From the Chair

Reminder – Storyhouse ‘Meet Up’ on 3rd June and 1st July. A drop-in session for all members, 10.30-12.30. A chance to grab a coffee, meet new members and enjoy a bit of chat.

For a long time there has been debate about using the word ‘University’ to describe the U3A, as members thought ‘University’ did not reflect its true nature. It has been agreed by the board that the words ‘University of the Third Age’ will no longer be printed with the logo. Instead a strapline ‘Learning, Laugh Live’ will sit below the logo. The purpose of this change is to reflect the diverse and openness of the U3A. The old version is being used on this news-sheet, but will be changed once the new one is distributed.

Many U3As are becoming more environmentally aware. One group in Maidenhead picked up litter whilst on a walk. Falkirk and District have prepared a presentation about plastic pollution. In Chester we have our own ‘A Life Less Plastic’ group which recently visited a waste recycling facility in Wrexham. Look at their report on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/chesteru3a/

P.S. Don’t forget to bring your own mugs to the monthly meetings.

We now have a group of members from Chester U3A for the exchange to Uppsala U3A, Sweden. We are in contact with the International group of Uppsala U3A. More to come later. In the meantime, enjoy the Summer – it’s forecast to be a hot one.

Jenny

Monthly Meetings

Start at 09.45 with tea/coffee at St Columba’s Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, followed at 1030 by the meeting.

- Tues 4th June: Japan, Bowing to Tradition by Jim Holmes. From the northern ‘snow country’ to the southern tropical beaches, Japan is a diverse and complicated country. See how Japan has integrated traditional aspects of its culture into a modern society. Micro cars to beer from machines and public bathhouses to tatami mats, Japan is not quite what you imagine.

- Thurs 13th June: "Pot Pourri" : This is the name being given to the new format, multi-topic, Thursday meetings. The June meeting will be the fourth such meeting and will feature short talks by Chester U3A members. Please come along and enjoy several short presentations, book a trip, join a group. For more information please see the back page. Also the usual tables : books, trips, new groups, computer helpdesk.

- Tues 2nd July: TBA

- Thurs 11th July: Music Concert from our Chester U3A musicians and singers.
### Social Events

**The Team:** Liz Flanagan (LF) 01244 341097  
Sue Proctor (SP) 01244 335943  
Tom Clarke (TC) 01244 881485  
Mo Murray (MM) 07480 838897

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<td><strong>May 30</strong></td>
<td><strong>Canal Trip Cheshire Cat to Wharton Lock/Shady Oak</strong>. Park Cheshire Cat car park and walk onto canal path. Please be there by 9.15am as boat leaves at 9.30am. As the Shady Oak ownership seems to change quite frequently it is probably best to take a picnic. Plenty of tea and biscuits included.</td>
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<td><strong>Jun 26</strong></td>
<td><strong>Canal Preston Brook to Lymm or Northwich.</strong> Cancelled</td>
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<td><strong>Jun 3 - 7</strong></td>
<td><strong>Folkestone Holiday.</strong> Coach will leave Chester Railway Station by Queen Hotel 9.00am prompt and Sainsbury’s 9.15 am. Please get there early so that cases can be loaded quickly. We have a long journey to make.</td>
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<td><strong>Jun 13</strong></td>
<td><strong>The Heights of Abraham at Matlock</strong> with a tea/coffee stop on the way. On arrival take the cable car up to visit the Masson Cavern (or film if you prefer), the Fossil Factory and the Metallic Cows. Café available for lunch or picnic. Below is Matlock Bath town. HG 9.00am/D.St 9.05/Sby 9.15. £21.00.</td>
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<td><strong>Jul 4</strong></td>
<td><strong>Music Train to Mobberley.</strong> Lovely day out; lunch (extra) at the Railway Inn. Please phone to place order (01565 873155). £13.00</td>
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<td><strong>Jul 18</strong></td>
<td><strong>Oriel Ynys Mon (Art Gallery &amp; Museum) Llangefni and Copper Kingdom Amlwch.</strong> Morning at the Llangefni Gallery showing works by Tunnicliffe and Kyffin Williams. Lunch in town or picnic. Later we travel to the Copper Kingdom. Weather permitting we may visit Cemaes Bay. Morning coffee inc. in the price. HG 8.30/D.St.8.35/Sby 8.55. £19.00.</td>
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<td><strong>Aug 28</strong></td>
<td><strong>Paradise Mill Macclesfield followed by the Silk Museum</strong> which also includes the Pattern Book Collection. We will be split into two groups; details from the desk. Tea/coffee included. Coach H.G 9.00am D.St.9.05 Sbys 9.15. £21.00.</td>
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<td><strong>Sep 28</strong></td>
<td><strong>8 days half board holiday to Seget Donji near Trogir Split with 3 fantastic included excursions. A coach will be available to take us to the airport, for which there will be an extra charge. Pick-ups Chester Railway Station in front of the Queen Hotel and Sainsbury’s. More details next month.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Oct 23</strong></td>
<td><strong>Les Miserables</strong> Liverpool Empire. Seats £53.00 or £39.50. I have only got 20 tickets at this price. Booking needs to be confirmed soon.</td>
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<td><strong>Oct 31</strong></td>
<td><strong>Calendar Girls</strong> (the musical) at Storyhouse Chester. Stalls seats. We will meet at Storyhouse. Meet me in the entrance lobby at 2.00pm £23.50.</td>
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Abbreviations for our stopping places: **HG**=Hough Green (Redlands Close bus stop). **D.St**= Delamere St. **Sbys**=Sainsbury. **SpU**=Spar Upton. **W100**=Wirral 100. Last two are only for Liverpool trips via the A41. Day time for Sainsbury’s use Halforfs Car Park. Evening use Caldy Valley Church lower car parking.

Dates and times can change, so check with latest news-sheet. Any amendments will also be posted on the website. U3A phone no. (07913111709) to ring on the day of a trip only. **Bookings only accepted with full payment, by cheque.** Refunds only given if we can sell your ticket.
Groups

Thursdays Meetings

The new format has been designed specifically to help Groups find Members, and Members find Groups.

We're offering the opportunity to all Chester U3A members to give a short presentation, 5, 10 or 15 minutes, on your choice of topic. Examples: - my group, and what it does - my favourite: poem/book/song/holiday/YouTube video: - did you know about .... - this is how to ....

No experience is required, plenty of help available. Up to five speakers per meeting. Please email your name and topic to: thursdays@chesteru3a.org.uk

Groups Looking For New Members

Several groups are looking for new members for a variety of reasons. Many have already taken a table at recent new Pot Pourri format Thursdays Monthly Meetings to show what they do. These include:

Friday Writers; Painting 1; Ukulele 2; Bridge for Beginners; Train Journeys; Flower Arranging; Board Games; A Life Less Plastic; Walking; Knitting; Bridge for Beginners; Racketball

Please contact Kay Lunt 01244 348715 groups@chesteru3a.co.uk or contact via the Groups page on our website www.chesteru3a.org.uk

Bridge for Beginners

Wednesday mornings 10.00 to 12 noon, at Vicars Cross Golf Club
Phone Dave Woodward 07803045461

Thursdays Meetings : Group Co-ordinators

If your group is seeking new members, then please email us ASAP. Up to six groups will be allocated a table, at the Thursday monthly meetings. To request a table, simply send an email to thursdays@chesteru3a.org.uk

Possible New Groups

Sundays Only group (various easy activities for Sundays)
Wine tasting
British Sign Language (could any U3A member help run a short course on this?)
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Popular Science

Many of you have enjoyed the Popular Science Lectures. Janet has been doing this for 9 years, so is now retiring. Could someone please come forward to take over the organisation? There are only 2 meetings a year at Bishops High School. Full training will be given. Contact me if you have any queries or offer to take the post. Thank You
Jenny chair@chesteru3a.org.uk

Crown Green Bowling

The group meets from 10.00 until 13.00 at Upton Bowling Green (Wealstone Lane, Upton) every Weds between 10th April and 11th Sept.

Beginners and experienced bowlers are all welcome to join. Equipment is available at the Pavilion and instruction classes are arranged for beginners. Why not come along and try!
Any enquires to David Clegg on 01244 350310

Important Notice

Members who include their personal phone number and name in items for the news-sheet will be considered to consent to their publication. This is to ensure compliance with the GDPR.
News/Notices

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

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The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 19th June 2019.
Please send contributions to: newssheet@chesteru3a.org.uk or post to: PO Box 167 Chester CH1 9FB.
This month’s editor: Joyce Carrington. Next month’s editor: Jen Sterling

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