

# West Cheshire Rural u3a Newsletter 1/9/2024



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## **September meeting**

At our next monthly meeting the speaker is Mike Royden with a talk about Henry Bowen of Farndon and the last voyage of the Lusitania. Henry Bowen was a member of the crew who worked in the boiler room of the ship.

The poster is enclosed in a blue border with decorative triangles and a semi-circle. It features the u3a logo at the top left, the event title in a yellow box, the speaker's name, the date and time, and the location. A black and white photograph of the Lusitania ship is on the right side.

**u3a**  
learn, laugh, live

**West Cheshire Rural u3a**  
presents

**Henry Bowden of Farndon and  
the Last Voyage of the Lusitania**

**A talk by Mike Royden**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**Doors at 2pm**  
**Barbour Institute, Tattenhall**

## **Future Meetings**

**October** - Air traffic Control" by Nicky Patterson, an air traffic controller at Manchester Airport.

**November** - A dramatic presentation by Shaun Higgins, telling the story of Great War poet, Wilfred Owen, in his own words, called "Strange Meetings"

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West Cheshire Rural u3a sends condolences to the friends and family of Joan Coghlan who died recently. Joan's son has asked us to pass on details of Joan's funeral which is on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 11.30 am at Chester Crematorium and afterwards at the Flacca Sports Centre.

## Poetry Group

The next meeting of the Poetry Group is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September when the theme is **Favourite Places**.

## Calligraphy

The Calligraphy group has been meeting at the Burley Hall in Waverton. If you are looking for a room for a group then the small room at the Hall is most suitable.

We have looked at two different scripts, using coloured ink and paints, and much more. The adage of practise makes perfect is definitely applicable to Calligraphy.

## August Walks

The short walk was led by Jill, about 3.5 miles, centred on Harthill. We walked through woods and fields, and along tracks and lanes. A bit of uphill walking, but pauses to admire the scenery soon saw us ready for the next path. To end we called in at Poffee for refreshments.

The long walk led by Graham and Janet East was a challenging 5 miles walk from Frodsham Hill Woods car park,

## The Walking Group in 2024

The **walking schedule dates** and walk leaders can be found on the walking group page on the West Cheshire Rural u3a website. We still have some slots available so if you haven't already signed up and would like to lead a walk, these are the current free dates.

**October 10<sup>th</sup> – Short Walk**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> - Longer Walk**

The fourth Thursday is usually a longer walk. However, if you can't do one of the free long walk dates, it is ok to do a short walk on that day. A short walk is better than no walk at all.



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## Historic Places and Gardens

For our July trip, we first visited the Museum of the Gorge, Toll House and historic bridge at Ironbridge. This was followed by a visit to Benthall Hall, a 16th century Manor House, which played a significant role during the Civil War. Enthusiastic guides in each room gave us a fascinating insight into life at the Manor.

We explored the 19th century garden planted by the botanist George Maw and the neighbouring church of St Bartholomew, rebuilt during the Restoration period.



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## Ukulele Group

As the hall in Farndon was closed during August, the ukulele group met at the Barbour in Tattenhall. We had 4 mixed groups on the Thursdays in August led by Royan.

## Sunday Lunch Group

The Sunday lunch group is revisiting the Cock O Barton for our September lunch.

## New Quiz

A new quiz 'So good they named it twice' will be available on the Puzzles and Quizzes group page of the website.

## 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
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 Players	Alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am in Farndon	Ken Wakefield
Ukulele Improvers	Alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am in Farndon	Royan Anthony,
Walking	Walking groups schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short walk on 2nd Thursday</li><li>• Long walk on 4th Thursday</li></ul> Other groups on ad-hoc basis	Anne Bayliss

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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 fourth 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
Sunday Dining 2	Third Sunday of the month	Marian Hagan
Canasta	Alternate Tuesdays	Carole Curphy
Sewing And Quilting	Every three weeks Huxley Village Hall	Donna Eaton
Calligraphy	Twice monthly on a Thursday	Anne Bayliss