



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MEETING



Our September speaker Shaun Higgins gave us plenty to think about on the anniversary of The Battle of Britain with actual stories of heroism, sacrifice and determination of those referred to by Churchill as “the few” He started his talk as an RAF instructor with us, his audience as very raw recruits and we were all pleased it was only play acting after hearing about the reality. His fund of stories, lightened by a touch of humour, reminded us all what exactly we owe to that generation.

NEXT MONTH

Our speaker for October will be Stephen Shakeshaft who is a registered tour guide for our lovely City of Chester.

New and prospective members are also welcome and there will be the usual refreshments afterwards.

The next meeting will be on 21 October at 2.00pm

GROUP NEWS

Book Club

After a long period of enjoying full capacity membership the Book Club has two spaces available. The number is restricted by the number of books supplied (at a charge) by Winsford library. If anyone would like any more information please contact Ellie (Tel No is on your Activities sheet)

Garden Visits

The latest Garden visit was on 26 August and the Group visited Manley Knowle. A beautiful house with extensive and varied gardens



Lunch Group

This month's venue was the Leigh Arms, Little Leigh. The food was lovely and the staff were so helpful and friendly.

In fact it was so good it has been chosen for the u3a Christmas lunch. I know.....but we have to get it booked early.

October's venue is The Village Restaurant at Blakemere. Booking essential

Magic of Musicals

Unfortunately this Group is temporarily suspended. The venue (Wharton Library) got a long term block booking for the Main Room which obviously they could not turn down.

Chris is on holiday at the moment so hopefully when he returns we will try and arrange an alternative venue.

Quiz

The October quiz will still take place although Chris is on holiday. The Quizmaster will temporarily be David Payne – a fairly new u3a member who has, I am informed experience in the role and has agreed to stand in for Chris. I'm sure the regular quizzers will be pleased the session can go ahead.

Remarkable Women

The topic this month was famous sportswomen. The subjects were Charlotte Dujardin (dressage) Suzanne Lenglen (tennis), Ethel (Sunny) Lowry (first woman to swim the English Channel - 1933) and Angela Mortimer (tennis)

New members are always welcome. There is no pressure to contribute and you can just listen and join in the discussions afterwards.

Strollers

We met up at the New Bridge past the Salt Works on another fine day (we don't know how you arrange it every time, Jim) and enjoyed a good stroll starting with a gentle climb into lovely countryside then down to the River Weaver, back to the car park then to the Red Lion for a drink and natter



Tea & Chat

Numbers have dropped a little for this group (late holidays ??) so a bit of feedback would be appreciated. A cream scone, endless supply of tea or coffee and a good catch up – what's not to like.

Ukulele

We had a request to play at URC's Tea & Chat afternoon on Monday 21. They do quizzes and crafts too and we all got the chance to make a key ring.....in the shape of a ukulele !!

They joined in with our songs too, provided tea and cake - a very enjoyable afternoon.



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## FUTURE EVENTS

### THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER - FIRST AID COURSE

This free course for up to 20 people is to be held on 15 October at the United Reformed Church at 10.00-12.00am. We will have a Red Cross trained speaker with demonstrations,

There are some places remaining so if you are interested and think this will be useful please contact me (Christine Kitchin) asap on 07754 906705 or Jackie Ingham on 07377 548092

## WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER – HALLOWEEN BINGO EVENING

FROM 7.00 UNTIL 11.00PM

Eyes down for another fun night at **The Gate** to celebrate Halloween. There will be a buffet, prizes (for lines and full houses) and a prize for best “fancy dress”. This not obligatory but why not join in the fun even if it is only a Halloween tee shirt or some fancy earrings (yes gentlemen included) (This is a reminder only as this event is FULLY BOOKED)

## THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**12:30 for 1.00pm start**

The venue this year is The Leigh Arms at Little Leigh CW8 4QT £5p.p. **non refundable** deposit required to reserve your place (payable by BACS with the reference – YOUR SURNAME/LEIGH) **Please do not pay until October** as until then our Treasurer will be busy with subscriptions . Contact Marian (07956 377234) or Jan (07843 016454) to put your name on the list

## MONDAY 7 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS AT ARLEY HALL CW9 6NA

This is a self drive event meeting at Arley Hall Car Park for 10.00am Prebooked tickets cost £15.00 (including parking) + 50p session fee. Entrance on the day would be **£20.00**  
**See final page for “What's on at Arley”**

## WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 'CONS CLUB'

FROM 7.00 UNTIL 11.00PM

CW7 4AN

Includes Live band and buffet - £25.00p.p. Guests welcome

## SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER – HALLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This popular event is always a sell out so again just a reminder for those who have their names down already  
The event starts at 7:30 and further details will be circulated nearer the time about pick up/drop off time and place

**Contact** Nav ( 07717 834351) for details of events unless stated otherwise

**BACS details: Sort Code 60-15-29 A/c No 67519767**

## 2027

And to look forward to in 2027.....

Following the success of our last DARTS EVENING we will be organising another one on  
Tuesday 19 January 7.00pm at The Gate

ALSO we are hoping to have another Chinese meal round about  
Chinese New Year in February  
Look out for further details soon

### **IMPORTANT – Renewal of Membership**

Thank you to the vast majority of members who have paid their  
subscriptions and renewed their membership.

There are still a few outstanding so if these are not paid before the end of  
September your membership may be at risk

### **END OF SUMMER PARTY 2 September**

To end on a happier note I hope all you party goers had a good night (it seems so long  
ago!) and enjoyed the DJ, buffet and a night of dancing.

There were a lot of photographs taken (too many to put on here) but if you go to our  
website they are all on display.



We would like some feedback too – any comments will be taken on  
board – good or bad but hopefully more good !!  
e.g. DJ versus live band.....improved buffet.....venue etc.

Speak to your coordinators, any committee member or email me at  
[christineekitchin@gmail.com](mailto:christineekitchin@gmail.com)

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## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ARLEY HALL 7 DECEMBER 2026

### **Festively Floral - Movie Magic**

Friday 4th December - Tuesday 8th December 2026

Hall Open 10am - 3.30pm (last entry 3pm)

Garden Open 10am - 4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

See The Hall and chapel creatively decorated with fresh flowers and foliage from the Arley gardens by local florists and Horticultural colleges.

**This year each room will depict a Christmas movie.**

There will also be a choir singing in the chapel each day for you to enjoy.

They will be singing at 11am - 11.45am and 2pm – 2.45pm.

Tickets include entry into Festively Floral - Movie Magic in the Hall, full access to the formal gardens, grove & woodland, chapel, café, toilets and free parking.

**Your ticket also includes** a shopping experience organised by Creative Crafts on Friday 4th - Monday 7th December, with the Arley Christmas pop-up shop open Friday 4th December - Tuesday 8th December.

Local schools will have also decorated Christmas trees in The Cruck Barn.

The Gardener's Kitchen Cafe will be open and serving delicious hot food from soup and sandwiches to a Christmas lunch.