

From the Chair

Welcome to all our new members. It is now time for you to join a group to discover what the U3A is really all about. However, the U3A does not run without a committee and we need committee members – Now is the time to come forward – see Notification of AGM on p4.

We have been trying to initiate a quarterly magazine, for which we need 'stories' from our interest groups and our social activities. This is an opportunity to write about your interest and increase the numbers in your groups. Send any articles to the news-sheet editor. You can write about the activities in your group, any holidays you organised, or your experience on one of



Chester U3A holidays. All contributions will be gratefully received.

This month Italian members from the Venice University of Free Time met with six members from our Italian groups for conversation and exchange of ideas at a nice coffee shop in Chester. The afternoon was organised by the Conlans School. The coffee and cakes facilitated conversations and many contacts were made. We may find such events open to other language groups in the future.

Lastly – we need two more members to join the eight existing members on the Swedish exchange May 1st – 6th 2020 when we go to Sweden. In September 2020 they will come on a return visit.

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 1st Oct Facial Reconstruction** - how do they recreate the faces of long dead people from just a skull? Professor Caroline Wilkinson
- **Thurs 10th Oct** Mike from Pen-y-Lan pork. Mike is a **pig farmer** who makes sausages and bacon. There may just be some samples!!!!. All the usual tables will be there.
- **Tues 5th Nov** Cathie Sabin "How did that happen? The First Lady President of the Lawn Tennis Association" . A brief outline of what is happening in the world of tennis and a little bit about what happens behind the scenes
- **Thurs 14th Nov** TBA



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

Tuesdays

Thursdays

October Current Affairs 1
 November Cycling Easy Riders
 December Environmental Issues

October Cryptic Crosswords
 November Digital Photography
 December Family History

Groups looking for new members

Flower Arranging
Further French
Jazz Appreciation 2
Line Dancing
Maths for Fun 1(needs good grasp of maths)
Social Psychology
Spanish Intermediate
Table Tennis 2

If interested in the above please contact the Co-ordinator under Groups on the U3A website or leave a message for Kay on 01244 348715

Possible New Groups

Drama
German Beginners
Maths for Fun 2 (easier than 1)
Sundays Only Group
Wine Tasting
Walking Netball (now have 8 members interested but need some more)
Pickleball (Cross between Badminton and Table Tennis. See Chester U3A website under Possible New Groups Pickleball for video link on how to play)

Changes of Coordinators

Italian Improvers now Mike Clark.
Thursday Strollers now Graham Thompson.
Please see Chester U3A website to contact, or leave a message for Kay on 01244 348715

Spanish Improvers has sadly now folded. Many thanks to Peter (or should I say Pedro) for coordinating the group so successfully for many years.

Date for your diary

Coordinators' Lunch will be held on Saturday 19th October

Popular Science - open to all U3A members!

The next Popular Science lectures will be held on Wednesday 30th October at Bishops Blue Coat Church of England High School, Vaughans Lane, Great Boughton, Chester CH3 5XF. Coffee at 09.30; lectures start at 10.00, finishing at noon. You do not need to book. There is plenty of parking at the school. **Mike Shaw** is a member of the British Sundial Society and has been researching, broadcasting and writing about sundials for the past 35 years. His talk is entitled "**Why don't sundials tell the right time?**". Mike speaks in aid of Shelterbox and will forward any voluntary donations.

Mike Money was an academic psychologist and is a regular contributor to Popular Science. His talk is entitled "**Fire, food, and the evolution of modern humans**".

There is no charge for this event. For questions please contact Janet Money on 0151 3272566 or email popularscience@chesteru3a.org.uk

Request for items for Quarterly Magazine

As Jenny mentions on the front page, we are trying to start a quarterly magazine, for which we need contributions from groups and individual members. These could be about group activities, perhaps including photographs. Other possibilities include short stories, poems, puzzles etc. If we get enough material, we hope to publish something by the end of this year. Please send items to news-sheet editors.

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.

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of Chester U3A will be held on Tuesday 5th November 2019

St Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester at 10.30am

Members may request a paper copy of AGM papers by providing a prepaid self addressed envelope to the Business Secretary

Attendance at AGM – All members of Chester U3A may attend this AGM. Each U3A member attending is entitled to ONE vote. The result of any vote will be decided by a majority of those assembled who are eligible to vote.

NOMINATIONS - are invited for the following Officers and Committee members.

Officers Chair, Vice chair, Treasurer, Business Secretary

Committee members to cover the following roles - Membership, Social, Accessibility, Beacon administration, Publicity, Events,

All candidates must agree to be nominated They must be proposed and seconded by a U3A member who is not connected in any way to the candidate. (Clause 17). The same person may be nominated for more than one position. Chester U3A may co-opt onto the committee at any time a maximum of 3 members

The proceedings of the AGM will be in accordance with the published Standing Orders
CHESTER U3A

Nomination form for election to Chester U3A Committee year 2019 - 2020

Nominee (print) _____ Post (if known) _____

Membership no _____

Proposer (print) _____ Membership No _____

(Sign) _____

Secunder (print) _____ Membership No _____

(Sign) _____

Nominee -

Signature _____ Date _____

All nominations must be in the hands of the Business Secretary before 15th October 2019

AGM papers will be available on Chester Website

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 23rd October

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