



**THE UNIVERSITY OF
THE THIRD AGE**

IN

CHESTER



**STUDY GROUPS
AND
LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

October 1995

ESTABLISHED STUDY GROUPS

BRIDGE

Beginners and Play Bridge (intermediate), both on Wednesday afternoons at Friends' Meeting House, Frodsham Street. Contact : Eunice Mills 01244 316544.

CHESS

Play against others in the group, on alternate Thursday afternoons at members' homes in turn. Contact : Royston Loveluck 01244 681695.

FRENCH CONVERSATION

Intermediate on Monday mornings in Queen's Park. Contact : Bob Hinde 01244 677214.
Advanced on alternate Thursday mornings at various members' homes. Contact : Eric Hutchinson 01244 380372.

GARDENING

In Upton every second Thursday morning. Contact: Dorothy Clift 01244 382851.

GERMAN

For learners with basic knowledge of the language, on alternate Wednesday mornings at Tattenhall. Contact : Margaret Rundell 01829 70685.

ITALIAN

Two groups - **Improvers** (learners with a grounding in the language) and **Conversation** (for those with some fluency) - meet on Friday afternoons in Lache Lane. Contact : Carlo Cossali 01244 674397.

LITERARY APPRECIATION

During the afternoon of the second Friday of each month, usually in Brook Lane, to discuss selected novels and literary themes. Contact : Gwenda Haynes-Thomas 01244 325602.

LOCAL HISTORY

A very popular group, which meets on the first Thursday afternoon of each month at Stanley Palace and also arranges field trips to local places of interest. The group is also reviewing childhood memories. Contact : John Wignall 0829 270701.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Every second Wednesday morning near Lache Lane. Contact : Mary and Ray Pulsford 01244 680031.

PAINTING

The Art Group meets on Tuesday afternoons at Hoole Community Centre. Contacts: Madeleine Maddox 01829 740483 and Margaret Wooltorton 01244 678298.

PSYCHOLOGY

Members explore the deeper aspects of humanity, often basing discussion on videotape studies. The group meets every Thursday morning, usually near the centre of Chester. Contacts: Alan Coulson 01978 290685 and Margaret Wooltorton 01244 678298.

SCIENCE

Members discuss a variety of scientific topics, often using videotapes as a basis. The group meets every third Friday morning in Tarvin. Contacts : Veronica Moroney 01244 679686 and Joyce Parker 01829 741577.

TRAVEL & GARDENING

A group combining both topics which meets twice monthly on a Tuesday morning in Lache Lane. Contact : Anna Brennan 01244 675376.

WALKING

On the first Friday and third Monday of each month for leisurely local rambles of about six miles and a pub lunch to follow. Contacts : Fridays - Jeff Pugh 01244 382948; Mondays - Dot Hughson 01244 316752.

SHORT COURSES AND OCCASIONAL MEETINGS

DESIGN AGE

A series of occasional meetings is planned to support Chester U3A's participation in a national study with the objective of making everyday objects and packaging, etc more manageable, particularly by older people. The group will provide an opportunity to help to influence design for the better. Contact : Harold Wilson 01244 675009.

FOOD HYGIENE

A short course (three half days) designed to give basic training in food hygiene, with the possibility of qualifying for certification by the Chartered Institute for Environmental Health. The course will be of interest to all who cook, bake or prepare food for social events and clubs. Contact : Mary Emery 01244 335240.

LEGACY

The group is holding six fortnightly meetings (which started on 14th September) to explore, with the help of video presentations, the influence on our lives of the ancient cultures of Iraq, China, Egypt and Mexico : their legacy. Meetings are held near the centre of Chester and information about the current series and possible further subjects for study can be obtained from Alan Coulson 01978 290685 or Margaret Woollorton 01244 678298.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY AT SEVEN

Social gatherings are held regularly on Sunday evenings from 7 until around 9 o'clock at a local pub or restaurant. These popular events are open to all members, and of course to their partners and friends, and participants have the option of a meal or snack or of just settling for a drink and conversation in friendly company. For information about the next planned event phone Roy Wilson 01829 271060 or Mary Emery 01244 335240.

REGULAR SOCIAL EVENTS

Chester U3A has a regular programme of social events, which are equally open to all members and their partners and friends. Outings usually take place once a month during the third week of the month and include visits to theatres, concerts and other entertainments. Information about forthcoming events can be obtained from Mary Vives 01244 314297.

MAIN MEETINGS

General meetings are held monthly and give opportunities for information about and review of local, regional and national developments in U3A. In addition there is a chance to hear expert speakers on a range of topics of local, general or specifically third-age interest. Until November 1995, meetings are held on the second Tuesday morning of each month at the Grosvenor Museum. From December, the monthly main meetings will be held on the first Tuesday morning of the month in the hall of the Wesley Church in St John Street in the city centre. Meetings start at 10 o'clock. If U3A sounds interesting to you but you are not certain about joining, why not come along to one of our monthly meetings and see what you think of it? You will be very welcome.

PROSPECTIVE NEW STUDY GROUPS

We are always seeking to widen the range of available subjects. Current possibilities include Birdwatching, Creative Writing, Discussion, Modern Greek, Photography, Playreading and Ta'i Chi. If you would be interested in any of these or any other potential new study topics, please let Pat Pulford know, on 01244 336784. As a self-help organisation, we are particularly keen to hear from people enthusiastic enough (you don't have to be an expert) to offer to lead groups on whatever topics interest them. So if you can help, do please let us know.

There is more information on the back of this leaflet about what U3A is, what we do, what it costs to join and how to go about joining.

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT U3A

WHAT IS U3A?

The University of the Third Age is an organisation of the over-fifties for educational, creative and leisure activities. There are U3As throughout Britain and other European countries.

WHY 'THIRD AGE' ?

Our first age is childhood, and our second age the time of working and raising children. The third age which follows these now accounts for one person in five of the population.

DO I NEED QUALIFICATIONS ?

Not at all, and please don't be put off by the term "University", which is used in its original sense of a group of people meeting together to learn. Nor do you have to be serious about learning. Some members are, while others are more interested in the leisure and social opportunities that U3A offers. There is room for everyone. You won't be expected to do anything you don't want to do, and you will be very welcome whatever your interests and education.

WHAT DOES U3A DO?

In Chester we have a growing number of study groups, most of which meet in members' homes. If there is a subject that you want to study, you can join an existing group - or even set up your own group. It's a wonderful way to share your interests and leisure time with others. We also have a widening range of friendly leisure activities which members can join in whenever they want to. Details of study and leisure activities are on the inside pages of this leaflet.

Also, Chester U3A has general meetings once every month and usually with a chance to hear guest speakers on all sorts of interesting topics. From December 1995, these meetings will be held at 10 o'clock on the first Tuesday of each month in the hall of the Wesley Church in St John Street, right in the city centre.

We are also using the Wesley Church hall as a "drop in" centre, where members can have refreshments, meet others and obtain information about study and leisure activities. The centre operates at lunchtimes on Thursdays and a U3A member will be available to answer queries and enrol new members.

WHAT DOES IT COST ?

Currently £12 per year payable when you join and then every September. This includes refreshments at general meetings, local and national newsletters and the U3A magazine, *Third Age News*.

HOW MANY GROUPS MAY I JOIN?

As few or as many as you like, although space or time of joining may limit membership of certain study groups. As demand grows we do our best to cater for it. If one or more of the groups mentioned in this leaflet sounds interesting to you, why not telephone the group contact(s) and find out more?

HOW DO I JOIN CHESTER U3A?

Just phone Bob Hinde on 01244 677214 or Mrs Pat Pulford on 01244 336784 for information and an application form; or else call in any Thursday lunchtime at the Wesley Church hall; or you would be very welcome at one of our regular meetings there on the first Tuesday of the month (from December 1995).