

Chester U3A

June Thursday Meeting Online

This month's Thursday meeting round up is the usual mixed bag, but there will be something different next month. All of the following are free, and I hope you enjoy at least some of them. If you only click on one link, make it the Goodies, and listen to just how entertaining and full of life Tim Brooke-Taylor was.

Art and Craft

Following on from this month's talk on Medieval Art, you can zoom in on the Arnolfini portrait (and check out the reflections in the mirror) on the National Gallery website here: [National Gallery Arnolfini portrait](#)

Also, the Getty Museum asked people to have a go at recreating famous works of art in their own homes. A roundup of the best (I particularly liked 'Lady with an Ermine' and the 'The Veiled Virgin') are shown here: [Getty Museum challenge](#)

Health and Leisure

A TED talk on sleep, and how important it is to our wellbeing: [Sleep is Your Superpower](#)

History

Two talks here, showing different sides of a coin. First, Diarmuid MacCulloch talks about his biography of Thomas Cromwell: [Thomas Cromwell](#)

Literacy

and then Hilary Mantel talks about the same man, and her fictional book, Wolf Hall: [Wolf Hall](#)

Languages

Mandarin for beginners. Learn how to say hello and order a drink. Go on, you know you always wanted to be able to do that, and now you can: [Fall in Love with Mandarin](#)

Mind Games

The rules of the earliest known board game, the Royal Game of Ur were deciphered from cuneiform by the magnificent Irving Finkel. Watch him play the game here: [Royal Game of Ur](#)

(and wipe the floor with the opposition). You can take a closer look at the board itself here: [Royal Game of Ur - Gameboard](#)

Music

How to write your first song, for all you budding composers out there (gauntlet firmly thrown down to our ukelele players): [How to Write Your First Song](#)

Science and Nature

New Scientist have introduced a series of weekly podcasts, well worth a listen:
[New Scientist podcasts](#)

And the light relief

This is a recording of the last time that the Goodies were all together in one place, discussing the making of the series, and still very funny: [The Goodies - 50th Anniversary](#)

Next Month

Things will be changing from next month! We will be going live, our Thursday meeting will be coming to you courtesy of Zoom, and will also be recorded so that it can be uploaded to our YouTube channel for watching later.

I am also appealing for help, we need one extra person, either to manage the tech for us, or to do introductions etc. I am happy to do either, but don't want to attempt doing both at once!

To whet your appetites, here is the description of the talk:

A Festival Rises from the Ashes

As you may know, Mal Waite of Chester U3A is also one of the organisers of Chester Folk Festival. When Covid-19 forced the abandonment of this year's festival, they had the bright idea of putting it online. Not content with getting singers and bands to perform concerts, they also had online morris dancing, mumming, workshops, singarounds, and even a Zoom bar.

Nothing if not ambitious, they managed to prove that the show really must go on. In this online interview she tells us how it was done, exactly how steep the learning curve was, and what she has learnt from it for the future.

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