

# West Cheshire Rural u3a Newsletter 1/06/2026



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## June Monthly Meeting

The speaker at the West Cheshire Rural U3a monthly meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> is Dr David Mottram with a talk titled “The Olympic Games – A View from the Athlete’s Village”. This is a personal reflection on providing medical services at the Rio Olympic Games. The extensive planning and organization involved with delivering them is explained and a brief tour is given of some key tourist attractions in Rio.

The poster features the u3a logo at the top left. Below it, the text reads 'West Cheshire Rural u3a presents'. A yellow box contains the title 'The Olympic Games – A View From The Athlete Village'. Below this, it says 'A talk by Dr David Mottram'. The date and time are 'Thursday 18th June 2026' and 'Doors at 1.30 pm'. The location is 'Barbour Institute, Tattenhall'. On the right side, there is a photograph of a modern, multi-story residential building with a paved walkway and streetlights in front. The poster is framed with a blue border and has decorative blue and yellow triangles in the corners.

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## May Monthly Meeting

Sixty members joined the monthly meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May, with a talk by the author David Ebsworth. Dave McCall writes fiction books under the pen name David Ebsworth. He tells stories from history that he wishes somebody else had already written but which seem to have been overlooked - until now! "A Betrayal of Heroes" takes us on a roller-coaster ride from 1939 to 1945 with the Spanish Republican heroes who fought for Free France. But it is also the story of Jewish communities in Morocco and Algeria during those same years. Some of the author's favourite chapters are those set among the Jewish and Spanish communities in Casablanca, or those set in Pocklington, East Yorkshire, where the Spanish soldiers of La Nueve were quartered before being despatched to Normandy.

## Notice of West Cheshire Rural u3a AGM

The West Cheshire Rural u3a AGM will take place on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The AGM will be held at the start of the monthly meeting prior to the speaker beginning the talk. Doors will open at 1.30 so please arrive early so that we can conduct the AGM at 2pm promptly.

## Board Games Group at the Barbour

The u3a held another board games afternoon on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. This was the second of two funded sessions where we had sixteen members playing Mah-Jong, Canasta and Scrabble and two new games Mexican Train and Carcassonne.

Going forward the board games group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 2pm in the billiard room at the Barbour Institute in Tattenhall.

There will be a small charge of £4 per session to cover the cost of the room, payable on the day.

The meetings in June will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Concertgoers

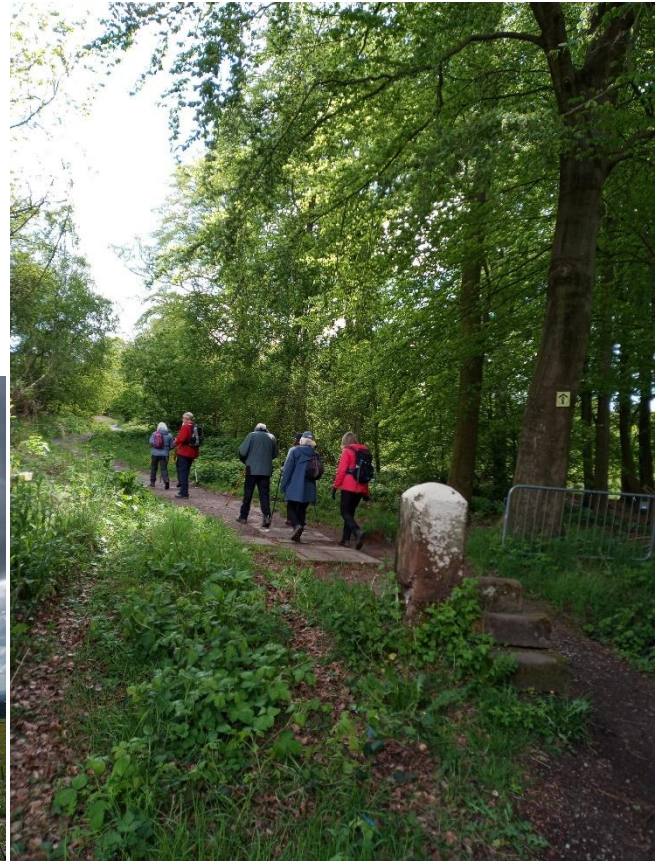
The programme for the next season concerts opens on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. I am hoping to get tickets for September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## Short Walk led by Anne



The May short walk was the loop around Delamere, starting from the Yeld Lane car park just outside Kelsall. Given the awful weather the previous day we were pleased to have a sunnier, and drier day for the walk. Six of us went to the Farmer Arms at the bottom of Yeld Lane for lunch.



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## Long walk led by David and Lynda Bish

Our walk on 28<sup>th</sup> May started at Banks Road car park on the Wirral in bright sunshine, following a night of Thunder, Lightning and heavy rain. 9 of us walked via the recently signposted King Charles III England Coast Path and the cliff top to the Wirral Country Park at Thurstaston where, as it was now very warm, we all enjoyed ice creams and watching a sparrow feeding her young during a short break. The return journey started on the Wirral Way before a slow climb into "The Dungeon" and over sandstone slabs where we found the promised waterfall was little more than a dribble! We then climbed close to the highest point, at 100m, before making our way through Heswall Dales and back to our starting point where we enjoyed a most satisfactory light lunch at the Yøt Café, well worth a visit!



## Walk Leaders

Short Walk Leader		Long Walk Leaders	
June	Esme & Jill	June	Marjorie
July	Lisa & Ian W	July	
Aug		Aug	Graham E
Sept	Gill F & Sue	Sept	Carol S & Carol B
Oct	David & Lynda B	Oct	
Nov	Hilton and Pat	Nov	
Dec	Sheila		

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## Drawing Group

We are half way through our current “term” and have been trying out some new ideas. We tried ‘Flower Pounding’ by placing flowers or leaves onto paper, covering them with clear plastic and hammering them to transfer the colour from the flower to the paper – not as easy as it sounds or looks on videos! Different types of paper produced different results.

Now we have started a new joint project to produce one large picture from a photo cut into sections, one for each of us. Once each has completed their section it will be stuck together to produce the whole.

We have 3 more sessions booked, one at the end of May and two in June before we start again in September. Carolyn Vickers

## Exhibition at Chester Cathedral

We have been passed information about an exhibition currently installed at Chester Cathedral. It is called “Threads Through the Bible” and is composed of more than 25 million stitches across 44 panels, situated throughout the Cathedral. The display is on till 28 June 2026. You may find details here <https://chestercathedral.com/threads>

## West Cheshire Rural u3a Interest Groups

*You can join as many groups as you have got time for. If the group you want is not there, why not get one started? There is a lot of help available.*

*Some groups are limited in size by their resources, for example the Reading Groups, but if there is demand we can start another group.*

Group	Current Meeting Times	Group leader
Solving Cryptic Crosswords	Alternate Mondays at 2pm	Mike Woollard
Poetry	First Monday in the month in St Albans Community Room Tattenhall	Gill Foster
Chapter Chats	Last Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm	Barbara Garner
Pageturners	The third Friday in the month 11.00am in St Albans Community Room Tattenhall	Linda Davenport
Ukulele Players	Alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am in Farndon	Ken Wakefield

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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
Drawing Group	Fortnightly meeting in Hargrave Village Hall	Carolyn Vickers
Dining	Dining Group 2 second Wednesday of the month	Marian Hagan
Mah-jong for Beginners	2nd & 4th Fridays at 10.30am community room St Albans	Linda Davenport
Music Appreciation	First Thursday of the month in the community room at St Albans	Marian Hagan Colin Bate
Historic Places & Gardens	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 Lunch	First Sunday of the Month	Elaine Dunham
Sunday Dining 2	Third Sunday of the month	Marian Hagan
Canasta	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month	Carole Curphy
Sewing And Quilting	Every three weeks Huxley Village Hall	Donna Eaton
Calligraphy	Twice monthly on a Thursday	Anne Bayliss
Bird Watching	Third Wednesday of the month	Niki Wheller
Concert Goers	As arranged	Anne Bayliss
Knitting and Crochet	Weekly 10:30 am-12:00 pm at Applegate's on the A41	Helen Weaver