

From the Chair

‘We are all volunteers. The U3A is not a service charity and all members have responsibilities’. That was the title of an interesting article by Eric Midwinter, one of our founder members, in the latest U3A magazine, TAM. It is that time of year when new committee members are needed. The AGM in November may seem a long way off, but time as you know races by. Read the article in the magazine and think long and hard about what you get from Chester U3A and what you may be able to offer. Discuss your availability/interests with any committee member or myself on 01244 680460.

This is the time also to start thinking about your groups. How long has your coordinator been in

that role – Would he/she like a break? Could you help or take over? If you don’t share the load your group could fold. What about forming a group yourself?

I had a giggle reading the article about humour and comedy groups.

There were plenty of ideas to start and everyone can join in. We have had humour in our life; why not share it? ‘We always have fun’ is a quote from one U3A group. Remember, if it’s not fun, it’s not U3A.

Jenny



New Membership Cards. Collect your membership card at one of the September or October monthly meetings. The cost of postage for over 1000 members is significant if members wish their card to be posted. Please make an effort to collect.

Monthly Meetings

Start at 09.45 with tea/coffee at St Columba’s Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, followed at 10.30 by the meeting.

- **Tues 3rd Sept: The Science of Chocolate: Food of the Gods** by Dr Diana Leitch, including some tasting experiences! The history of chocolate back in Central America over 2000 years ago, its coming to Europe with the Spaniards and the change to the products we know and love today are all explained. Medical and economic concepts are explored.
- **Thurs 12th Sept: Care in Later Life** by Rebecca Zartarian, covering topics such as: What is meant by care? What care could you receive? How do you go about arranging care? What might it cost to have care? Am I entitled to any funding? How do I know the company I choose will be any good? What should I look for when choosing a care company? Q&A
- **Tues 1st October Facial Reconstruction** - how do they recreate the faces of long dead people from just a skull? Professor Caroline Wilkinson
- **Thurs 10th October** 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: books, trips, new groups, computer helpdesk.

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Tom Clarke (TC) 01244 881485 **Mo Murray (MM) 07480 838897**

Sept 12 th Thurs	Liverpool Town Hall tour at 11.00am and the new Liver Building tour at 2.15pm . Only 14 people allowed on these tours and they need to be paid in full when booking as we have to pay quickly. Lunch can be picnic or café at the Albert Dock. Transport can be train to James St (£5.20 ish). Not far to walk between venues. Meet at James St. station exit at 10.30am. I will be on the 9.30 train. Full. See below for other dates.	LF
Sept 28 th 8 days	Half board holiday to Seget Donji near Trogir Split with 3 fantastic included excursions. We have a coach booked to and from the airport so please see me to pay for this. £20.00 p.p as soon as you can please. Coach will leave Chester Railway Station at 2.15pm prompt and Sainsburys at 2.30 pm.	LF
Oct 14 th Mon.	Liverpool Town Hall tour at 11.00am and the Royal Liver building tour at 2.15pm As these tours are proving so popular you need to pay on booking. First come first served. Lunch can be picnic or café at the Albert Dock. Transport can be 9.30 train (£5.20 ish) to James St or bus but too early for bus pass. Short walk between venues. Meet outside James Street exit at 10.20am. There is a lift up from the platform. £25.00. If I already have your name down, choose which day when you pay.	LF
Oct 23 rd Wed mat.	Les Miserables Liverpool Empire Full Meet me at the theatre 2.00 – 2.15pm	LF
Oct 31 st Thu Mat	Calendar Girls at Storyhouse Chester £23.50. Meet at theatre at 2.00 -2.15pm. Full	LF
Nov 18 th Mon	A third and final visit to the Town Hall and Liver Building . Details above. There is a lift to the 10 th floor of the Royal Liver but to climb to the actual bird sculpture there are 120 steps, the last 30 being up a spiral staircase. £25.00	LF
Nov 26 th Tues	Christmas Beatles Show Party at the Queen Hotel . 10.45am until 3.00pm. Musical duo playing Beatles Songs, three course meal and B.H.F raffle. £5.00 deposit (non refundable) needed when booking and the balance of £22.50 by the end of September.	SP
Dec 20 th Friday	The usual Spirit of Christmas at the Philharmonic . Presented by John Suchet . Stalls £41.50, Circle £30.50, Back Circle £25.00. Coach will leave HG.5.30pm/ D.St 5.40/ Sbrys 5.50/ U.Sp. 6.00/ and Wirral 100 (in lay-by on main road 6.10pm. We have permission to park in Caldly Valley car park for this trip but you must them walk down to Sainsburys bus shelter. On the return you will be dropped of at C.V. car park	LF
2020 Early Birds	Thurs 27 th Feb Matt Bourne's Red Shoes Mat. £39.50 Friday 27 th March Marriage of Figaro W.N.O Eve. £32.00 I have only 20 tickets for each of these shows at this price.	LF
Special notice	N.B. The Sainsburys car park mystery is still "on going" . At the moment Halfords/ Rightway car park is still free. It is best to drop any passengers off at the bus shelter first so that you do not attract too much attention.	LF

Help, Help, please! Do you fancy having a go at arranging day trips for our members. If so please come to the Social Table and have a chat. We do need more helpers as you can see. There must be some of our younger members who would like to give it a try. For ex teachers " it is much easier than dealing with children". Your u3a needs you.

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 Halfords Car Park. Evening use Caldly 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. **Bookings only accepted with full payment, by cheque**. Refunds only given if we can sell your

Groups Looking For New Members

Flower Arranging
Further French
Jazz Appreciation 2
Line Dancing
Social Psychology
Spanish Intermediate
Table tennis 2

If interested please contact Kay on
groups@chesteru3a.org.uk or leave a message
on 01244 348715

Possible New Groups

Drama group
German Beginners
Sundays only Group (easy activities, food etc)
Wine Tasting
Walking Netball (now have 7 members
interested, need a few more!)
Pickleball (cross between badminton and table
tennis. Played on badminton court with 3 foot
high net. Usually played in doubles. See Chester
U3A website under Possible New Groups-
Pickleball for video link on how to play.

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Possible Short Courses

British Sign Language
I-Pad
Raspberry Pi
If interested please contact Kay (see above)

Christmas Lunch

Special price of £20pp at Hiltondoubletree 12.30
on Dec 11th. Tickets available at September
Tuesday and Thursday meetings

Singing for Pleasure

We meet at the Pavilion, Wealstone Lane,
Upton on the second Monday of each month
from 2pm - 4pm. Come along and join us on 9th
September if you enjoy singing.

Norma Jones, Co-ordinator. Tel 01244374603
or Text 07749290715

Family History

Family History is a fascinating subject Our
group has space for more members. Why not
come along to a 'taster' session on Sept.19th;
Oct.17th or Nov.21st? We are a friendly crowd
and you will be made most welcome. We meet
at the Quaker Meeting House in Union Walk (off
Frodsham St.) from 9.30am.

For further information, telephone Hilary
Watmough 01244 326285

Change of Co-ordinators

Italian Improvers now Mike Clarke
Thursday Strollers now Graham Thompson
Contact details on web site

Date For Your Diary

Coordinators' Lunch will be held on Saturday
19th October (more details nearer the day)

Re new quarterly colour newsletter

I have not yet received any contributions for the
proposed new colour magazine/newsletter (see
your August news sheet). Please send your
items (with photos if possible) by 30th Sept, with
the aim of getting it printed in October. If this is a
success, we hope to produce it on a quarterly
basis. The monthly newssheet will continue as
normal.

Joyce Carrington

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.

Volunteer vacancies

- 1. Thursday meetings Urgent:** To open up and close the hall organise chairs and tea rota.
- 2. Committee members:** any member may be nominated for any committee post. Some committee members will be standing again but any member may stand for any committee role. Roles are: Chair, Vice-chair, Business Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Social secretary, Group Liaison Officer, Accessibility Officer, Communication Officer, Beacon Administrator, IT co-ordinator, Monthly meeting secretary.
- 3. Non- committee** members and Subcommittee members interested in Membership, social activities, Study and leisure groups, minute secretary for committee meetings, news sheet editor working with communications, event organiser, archivist and any other post you think would aid the smooth running of Chester U3A

Chester AGM will be held on 5th November 2019 at St Columba's Hall. Notification is on the web-site. Should you require a paper copy please send a prepaid self addressed envelope to the PO Box 167 Chester CH1 9FB. Nominations to be received by 15th October 2019

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 will be served in the Library at 09.30 and the lectures will 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.

There is no charge for this event.

For questions please contact Janet Money on popularscience@chesteru3a.org.uk or phone 0151 3272566

U3A Diaries These will be available at Tues and Thurs meetings, price £3



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

Tuesdays

September Crown Green Bowling
 October Current Affairs 1
 November Cycling Easy Riders

Thursdays

September Current Affairs 2
 October Cryptic Crosswords
 November Digital Photography

The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 19th Sept 2019.

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