



# Frodsham U3A Newsletter

April 2018

## April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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



### History of the Wirral Dee Coastline

Gavin Hunter



## Beautiful Ireland in October

Friends to go with                      Pick up in Frodsham  
*Why not join us?*

We have been invited to join Hoylake U3A on a holiday in Tralee, from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, staying at the Earl of Desmond Hotel.

See the Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula, ride in a Jaunting Cart in Killarney National Park. Entertainment every evening.



Coach travel to and from Frodsham, ferry from Holyhead, dinner B&B and two excursions included: £379pp



More information at the April meeting.

# Have you enjoyed visits to Theatr Clwyd?

## Do you want to know how it works?

U3A Third Age Trust is organising a Workshop on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30-16.15:

### ***Backstage Secrets: hands on and different***

The workshops are described as: 'how to make a bit of cloth look like a forest', with the scenic painters; 'around the world in 80 sounds' with the sound team; 'from cloth to character', wigs and make-up; 'how to pretend to be other people', acting team; and unarmed combat.

The cost is £40, booked via our website, then click on Links/U3A National Office/Events /Educational Events.


We will have a sheet at the April meeting to see if more than one person is interested in attending – it sounds great fun!



The first Meeting of the new **Armchair Archaeology Group** got off to a flying start with an excellent turnout of 11 members.

An exciting programme of future presentations and day trips was discussed and the feedback at the end of the meeting was very enthusiastic. Thank you to all who helped make the launch of the Group such a positive experience.


Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:30 in the Small Committee Room, Frodsham Community Centre. If you are interested in joining, contact Tony Cox at [tonycomail@gmail.com](mailto:tonycomail@gmail.com).



Deeside and Wirral Network

## Science Day

**Monday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**  
at  
**Heswall Hall,**  
**111 Telegraph Road, Heswall CH60 0AF**  
**Refreshments from 10.00am**



**Who can attend?**

- Anyone interested in science
- Group leaders
- Anyone interested in forming a group.

**PROGRAMME**  
Refreshments and registration from 10.00am

10.30	<u>Welcome &amp; Introduction</u> – Arthur Maltby, Chair, Deeside and Wirral network
10.40	<u>Unconscious bias in gender and in science:</u> (an interactive talk) Hannah Renshall, Institute of Physics
11.40	<u>Discussion sessions in groups.</u> The first of two sessions will be introduced by Mike Hollingsworth, the U3A National Advisor for Science.
12.30	<u>Lunch</u> - bring your own or use the local cafes
1.40	<u>Introducing people to science.</u> Hannah Renshall
2.30	<u>Second discussion sessions</u>
3.00	<u>Refreshments</u>
3.20	<u>Conclusions</u> from group discussions

**The event will end at about 3.45**

**Attendance costs £5 per person.** Members of U3As beyond the Deeside and Wirral network are welcome to attend.  
Parking is available close to the venue, including a pay and display carpark behind Heswall Hall at Mount Avenue CH60.

**Applications,** with cheque made payable to Deeside and Wirral network, can be sent to the **Network Chair,**  
**Arthur Maltby at 5 Pinewood Drive, Wirral CH60 2SD**



## Warriors

On a beautiful spring day, a few intrepid old warriors set out to explore the hidden wastes of Liverpool's World Museum, seeking the whereabouts of some even older warriors.



The Terracotta Warriors of the Han dynasty are paying us a visit, and they are splendid! It is quite humbling to see these artefacts, two and a half thousand years old and recovered from the desert in China, close up, in their various costumes and each with a unique face and pose. It is also very unnerving to realise that this vast army, with horses, carriages and farm animals, was manufactured on the orders of one egotistical, tyrannical man: the First Emperor, in his personal quest for immortality. Only a fraction of the find has so far been excavated, but what we saw was impressive, and would have been even more spectacular if the original colours had survived.

The exhibition is here until late October, and is too good to miss – maybe deserves a second trip?



## Thoughts in the Tree Book



Val Keymer and Joe Collins, on the most recent Walking Group outing, recorded their thoughts in the 'Tree Book' that is hidden in a birch tree in Snidley Moor Wood. Birches are said to have a 'human' lifespan – maybe the telegram from the Queen is in the book because this birch is, unusually, over 100 years old.

## May 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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## Music on the Road (2)

Rae Owens





# Events and Outings

For more information please contact via the pigeon on U3A website or phone  
Chris on 07720 847304/07973 659243

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

Cheshire's award winning historical site  
Visit to **Norton Priory Museum and Gardens**, including guided tour  
**Tuesday 17 April**

Meet in main entrance at 10.45 for 11.00, lunch available in the café  
*It's not too late to come along, just pay at the door*

Wirral and District U3A invite you to  
**Science for All Day at Heswall Hall**  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April Meet FCC 9.15 for car share/convoy**  
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**NT Live at Runcorn Cineworld**  
**Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Macbeth, starring Rory Kinnear and Anne Marie Duff**  
Meet in cinema foyer at 6.45pm. £16.30 or £14.74 if booked through U3A

**Liverpool Albert Dock: The Beatles Story and Liverpool Life Museum**  
**Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup>, meet Albert Dock 11am**  
Cost £9-£13 depending on numbers.  
Suitable train and exact meeting spot will be circulated nearer the time.

Join us for a leisurely narrowboat cruise along the Trent and Mersey Canal to the  
famous **Anderton Boat Lift** on **Friday 29 June**  
Prompt 8.45am start at Preston Brook  
£13 Please bring finger food for sharing a picnic  
Maximum 12 places – book early to avoid disappointment

**Chester Mystery Plays 2018** **Only produced every five years**  
**Tuesday 10 July 7.30pm £25.10**  
Performed in the Cathedral, not outside as some of you might remember!  
*We have 10 tickets, can get more if we book quickly*  
*Please indicate at meeting if you would be interested in a minibus, cost about £10-£15*  
*– car parking will be VERY difficult.*



At the March meeting, 14 people signed up to the '**Theatre Group**' - no meetings, only email, to test interest in plays, ballets etc, maybe at very short notice or a very long way off. Anyone in the Group can ask any of the others if they are interested in seeing something at the Lowry, Storyhouse, even in London. If you would like to join the email list, contact Chris: c-harrison2011@hotmail.com