

West Cheshire Rural u3a Newsletter 1/9/2023



The newsletter is now published monthly on the first of the month. Our email address for contributions is WCRu3a@hotmail.com or for membership enquiries contact Dorothy Turpy, our Membership Secretary, at membershipwcru3a@gmail.com.

If you have items that we could include in the newsletter, email them to WCRu3a@hotmail.com

September monthly meeting

Hope you all had a good summer break. Our monthly meetings continue in September with a talk from a Detective Constable from Cheshire Police on Cybercrime and Scams. The talk covers the importance of on-line security, how to spot fraudsters and what to do if you think you've been scammed.



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Meeting on September 21st at 2pm
Barbour Institute, Tattenhall
Speaker: DC Andrew Kevan
Cybercrime and Scams.**



In October the talk by Rob Toomey will be about Copper Mining in North Wales and in November we have the second part of the talk by Stephen Shakeshaft, the Chester tour guide.

The website provides more information on recent talks and details about interest group activities <https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/home>

For those of you on Facebook, you can like and share information about our talks etc from our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WCRU3A>

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We welcome back Steve and Ann Yates who have rejoined WCRu3a and welcome Jane Richards and Brenda Cappaert who have joined recently. That takes our membership up to a very healthy 162 members.

Committee Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the committee. We need committee members to help run our u3a. If you would like to find out more about what is involved talk to one of the committee members or come along to our meeting on September 4th. For more information contact Marian Hagan.

Tattenhall Village Show September 3rd



There is a special class in this year's Tattenhall garden society village show for local organisations. Look out for our exhibit, I don't think we will win any prizes for flower arranging but it's the taking part that matters. Thanks to Jill O'Callaghan, Hilary Scarratt, and Sue Gamble for helping to put it together !

Quiz update

A new quiz will be available in September when the old quizzes will be removed from the website.

Ukulele Group

We had one meeting in August at the Barbour institute in Tattenhall. We were almost a full group and Kim's daughter Sarah joined us with her cello, it really does complement our playing. We hope you enjoyed the session, Sarah.

The last two times we have met we have been playing our songs alphabetically from A-Z. After these two sessions we have reached the letter M, which shows you how the songs we have in our repertoire has increased over the last couple of years. If you want to know what we sound like, Ken has loaded some recordings to the

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ukulele webpage on our website. They have been recorded on a phone so bear with the quality!! [!https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/page/92062](https://u3asites.org.uk/west-cheshire/page/92062)

Poetry Group

The Poetry Group restarts on September 4th. The group meets on the first Monday in the month in the Community Room at St. Alban's Church, Tattenhall, at 2pm. We read our favourite poems which are based on a chosen theme. The theme for September is the colour blue. We have a couple of spaces if any members would like to join us.

Sunday Lunch Group

In August we went to the Shady (formerly the Shady Oak) which has re-opened under new management after being taken over by the Cheshire Pub Company.

The September lunch will be at the Swan in Tarporley.

Drawing Group – Carolyn Vickers

The Drawing Group met 5 times in the spring and early summer in different locations.

- ❖ We met in St. Alban's church in April as it was too cold to sit outdoors
- ❖ In May we went to Higher Burwardsley and the Cheshire Cat
- ❖ In June we went to the Bowling Green in Tattenhall and for our last session we went to the Grosvenor Park in Chester.

June 24th was Hargrave summer fête and we took part in an exhibition of our work alongside a painting group, which also meets in the Hall.

We start our new sessions at Hargrave Hall on Monday 18th. September 2pm – 4pm. We meet alternate Monday afternoons until 27th November. Subjects for drawing are yet to be decided upon.

*****New members welcome, there is plenty of space in the Hall *****

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August Short Walk



This was a walk with a twist! It began in Caergwrlle, as a 3 mile route through field paths, tracks, and lanes across to Hope. There we visited the church, then continued to 'The Park in the Past'. This is on the site of a disused sand quarry which is being developed for recreational purposes. Booked in for a coffee stop, we were dismayed to find that there was no power, so no coffee. Delicious cake and soft drinks were however available. As

compensation, the manager arranged for us to visit the Roman fort which is being constructed, and we had a conducted tour of the fort, yurt and lake.



The site is huge, well worth another visit, the very clean lake is used for water sports such as swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding and scuba diving. Leaving there, we walked mainly along the river bank back to our cars, 4.5 miles in total. Thanks Iain and Catherine for such an interesting outing, you can find out more about the Park in the Past on their website at <https://parkinthepast.org.uk/>



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August Long Walk

Graham and Jan led a flat walk of just over 4 miles from the Leigh Arms in Acton. 12 of us enjoyed this walk mainly along canals, with woodlands and fields too, fortunately the threatened rain stayed away. We stopped half way round at Bluebell Cottage Gardens for refreshments and a look at the plant stalls. We need to go back to look round the beautiful gardens. Afterwards we all stayed for lunch at the Leigh Arms, lovely. Thanks to Graham and Jan for leading such a good walk and arranging the day for us.



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Monday Walks



For the first August Monday walk four members met in Tattenhall and drove to Bickerton. We meandered round the hills, enjoying the many views and eating a few bilberries! Afterwards we had coffee at Alison's, managing to dodge the rain showers.

Six of us met at the Yeld for a Delamere Forest walk. We used the regular route, up to Pale heights, down to the Visitor Centre for refreshments then returning via Nettleton Woods. Nice fine morning, if a little cloudy, we enjoyed catching up again.



On a drizzly Monday morning our group set off from Belgrave Road. We crossed over to the canal and followed it towards Christleton, then crossed the A41 and traversed some wet overgrown tracks and fields to the Rake and Pikel in Huntington. By then the rain had gone, we turned right, crossing the motorway and followed the track above it. Emerging through the housing estate we then walked via Caldly Valley Nature Park back to our start. We ended the morning at Sheila and David's, being treated to excellent coffee and cake, an early birthday celebration.



On 21 August five of the Monday group walked around 3.5 miles from Clutton through the golf course and lanes around Carden Park, visiting the sculpture garden and passing the grape vines ripening on the hillside.

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On Bank Holiday Monday 5 of us met in Burwardsley. We walked to, and over Bulkeley Hill, enjoying the many views. After descending at the far side we then crossed the field down to Sarra Lane. There were two herds of cows who kindly ignored us. After a quick shoe change, we had coffee and chat at the Pheasant.

Historic Places and Gardens

The July visit was to Attingham Park, an 18th century Regency Mansion with a picture gallery designed by John Nash and beautiful parkland stocked with herds of deer. Different features which members were able to enjoy included an intriguing optical illusion chalk work, a hidden home within the Mansion, a conservationist restoring a gilded table, a restored walled garden, and an active archaeological dig on the site of the 18th century Pleasure Garden.



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**Tilston War Memorial Hall Committee
Invite you
to a**

**Quiz Night with
Chilli Supper**



Saturday September 23rd

in

**Tilston War Memorial Hall
7.00pm for 7.30pm**

Tickets £10 including supper from

**Penny 01829 250220
Pat 01829 250073
Jill 01829 250471**

**Make up a team of 8 and reserve a whole table or
we can put you in a team on the evening.**

Raffle, Bar, Quiz Prizes and lots of fun

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Do you play the Recorder?

Please see below a message from Fiona Tucker from Formby u3a which has been passed to us by Gill Russell (NWR u3a Chair) If anyone is interested contact Gill directly.

My name is Fiona Tucker. I host a Recorder Group in Formby, Merseyside and am trying to discover the level of interest in the proposal outlined below.

PROPOSED A Recorder Playday.
VENUE The Quaker Meeting House, Liverpool
DATE. Probably all-day Friday or Saturday mid-February 2004 depending on the availability of the venue.
COST £15 depending on number of participants but not more than £20
TUTOR Andrew Collis who is well known nationally and recently conducted a very successful SRP day in Salford
INVITED ALL U3a members who play the recorder to intermediate or above standard. As only a few descants are ever required, players of C instruments only should bring a descant AND tenor as they use the same fingering. Please indicate in your response which instruments you would bring - i.e. descant, treble, tenor, bass, other basses.

It will be very helpful if you can let Gill Russell know if you are interested ASAP. Gills email is u3anwrchair@gmail.com

Booking a holiday with Riviera Travel could benefit WCRu3a

Riviera Travel operate an "Affinity" Charity Scheme with the Third Age Trust that can benefit all u3as. Riviera Travel will donate 10% of the total basic cost of holidays booked by members as a charitable donation back to the u3a. Any holiday booked by a member with Riviera Travel is eligible.

How it works:

- Make a booking by contacting Riviera Travel directly, simply mention you are a member of u3a and want to claim Affinity Commission for your u3a.
- At the end of your holiday, Riviera Travel make a payment to the Third Age Trust. After deducting a handling fee (10% of the commission sum donated) the Third Age Trust will pass the remaining 90% of the donation on to the relevant u3a.

If booking online, use www.u3ariviera.co.uk, it 'tags' u3a in general to the booking and then the Third Age Trust will check which local u3a is to benefit.

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West Cheshire Rural u3a Interest Groups

All Group Leaders can be contacted using the mail icon on the relevant group page on the website

Group	Current Meeting Times	Group leader
Map Reading for Walkers	As advertised	Marjorie Watson
Sunday Lunch Group	First Sunday in the month	Anne Bayliss
Solving Cryptic Crosswords	Alternate Mondays at 2pm in the Barbour	Hilary Scarratt
Poetry	First Monday in the month in St Albans Community Room Tattenhall	Gill Foster
Chapter Chats	Last Tuesday in the month at 8pm	Barbara Garner
Pageturners	The third Friday in the month 11.00am in St Albans Community Roo3m Tattenhall	Linda Davenport
Ukulele	Alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am in Farndon	Ken Wakefield
Walking	Walking groups schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short walk on 2nd Thursday • Long walk on 4th Thursday • Other groups on ad-hoc basis 	Jill Hughes
Drawing Group	Fortnightly meeting in Hargrave Village Hall	Carolyn Vickers
Dining	Dining Group1 fourth Friday of the Month Dining Group2 second Wednesday of the month	Hazel George Marian Hagan
Mah-jong for Beginners	2nd & 4th Fridays at 10.30am community room St Albans	Linda Davenport & Pauline Bell
Music Appreciation	First Thursday of the month in the community room at St Albans	David Thomson
Historic Places & Gardens	Monthly last Tuesday of the month.	Marian Hagan Jill O'Callaghan
Discussion	Alternate Tuesdays in The Barbour	Steven Prince
Art Appreciation	Various visits during the year	Jean Mumford Vanessa Newman