs and Information for Coordinators. I would really appreciate your thoughts on these topics at the meeting.

Kay Lunt

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



Tuesdays

Sept	Spanish Intermediate
Oct	Table Tennis 1
Nov	The Old Grumpies

Thursdays

Sept	Storytelling
Oct	Table Tennis 2
Nov	Thursday Strollers

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 19th Sept. Please send contributions to the News Sheet web address: newssheet@chesteru3a.org.uk or in writing to: PO Box 167 Chester CH21WL
This month's editor: Joyce Carrington; Next month's editor: Jen Sterling

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CHESTER U3A AGM

The AGM is on November 6th. We need a minimum of six committee members to complete the committee for Chester U3A, plus other support members. Some will need computer skills, others not. A large U3A like Chester with 1200 members needs a full committee, otherwise it cannot deliver the support for groups and all your social activities. To remind you...

A U3A is run by the members for the members

If we do not get the sufficient officers for the committee then the U3A will need to hold an EGM. If members do not volunteer at the EGM, then measures are taken to close the U3A. Some of you will think that I am saying this to scare you; not at all. I have closed U3As when I was Trustee.

Nominations are invited for the following posts * at 2018 AGM Chester U3A

Chair *	To be elected	Essential committee post
Vice Chair *	To be elected	Essential committee post
Treasurer *	To be elected	Essential committee post
Business Secretary*	To be elected	Essential committee post
Minutes Secretary *	To be elected	
Membership A *	To be Elected	New post
Membership B *	To be elected	
Group Liaison *	To be elected	
Beacon *	To be elected	New post
Communication *	To be elected	
Social	remains in post	
2x committee members **	To be elected	
GDPR *	To be elected	New post
Non-committee members		
Thursday meetings	required	
Group Support	required	
Social Support	required	

All nominations for the above posts must be proposed and seconded by a member of Chester U3A, not a current committee member. Nomination papers are available from the business secretary or on the website. All nominations to be in the hands of the business secretary by 16th October. A description of most of the committee roles is available [here](#).

Please support the committee. It is a rewarding experience and fun. I assure you it will open your eyes to what it actually takes to run a U3A. Special skills are not required. You will be given training or help as required, so if you are willing to work as a team come and join us.

CHESTER U3A

Nomination form for election to Executive Committee year 01/09/2018 to 31/08/2020

Nominee (print) _____ **Post (if known)** _____

Membership no _____

Proposer (print) _____ **Membership No** _____

(Sign) _____

Seconder (print) _____ **Membership No** _____

(Sign) _____

Nominee Signature _____ **Date** _____

All nominations must be in the hands of the Business Secretary before 16th October 2018

Email businesssec@chesteru3a.org.uk