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### From the Chair

#### Have you renewed your membership?

Although you have until October 31st to renew your membership, I urge you to do so asap. Only paid-up members will be able to vote at the AGM, which will be a virtual AGM this year. Members for whom we have an email address will receive a personal link to the voting papers which will be sent out shortly. We would really like you all to attend, but unfortunately some of you who do not have access to the internet are unable to do so. – however, you are not forgotten. You will receive the AGM papers, notifications, voting papers etc by post.

The preparation for the AGM this year will start one month early. The closing dates for nominations will also be brought forward; resolutions by 14<sup>th</sup> September – nominations by 28<sup>th</sup> September. **Instructions on exactly what you need to do and how the virtual AGM will be run will be emailed to those with access to internet, and posted to those few who do not have internet access.** Due to the postage cost this not an option for those who have an email address unless there is a valid reason for not using the internet.

In order to make this AGM work smoothly we need more members to take a role on the committee. We must have a nomination for the role of Business Secretary. It is not an onerous role but does need to be filled at the AGM. Please call me 01244 680460 anytime to discuss this or any other business.

**Paid-up members will be able to approve reports from Chair, Treasurer, Accounts etc, and elect committee members.**

This is an opportunity for all members whatever your interests to join the committee. It will initially be virtual meetings, only time will tell what route we will follow in the future. We need more members to keep Chester U3A vibrant, so please if you can help in any way please contact me [chair@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@chesteru3a.org.uk) or any committee member.

Please see below (p4) for more details of the virtual AGM.

**Jenny - Chair**



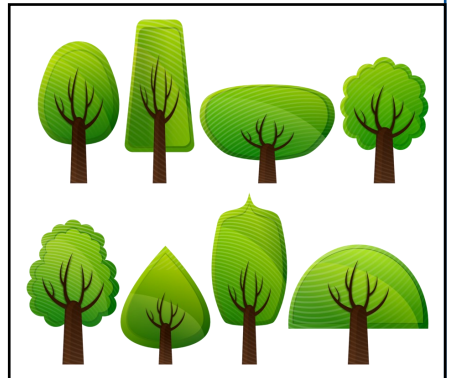
The FACEBOOK challenge – we need a member to keep an eye on face book, experience would be useful but not necessary. This is your chance to get to know our members, Go onto our face book page if you are interested – see you there <https://www.facebook.com/chesteru3a/>

## On-line Monthly Meetings

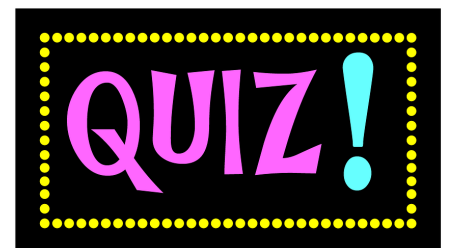
- **Tues 1st Sept. Murder Investigations.** An introduction to the world of a Senior Investigating Officer (SIO) in today's police force. Ever watched Morse, Midsomer Murders, or the like? Have you wondered how it is really done in today's police force? Then watch this talk by Simon Price, former SIO and now a Chester University lecturer in Policing. A live webinar, with q&a, and a recording available for around a month afterwards.



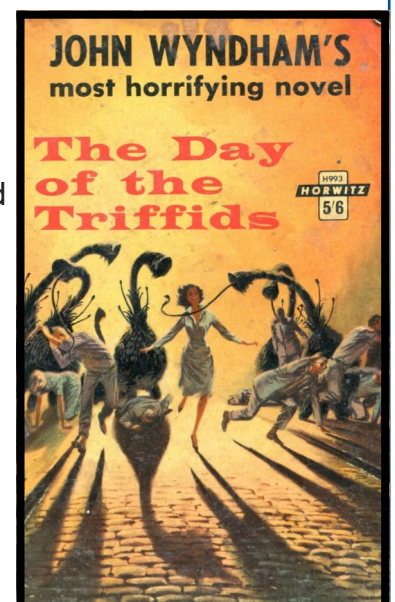
- **Thurs 10th Sept. The Hidden Life of Trees.** Are trees the most successful life form on the planet? Critical for our survival and a model for sustainable living, a force for good across the world's climatic range and a net contributor to the health and well-being of all the other life forms that have flourished and faded over the millennia. Chester U3A member Stuart Murray discusses the wonders and complexities of these essential organisms, and invites you to describe and celebrate your own favourite tree. If there is sufficient interest from members then 'Trees' could form the basis of a short course over the Autumn.



- **Thurs 8th Oct. 'Virtual Quiz No 1'.** 10.30am start. Zoom will open for a chat at 10.00am. Questions have been prepared by our current quiz master, Margaret. Come and join us — you will be marking your own papers. All members will be sent a link about a week before, 1st October. Just click the words 'Join the Quiz' and you should go straight into the Zoom meeting. If you have not used Zoom before, just follow the instructions on screen. If you have any queries please get back to me, Jenny, [chair@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:chair@chesteru3a.org.uk) or use the enquiry telephone number (07565 181192)



- **Thurs 12th Nov. Day of the Triffids - John Wyndham and the Cosy Catastrophe.** Chester U3A member Andy Sawyer will talk about how “John Beynon Harris”, a minor writer, reinvented himself as “John Wyndham” and became the science fiction writer read by millions and how The Day of the Triffids expressed the anxieties of the early 1950s in a way no realistic novel could. John Wyndham’s work has sometimes been described as “cosy catastrophe”, but in fact there’s little that is “cosy” about Day of the Triffids, published in 1951 just as the Cold War was getting more dangerous and the certainties of British society were rapidly crumbling. Andy was until recently responsible for the largest science fiction library in Europe, at the University of Liverpool. In 2009 he co-edited Plan for Chaos, a novel discovered when the archive of John Wyndham was purchased by the University.



## Other forthcoming talks (dates to be arranged)

- **Do Animals Have Social Networks?**

Dr Chrissy Stanley from the University of Chester will outline not just what animal social networks across the animal kingdom might look like, from crickets to elephants, but also how this type of research can be applied to conservation and the management of captive animals.

- **Ostalgie** (nostalgia for aspects of life in East Germany)

What was life really like in East Germany under Communism? Why do a surprising number of former East Germans miss their lives before 1990? And why do some also wish that the Wall had never come down? A presentation by Dr Richard Millington of the University of Chester.

- **False Confessions and Wrongful Convictions** by Dr Glenys Holt of the University of Chester. Why do people falsely confess and what are the consequences of doing so? Most people think that they would never confess to a crime that they did not commit, and yet false confessions happen with surprising regularity and often result in wrongful conviction. We will talk about why confessions are so compelling that jurors find them difficult to ignore.

## Groups

Mal Waite and Stuart Murray have now jointly taken on the role of Groups Co-ordinator and we would like to thank Kay Lunt for all her work in this position over recent years. Our first priority is to gain a better understanding of how the groups are faring in these very changed times.

Information from each of the Group Co-ordinators is being collected and we hope to have an up to date picture soon. We are, of course, happy to respond to any comments or suggestions via the groups email address, including for the establishment of any new groups.

Following the very well received Forensic Linguistics talk which was given recently by Claire Hardaker, a number of members are coming together to consider how a Forensic

Linguistic Group might operate locally. There will be a Zoom meeting at 10.30 on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September which is open to others who may want to join such a Group. The intention is for members to lead discussions on different aspects of this subject, using a recommended book and other available resources. If you want to receive the link, this can be forwarded via the groups email address.

As usual, the newsletter editor would be very happy to receive any contributions from Groups about what they have been doing.

We would also be very interested in hearing from members about any preparations that they might be making for continuing activities during the winter months, or any suggestions or ideas that they have in relation to the support that different groups might be able to offer or need.

## New members wanted for Storytelling Group

Come and join us on Zoom to listen to stories, reminisce about the past and join in the group creation of new stories. We meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 10.30 am. Please ring Thelma Pugh 01244382948 if you are interested

## David Clewes 1936-2020

David died suddenly on 13th July; an intense shock to his family and friends. Our sympathies are with Norah, his wife and their two sons, Tim and Peter at this sad time.

Norah, Tim and Peter wish to thank all those who sent messages of sympathy, which they appreciate very much.

**Notice is hereby given that  
AGM of Chester U3A will be held on  
Tuesday 3rd November 2020  
This will be a virtual AGM**

All members of Chester U3A may attend this virtual AGM.

1. Approval of AGM papers, i.e. Chair, Treasurers Group reports. Acceptance of accounts and appointment of next year's examiner of accounts will be available to all members via a secure link sent direct to your email address. Those without access to the internet will receive AGM papers by post.
2. Voting for the election of committee members if contested will also be available to all paid-up members via a secure link sent to your email address. Those without access to the internet will receive AGM papers by post. Those members are required to return their choices by post to PO Box 167.

Each paid up U3A member is entitled to ONE vote.

The result of approvals and voting will be announced at the AGM.

**NOMINATIONS** - are invited for all committee roles.

**Officers** Chair, Vice chair, Treasurer, Business Secretary

**Committee members** to cover the following areas in the committee - Membership, Social, Accessibility, Beacon administration, Website, Speaker Secretary, Groups, Communications.

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. Instructions on how to nominate, approve papers, vote and submit a resolution will be sent individually to every member entitled to vote.

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Closing date:- Nominations, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Resolutions 14th September.

Email - [businesssec@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:businesssec@chesteru3a.org.uk) or post PO Box 167 Chester CH1 9FB

### **Volunteer needed**

We still desperately need someone to help with editing the news sheet. If you are interested and would like to discuss this, please email [newsheet@chesteru3a.org.uk](mailto:newsheet@chesteru3a.org.uk)

**The cut-off date for the next News Sheet is Wed 23rd September 2020.**

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