



# NEWS SHEET

## January 2019



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### January – From the Chair

Happy New Year, time to sit down and reflect. If you get this before New Years day please come and join us at St Columba's for a chat and tea/coffee.

The start of a new year is a time to think about what you do for the U3A. I am always saying we are run by the members for the members, but what I see is the same members always helping out, especially the same coordinators.

This year why not try a new group, or even start a new group. Inspiration can be found by talking to our coordinators, or Kay our group liaison officer.

Why not start a new group, a group I have thought about is an **iPad class** - only for a short time maybe 5-6 weeks. Interested? Then contact Kay, or myself.

Today, I received an e-mail asking for volunteers to get involved in a regional archive project. The regional archives from Cumbria to Cheshire are hoping to be able to digitise their large stores of difficult to access early maps.

If you are interested in helping with this project please contact me - [chair@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@chesteru3a.org.uk) - or call our new 07565181192 enquiries number.

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 1st January** NEW YEAR'S DAY Join us in celebrating the new year - Come and join us  
Chat and coffee freely available

**Thurs 10th January** Open meeting Find out what you don't know about Chester U3A Book swap table, computer help desk and social events table

**Tues 5th February** John Hatfield (the man who gave the very interesting talk on Fracking) will be informing us on Alternative Energy. Solar, Wind, Hydro, Tidal, Bio and Geo methods are explained and their limitations considered. Different types of storage methods are considered and finally, Small, Modular Nuclear Power Stations are shown and explained.

## 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.**

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** Let's drive the winter away with a **fun day out in Lancashire at Oswaldtwistle Mill**. Coffee/tea on arrival where you will be given discount vouchers for shopping.

**Lunch 12 noon with singing entertainment**, then games like dingbats, picture quiz, play your cards right, musical bingo all with prizes.

Finally time for shopping before leaving. **Coach HG 9am Del St 9.10 and Sbys 9.15.**

It will be great fun and interesting for us all and only **£25.00 (TC)**

**Feb 2019 WW1 Battlefields tour has had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Chqs have not been banked and can be collected from Sue at the desk. (SP)**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.** mat **The Bodyguard** at the Empire L'pool Meet at the theatre at 2.00pm. Full. (EF)

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March 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).**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar.** N.B. matinee **Straight from the West End Kinky Boots. Starring Cyndi Lauper.** I have been able to get more seats for this show as they have now released matinee seats. They have also extended the reservation time until the end of January. **This feel-good musical takes you from the factory floor of Northampton to the Milan Catwalk.** "Winner of the 2016 Olivier for best musical" **£43.00. See you at the theatre from 2.00pm. (EF)**

**Thurs Apl 4<sup>th</sup>** **The Barbara Hepworth Museum Wakefield and the Bretton Sculpture park. Price and times at meeting. (EF)**

**Thurs April 11<sup>th</sup>** 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. Circle seats Row F **£34.00** and Rows H,J, and L **£26.00. See you at the theatre at 2.00pm. (EF).**

**Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> May Smithills Hall, a medieval Manor House,** with Tudor and Victorian additions set on the edge of the Pennines, then on to **Rivington Hall Barn for an included 2 course lunch** followed by entertainment from the **Houghton Weavers.**

**Pick up HG 8.30am/ DSt. 8.35/ Sburys 8.55. £30.50. (SP)**

**Jun 3rd-7<sup>th</sup>** 5 day holiday Folkestone with Leeds Castle **£399.00 Dep £40.**  
Single rooms available with no supplement. Leaflets at social desk. (EF)

**July Manchester Ship Canal 4 hour cruise from E.Port to Salford with coach return. Approx price £35.00.**  
Please let me know if you are interested. (SP)

**N.B.** We include a gratuity for driver on day trips. Please pay in full when booking. U3a phone no. (07913111709) to ring on the day of a trip only. **N.B. Refunds only given if we can sell your ticket.**

# Groups

## New Groups started or about to start

**Board Games-** meets second and fourth Tuesdays am at Westminster Park Cafe. Contact Dave Gipson rb44@hushmail.com for more information

**Jazz Appreciation 2** Hopes to meet third Friday am. Contact Kay Lunt on groups@chesteru3a.org.uk or leave a message on 01244 348715 for more information . (You do not have to be an expert - just interested in the music)

## Local History

The last meeting was again poorly attended putting the existence of the Group in serious jeopardy. However, the room still had to be paid for.

If the poor attendance continues the group will have to close. This would be very sad as it is one of the founding groups of Chester U3A, and was the first group to become a joint Chester and Cestrian group.

However, it is planned that the meeting on Thursday, 5. February at 2 p.m. at the Wesley Meeting Hall, St. John Street will go ahead, when a power point presentation will be given on the Birkenhead/Chester Railway. It is hoped that the attendance will be recovered.

Needless to say new members are very welcome, just 'phone Kay Hall-Wilton (her 'phone number is in the Group List leaflet).

In the hope that Local History can continue the following subjects are planned for the beginning of 2019.

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| 3th Jan   | No meeting - too soon after New Year   |
| 7th Feb   | Chester to Birkenhead Railway          |
| 7th March | History of the Wesley Methodist Church |
| 4th April | History of Aston Hall and Hoole Hall.  |

## Groups that have folded

Collecting

Maths for Fun 2

## History

Members of the group have voted for the topics that we shall be covering in 2019. They are the Industrial Revolution, the History of Scotland and Chartered Trading Companies such as the East India Company and the Hudson Bay Company. We meet at All Saints Church Hall off Hoole Road on the 4th Thursday, 10.30-12.30. If anyone is interested in joining us in this very friendly group, please contact Joyce Carrington on 01244 373189.

## New Experiences

For those people wanting to have a go at things they have always wanted to try. 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.

## Whist for Beginners

This group now meets just once a month and that is on the Second Wednesday of each month.

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

## Important Notice

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

	<b>Tuesdays</b>		<b>Thursdays</b>
Jan	Ukulele Group 2	Jan	Walking (1st Fri/3rd Monday)
Feb	Wednesday Walking	Feb	Whist for Beginners
March	Ambling	March	Ancient Wisdoms

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 23rd January 2019. Please send contributions to the News Sheet web address: [newssheet@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:newssheet@chesteru3a.org.uk) or post to: PO Box 167 Chester CH1 9FB

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