

From the Chair

I can hardly believe it is a year since our last AGM. This year has been exceptionally busy for the committee. We have achieved a lot. Hopefully next year will not be as hectic. Thank you to all members who have volunteered to take on roles on the committee. Without your support Chester U3A would not be able to share its group activities with so many of you. I haven't been able to get around to the groups as much as I would have wished this year. Those that I have met and heard about have really impressed me,

Please attend your AGM and meet your new committee and say thank you to those leaving, some of whom have served many years on the committee. In the interests of saving the environment the following documents have been published on the Chester U3A website www.chesteru3a.org.uk under 'AGM 2018' on left of home page:

[The Finance Report and Accounts for approval at the AGM](#)

[Agenda](#)

[The Chair annual report for approval at the AGM](#)

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[Minutes of the last AGM 7th Nov 2017](#)

Those of you who do not have access to a computer may request a copy of a document from a committee member. Note: all members may request an archived copy of any committee minutes from a member of the committee.

After the AGM Tim will be talking about 'The Knowledge' – What would happen if world civilisation stopped, how we would cope, as we first scavenge and then start over.

Jenny Carley

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 6th November Tim Carley "The Knowledge". How to restart civilisation after an un-named disaster - '*pick your own scenario*'. A few survivors are left but no gas, electricity, water supply, or any of the things we take for granted every morning when we wake up. Where do we start? This will certainly get us thinking! There will be a **craft sales table** in the little side room.

Thurs 8th November Retired forensic pathologist and U3A member Sheilah Hamilton will give a talk on her life in this branch of science. Book swap table, computer help desk and social events table. Craft table including Christmas cards.

Tues 4th December Barry Humphries - 'The Great British Christmas' Not **the** Barry Humphries, I am afraid but an equally amusing and interesting speaker. His talk is an exploration of the origins of Christmas and its traditions. In particular, Barry will take a nostalgic look at Christmas in Britain in the 50s.

Thurs 13th December Christmas Fair - see page 4.

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 on 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.**

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 cafés 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." **HG.8.40am /D.St 8.45 /Sbys 9.00am. £9.00. (TC)**

Nov 28th, Wed. 7.30pm. Murder In Play at Upton Village Hall. Tickets will be left on the door for you to pick up. If you want a good seat come early. Please pay today **£7.00. (EF)**

Dec 21st, Fri. Christmas at the Phil, hosted as usual by **John Suchet** and conducted by **Ian Tracey**. Soloist **Jennifer Johnston**. **Stalls £37.50 Circle £30.50/£25.50 Coach HG. 5.30pm/ Del St. 5.40/ Sbys 5.50/ UpSpar 6.00 and W100 6.10. (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** is needed now, otherwise holiday will have to be cancelled. **£329.00 (single £60.00 extra). (SP)**

Feb 28th, Thurs. matinee. The Bodyguard at the Empire Liverpool for two weeks only. **Frank Farmer** is hired to protect superstar **Rachel Marron** from an unknown stalker. Trouble ensues when both expect to be in charge. The score features many well known classics including, "*I will always love you- ou- ou- ou*" and "*One moment in time.*" Early Bird booking needs to be paid now. **£25.00 (EF)** Meet at the theatre at 2.00pm

March 7th, Thurs. Black Country Museum. Dudley. Introductory talk and then free time to see all the many sights. Optional mine tour, Victorian school lessons and Dudley canal mine tunnel trip. The museum also has the best fish and chip shop in the country. "So much to do and so little time". **£19.50. (TC).**

April 11th, Thurs. mat Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake at the Liverpool Empire. Thrilling, audacious, witty and emotive, this Swan Lake is perhaps still best known for replacing the female corps-de-ballet with a menacing male ensemble, which shattered conventions and took the dance world by storm. "**Still original and still unmissable**" (Metro) Circle seats Row F **£34.00** and Rows H, J, and L **£26.00. See you at the theatre at 2.00pm. (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.

(Please note refunds will only be given if we can sell your ticket.)

Groups

Play Reading

We have vacancies for 2 or 3 new members. We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2:00-4.30pm with a break for refreshments about 3.15. The session is sometimes followed by a discussion. We have read a wide variety of plays ranging from Greek tragedy to modern comedy and members' suggestions are always considered carefully.

If you are interested and would like more information please ring David Clewes on 01244 346518 .

Possible New Groups

Current Affairs — Evenings

Jazz Appreciation 2

Everyday Maths

Sunday Walking

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

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.

Psychology

New Group - monthly, Tues a.m. Please leave a message for Kay on 01244 348715 or email groups@chesteru3a.org.uk if interested.

Craft Group

We would like to welcome a few more members, to join us on the second and fourth Tues of the month. We meet at New Scene in Upton 10 - 12. Bring your chosen craft to work on while we have a chat and a cuppa. Phone Pam on 07845922996

Reading Group 2

We would welcome new members. We meet on the first Friday of the month for informal discussion and a cup of tea at Caldley Valley Community Centre at 2.00 p.m. Please contact Aileen Small on 01244 382876 if you would like to join us.

New Experiences

For those people wanting to have a go at things they have always wanted to try. So far we have 16 members and 2 groups of 6 have been to Go -Ape at Delamere. In October, we will try Segway and then November will see us ice skating.

If you are interested in joining, contact Sue Hannan on 07855123132 or Tuulikki Harling on 07977862998.

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.

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

Whist for Beginners

This group now meets just once a month and that is on the Second Wednesday of each month so the next meeting is on 14th Nov.

The group always meets at the Bawn Lodge on Hoole Road from 1 to 3 pm. Further details from Angela Rogers on 01244 346830."

Christmas Lunch

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.

Christmas Fair.

Thursday Morning Meeting 13th December Everybody welcome.

Please bring your Friends and Family. Stalls ranging from Local Artisan Foods, Delicacies and Crafts to U3A Groups Arts and Crafts.

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

Christmas Entertainment from **Chester Handbells, U3A Music Performance, Singing for Pleasure and Ukulele Groups.**

The following **equipment is surplus to requirements**. If anyone can make use of this equipment please contact the Treasurer, Gary or Chair, Jenny

1. Slide projector for 35mm slides - it still works but is 20 years old
2. An amplifier with 2 receivers. One receiver operates a hand-held mic. The other a head mic all about 7 years old

Anyone for Tennis?

I am a member of Brymbo Lawn Tennis Club. Our club coach John Whitehall has received a grant from Tennis Wales which is specifically intended for members of the U3A. As a result John is offering 5 sessions of tennis to any interested members. These sessions, which will be run by John, will naturally be free and the intention is for them to be low key, fun and social.

Susan Armstrong (member Chester U3A) Tel: 07961626344

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



Tuesdays

Nov The Old Grumpies
Dec Tuesday Walking
Jan Ukulele Group 2

Thursdays

Nov Thursday Strollers
Dec Ukulele Group 1
Jan Walking (1st Fri/3rd Monday)

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 21st November. Please send contributions to the News Sheet web address: newsheet@chesteru3a.org.uk or post to: PO Box 167 Chester CH1 9FB
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