



Once again Popular Science was popular!

79 members attended, we had two very interesting talks one of Plastics and the other on Liquids presented by our own members Sue Foy and Peter Goodhew. Thank you both.

There was room in the hall for more to attend so put **28th October** in your diary for the next one.

**U3A Day – June 3rd** Preparations are going well. We will be making our presence known in StoryHouse. We need more groups to come forward. The idea is that you bring your meeting to Storyhouse instead of at your usual venue. No preparation is necessary other than your normal meeting. We will be inviting those U3As that are our neighbours to come along to see our activities. They were most interested when I spoke about it this week at a network meeting.

I remember the first Group Fair that we had, only a selected few groups were invited – a big mistake! when the groups realised what they had missed they complained; the following year nearly all groups participated. Don't let this happen again. Talk to the Team and discuss how you may contribute.

Email [events@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:events@chesteru3a.org.uk) If you want a call back send your telephone number in the email or use the Enquiry number 07585 181192. We will also be pleased to visit you. At this stage we need only a commitment as a general volunteer or as a group.. The Town Crier and other dignitaries have been booked. Chester U3A Facebook will keep you up to date with developments

In the February News Sheet 'French Improvers' sent an excellent article on a new style of meeting that they held. This is a good example of an activity for Storyhouse

I am most disappointed that only 5 coordinators/members out of 80+ coordinators are registered for the Interest Groups workshop in March. This has resulted in the cancellation of the workshop.

There are still 2 places left for the Swedish Exchange – Details [Chair@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:Chair@chesteru3a.org.uk) Jenny

## Monthly Meetings

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

- **Tue 3rd March: Lying - why do we do it?** Dr Clea Wright, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, University of Chester.
- **Thu 12th March: Dog A.I.D. (Assistance in Disability).** [dogaid.org.uk](http://dogaid.org.uk) was established in 1992 to assist people with physical disabilities, improving their quality of life by helping them train their own pet dogs to provide assistance with day-to-day tasks and in some circumstances providing life-saving interventions. Karen Thomas demonstrates with her dog Teddy.
- **Tues 7th April Cupcakes, Cards & Compassion** - Sally Buttifant, speaking about the Samaritans. Heard of the Samaritans? Think that they are a charity of religious volunteers helping suicidal people? Come & hear about their history, the range of projects that they are involved with, the 21,000 volunteers & how they make a difference. The Chester branch has had a presence in Chester since 1967 and is part of a network of branches offering a 24/7 365 days a year service to anyone who needs to talk.
- **Thurs 9th April The Deafness Support Network** will be looking at the prevalence of deafness, and what can be done to support people with hearing loss. They will bring some equipment to demonstrate how a small but effect piece of technology can change lives! There will also be a short talk about DSN as your local charity - what they do and how to access their services if needs be.

**The Team: Liz Flanagan (LF) 01244 341097    Tom Clarke (TC) 01244 881485**  
**Jan Millard (JM) 01244 675042**

We are still looking for members to join us on the Social Committee. All you need is to be enthusiastic, reliable and enjoy organising events. You will have help to get you started, if you need it.

<b>Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>See how recycling works</b> , on a visit to <b>Kier Winsford</b> . Explanation tour and then free time to wander around the site. Lunch available at the Cosy Café. Travel together in cars from Halfords. 8.45am. Please let me know if you are willing to be a driver. £3.00	TC
<b>Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>The WNO</b> production of <b>The Marriage of Figaro</b> at the Empire, Liverpool at 7.00pm. Meet me at the theatre at 6.30pm. £32.00.	LF
<b>Apr 9<sup>th</sup> Thurs</b>	<b>Shugborough Hall</b> designed to be “ <b>Thomas Hanson’s Perfect Paradise</b> ”. Former home of <b>Lord Lichfield</b> , - a world of glamour and royalty. Plenty to see including the Hall itself, the Chinese House, the Servants quarters, Lord Litchfield apartments and photographic room and lovely walks and monuments. Tea Room and Café. Cheaper for Nat.Trust members. Coach HG. 8 45am /D.St 8.50/ Sbrys 9.00. £26.00	LF
<b>May 11<sup>th</sup> Mon – Fri</b>	<b>Spring Holiday to Scotland, Based in Pitlochry</b> . Days out to Glamis Castle, Balmoral Estate, and Edinburgh town and Castle. I do have a waiting list if you want to give me your details in case of cancellations. Balance required by end of Feb please. Pick up Chester Station by Town Crier 9.00am Sbrys 9.15.	LF
<b>Jun 11<sup>th</sup> Thurs</b>	<b>Whittington Castle near Oswestry</b> for tea/coffee and cake and a conducted tour of the Castle. At noon we move on to the <b>British Iron/Sculpture Works</b> for an inclusive lunch and time to look around and visit two working artisans. (also optional trip around the grounds in buggy £5.00 p.p. if booked by four). Leave at 2.45pm for Whitchurch to walk around Alderton Lake (about 30mins) or just sit in the Café and admire the view. HG 9.15am D.St 9.2 / Sbrys 9.30. £22,00	TC
<b>June 27th Matinee</b>	<b>Keeping up appearances</b> at Tip Top theatre Chester. This is Hyacinth at her best. Group discount £11.00 if booked in next two weeks.	
<b>July 1st Wed</b>	<b>Saltaire Heritage Village</b> originally built to house the workers of Titus Salt. Details and price at meeting.	JM
<b>Jun/July</b>	<b>Western Approaches with a River Mersey trip and the U Boat Story</b>	
<b>Aug 14th Friday</b>	<b>Shrewsbury Flower Show</b> , deemed to be one of this country’s premier shows. Loads of entertainment outside and in, including Celebrity Chefs, Celebrity Gardeners, Arena Shows, stunning floral displays and inspirational Show Gardens Hg 8.45am /D.St 8.50 / Sbys 9.00. £30.00	LF
<b>Tues 22nd - 29th.Sept</b>	<b>8 day holiday to Montecatini Spa town Italy</b> with 3 included excursions. and one optional. Leaflets at meeting. 14 single rooms supplement £149 ish Twins/Doubles £849	LF

**Payment: NB. Please pay, in full, by cheque, payable to Chester U3A. It is safer for you and easier for us as we do not have time to write receipts at the meetings.**

**Parking:** We are still all parking on Halfords car park in the day and Caldly Valley for night.

## Possible New Groups

- Drama
- Gardening (another group)
- Singing for pleasure (second group)
- Spanish Intermediate ( second group)

## Groups looking for members

- Music 2 would like some more members. If interested please contact the Coordinator by email from the groups page on Chester U3A website or leave a message for Kay on 01244 348715

If interested please contact Kay at [groups@chesteru3a.co.uk](mailto:groups@chesteru3a.co.uk) or leave a message on 01244 348715

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## Wildlife Conservation

Are you interested in this? Juliet is looking for members to help with a survey of reptiles in Cheshire. No previous experience required. Contact her at [julietleadbeater@gmail.com](mailto:julietleadbeater@gmail.com)

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## Choir (evenings)

Are you interested in joining a choir meeting in Upton 6.00-7.00 ? If so, please contact Richard from Hammond School at [themusicbod@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:themusicbod@hotmail.co.uk)

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**New Year Quiz results 13th February.** It was a great success, eleven teams competed over seven rounds.

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| <b>1.</b> Four Girls and Graham | 53.5 | <b>2.</b> Muddy Boots        | 53   |
| <b>3.</b> Ballsy Bats           | 50.5 | <b>4.</b> Perseverance Works | 50.5 |
| <b>5.</b> Cinque Belle Donne    | 49.5 | <b>6.</b> The Wotsits        | 49.5 |
| <b>7.</b> Lappin                | 49.5 | <b>8.</b> Sandra's Six       | 49   |
| <b>9.</b> Hopeful Oldies        | 47   | <b>10.</b> Sextet            | 45.5 |
| <b>11.</b> 3 of the Best        | 43.5 |                              |      |

Jane Harrap

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## Deeside and Wirral Network

### Interest Groups Workshop

**Fri 13th March 2020, 10.30 a.m.– 3.30 p.m.**  
 at St. Columba's Church Hall **Gill Russell and Jenny Carley**

**Who is it for?** Anyone interested in managing interest groups. An interactive workshop adapted from the National Interest Groups matter and will be focused primarily on the role of interest group leaders. There is no charge for this event, Please bring your own lunch. **Please register by February 28th 2020** Details also on the Deeside and Wirral network website: [www.u3asites.org.uk/deeside-wirral](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/deeside-wirral)

You can register by downloading and sending a copy of the registration form to:  
 G. Russell, 71 Barn Hey Crescent, Meols,  
 Wirral CH47 9RW or by using the online registration Form

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**The Craft Group** are having a Sales Table on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Small Committee Room

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March we will be in the Main Hall”

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There are a few vacancies in the following groups:  
**Mindfulness Meditation; Holistic Therapies;**  
**Metaphysics for Dummies**

Please contact Ann Wilkinson 01244 332388

### Important Notice

Members who include their personal contact details in items for the news-sheet will be considered to consent to their publication. This is to ensure compliance with the GDPR.

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## Report of Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020      Popular Science

After doing a sterling job of steering the Popular Science ship for around ten years, Janet Money has chosen to give up the helm. I'm sure everyone who has enjoyed the wonderful selection of talks that have been delivered in that time would wish to thank her for her guiding hand. Grateful appreciation was expressed at the start of the meeting and Janet was given a bunch of flowers as a small token of thanks.

Janet has been succeeded by the team of Helen Pulford and Mal Waite who promised to do their best to follow in her footsteps – although she's a very hard act to follow. Thankfully, there are plenty of people locally who are able and willing to assist with science-based talks.

On this occasion, around 80 people gathered in the lecture theatre at Bishop's High School to enjoy two talks given by Chester U3A members. Each talk was excellent in its own way, featuring two experienced lecturers with different skills and styles along with two very different and yet very engaging topics. Aren't we lucky to have such talented and generous members?

Sue Foy started proceedings with a re-worked and updated version of her 'A Life Less Plastic' talk and presented information that was as worrying and scary as it was fascinating.



She was followed by Peter Goodhew whose humorous and absorbing talk on Liquids, accompanied by paintings and everyday objects to help demonstrate certain points captured the imagination as well as the intellect.

The next Popular Science meeting will be during the October Half Term. Watch out for information later in the year.

### Swedish Exchange

There is space on the Swedish exchange for 2 single members  
 May 11th – 15th

Return visit in September. For details contact Jenny: [Chair@chesteru3a.org](mailto:Chair@chesteru3a.org).



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

Tuesdays

Thursdays

March      French Conversation 2

March      French Film Group

April      French Improvers

April      French Intermediate

May      Friday Walking

May      Friday Writers

**The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 25th March**

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