

THE THIRD AGE TRUST



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# Frodsham U3A Newsletter

January 2018

## January 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

1.45 for 2pm prompt start in the Main Hall at Frodsham Community Centre



### Queen Victoria – Who was She?



Simon la Frenais

## If it's February, it must be the AGM

U3A is a self-help organization. We have to have a new Committee every year and we need new people to make sure our U3A continues to go from strength to strength after next month's AGM.

### The Committee

Formally, we must elect eight members of the Committee including the officers (Chair, Vice Chair(s), Secretary – the Treasurer doesn't have to be reelected every year), and Social Secretary and Group Coordinator. Many less formal, but still very important, roles are crucial to the future of the U3A but don't involve being on the Committee.

### Want to be part of the team?

The team covers everything from coordinating technical advice and helping at monthly meetings to ensuring there is always a poster in Morrison's. Most of these roles won't take more than a couple of hours a month, and you'll be part of a supportive team. Please see the form for applications/enquiries on page 3.



**RNLI Hot Pot Supper** Friday Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. See page 4 for details, sign up (and pay) for tickets at January meeting, or ring Elaine on 07973 659243 or email [priskem@icloud.com](mailto:priskem@icloud.com) (put U3A in subject line) asap.

# Good News

Subscriptions for the new year are due at the AGM. Our Treasurer, Sue Frost, is able to keep fees at £15 for yet another year. Please pay by cheque, payable to Frodsham U3A (with name and address on the back) at the February meeting, or post (with sae) to the Membership Secretary:



Lesley Sercombe, 26 Depmore Lane, Kingsley, WA6 6UB. Lesley will have your membership card and next year's monthly events programme ready for collection at the following meeting.

## New Group: Armchair Archaeology

Group Leader: Tony Cox

Cheshire, Lancashire and North Wales are rich in historical and archaeological sites, excavations and finds. We will use free digital resources and site visits to study historical facts, documents and legends,



landscape interpretation and ground level photography, existing excavations and examination, identification and preservation of finds. Sites to be studied both digitally and – optionally – on site visits will



include the Viking Exhibition in Southport, the Sandstone Ridge hill forts, Chester excavations, Chester Museum, and Ribchester excavations and Museum. A sign-up sheet to

assess interest will be available at the January meeting, or contact Tony direct on [tonycoxmail@gmail.com](mailto:tonycoxmail@gmail.com).

## Beginners' Bridge Group



A new term is starting! If you enjoy playing Whist and would like to learn Bridge, you are welcome to join us. Please contact Anita on 01928 732310



# On the first day of Christmas.....

On a bright but chilly Friday afternoon in December, 25 members travelled by coach to Tatton Park, to experience their Christmas 'extravaganza' 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. The Mansion House was gorgeously decorated, each room having a theme based on the popular Christmas song, from swans a-swimming and geese a-laying to French ladies dancing - very ooh la la! Even the non-themed rooms were festively trimmed with Victorian style Christmas garlands and swags. Along the way we were entertained by singers, the butler and housemaid who told us stories of Christmases long ago. Afterwards, most of us headed for the cosy tea room where we enjoyed a cup of mulled wine or tea and mince pie. Opinion was divided as to which room was decorated best, but one point we all agreed on - every room was beautiful!



Chris Harrison

## AGM February 15<sup>th</sup> 1.45 for 2pm

### FRODSHAM U3A NOMINATION FORM

This form will be on seats at the January meeting. If you are not able to attend, please print it and send to Anita at the address below. If you prefer to discuss first, please see any Committee member. Please also note that the Constitution allows nominations at the AGM.

I hereby nominate ..... who has agreed to stand for election. *NB nominations cannot be made by an existing Committee member, all of whom are eligible for reelection.*

Proposed by: .....

Seconded by: .....

I agree to stand for election to the Committee:

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**OR** I would like to be part of the U3A Team but not on the Committee:

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## General and Local Outings

For more information email Elaine Prisk on [priskem@icloud.com](mailto:priskem@icloud.com) (please put 'U3A' in subject line) or ring 07973 659243

Payment must accompany sign-in, cheques to Frodsham U3A, write event on back

**Come and join us at join our table – we had a good time last year!**

**RNLI HotPot Supper with Port Sunlight Sea Dogs**

**Frodsham Community Centre Friday 9 February 7.00pm £13.00**

Sign in and pay at January meeting

**Swan Lake, St Petersburg Ballet**

**Chester Storyhouse Sunday 18 February, 2.30pm**

**ALL OUR TICKETS SOLD, THERE ARE STILL TICKETS ON STORYHOUSE WEBSITE FOR STALLS AND GALLERY, £37**

Attendees please meet in foyer 2.00pm, we have a group ticket

**Terracotta Warriors, World Museum, Liverpool**

**Tuesday 13 March, 1.00pm, £13 – we have 15 tickets**

Meet in Restaurant 12 noon; sign in and pay at January meeting

**A welcome glimpse of Spring – Snowdrops & Crocus Minitour  
Friday 16 February, coach leaves Community Centre 10am (tbc)**

Enjoy the variety of Wirral countryside, villages and wildlife

Coffee and tea stops, lunch at popular Boat House in Parkgate

**£12 pp, lunch not included**

## NEW TO OUR PROGRAMME

**Live Screenings – Drama, Opera, Ballet**

An inexpensive way of seeing top productions with friends

**At Runcorn CineWorld**

**Royal Shakespeare Company: Twelfth Night**

**Wednesday 14 February 7.00pm £16.30**

starring Adrian Edmonson and Kara Tointon

Sign in and pay at January meeting, meet at cinema 6.40pm

**National Theatre: Julius Caesar**

**Wednesday 22 March 7.00pm £16.30**

Starring Ben Whishaw, Michelle Fairley & David Morrissey

Sign in and pay at January or February meetings

For Margaret McGuigan Theatre trips, present and future,  
please contact Margaret directly on 01928 732479