

Chester CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS ALLIANCE

CHESTER GROUP NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025

Chair's Notes

It is with great sadness that we have to let you know that our Chair, Cynthia Coltman passed away in November. She was instrumental in starting the Chester Group and was a leading light until her very last meeting in October 2024. Cynthia was not in the best of health but she never missed a meeting and was always cheerful and enthusiastic. She was an inspiration, not only to her family which was obvious at her funeral, but to us as a Group. Cynthia will always be remembered and very sadly missed.

We meet at the Festival Church Hall, Queen Street, Chester, CH1 3LG at 2.15pm on the second Monday of each month, except August and December.

We had an excellent range of interesting speakers in 2024. We started off with two guest speakers from Independent Age, which is a charity focusing on poverty in people over 65. Cheshire Museums gave a talk on Stretton Water Mill and a speaker came from the RNIB. The Daniel Adamson Steamboat Preservation Society gave a talk on the restoration of the boat.

2025 Calendar

10th February:	Quiz
10th March:	AGM
14th April	Talk by David Mitchell Chester Town Cryer
12th May	Talk on St John's Church history
9th June	Summer Meal at The Mill Hotel
14th July	Daniel Adamson Steamboat Preservation Society – History of The Manchester Ship Canal

I know it is not easy to commit to attending meetings when there are so many calls on your time, but you can also keep up with what CSPA is doing nationally by using the website <https://www.cpsa.co.uk> Keep your eyes open for new details of this in the Spring Pensioner.

Best Wishes

Paul Wilks

Acting Chair

GROUP MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025

We are very grateful to those members who subscribed last year to the Group Membership which assists with the running costs of the Group. We do try to keep costs to the minimum but there are some inevitable increases.

For those members who feel able to support the Group in this way, we have now added a further method of payment which you might find more convenient.

The £6 subscription can be made by Bank Transfer or on-line banking and the details are:

Bank: Lloyds Bank Chester

Sort Code: 30-91-92

Account No: 02770739

Payment can still be made by cheque by completing the following tear-off slip.

Tear-off

FROM: Name.....

Address.....

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I enclose a cheque made out to **C.S.P.A. Chester**

Please send cheque to:

The Treasurer, C.S.P.A., Alison Booth, 35 Ashlands, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6RG

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

The Annual General Meeting of the Chester Group will be held on Monday 10th March 2025 at The Festival Church Hall, Queen Street, Chester, CH1 3LG at 2.15pm.

In line with the Constitution, the Group Committee shall hold Office for 12 months.

Therefore, the following Positions are up for re-election:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Speaker Secretary

Committee

Independent Examiner

If anyone wishes to stand for any of the above positions, please submit names to the Treasurer (see below) by 1st March 2025. Do consider putting your name forward in order to keep the Group viable.

If you wish to know more about any role, please contact the Treasurer Alison Booth 07484 294261

If you wish to submit a motion to the AGM, please forward it in writing to the Treasurer, Alison Booth: 35, Ashlands, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6RG

Please try and attend the AGM and air your views. You can be assured of a warm welcome, a hot drink, biscuits and a raffle.