

Chester Society of Natural Science Literature and Art  
**Chester Lecture Society programme 2017/18**

**September 2017**

**28 Ken Pye** is passionate about his home city of Liverpool. His illustrated talk “**the Rise, Fall and Renaissance of a World Class City**” tells you more than you ever knew about our large and famous neighbour

**October**

**5 Chris Smith** fascinating talk, the **History of Cheese Making** from Neolithic age to present, especially our famous Cheshire cheese from Roman times to our farmhouses and modern units plus delicious samples to taste

**12 Chris Holden** diver and co author of **Life and Death on the Royal Charter** will tell of the tragic loss of this Chester built clipper on the coast of Anglesey en route from Australia and his involvement 150 yrs later

**19 Dr. Mark Baldwin** presents the story of **the Battle of the Atlantic** which threatened the outcome of WW2 but for boffins at Bletchley Park who decoded Germany’s Enigma machine. He will bring a **rare Enigma**

**26 Bernard Dennis** authority on Elizabethan **Sir Thomas Egerton, Keeper of the Queen’s conscience** Illegitimate Cheshire boy who became Lord High Chancellor and other high offices, who is buried at Dodleston

**November**

**2 Roger Croston** regular visitor to China gives an illustrated talk **Burning Coal and Boiling Water** about the vanishing age of steam propulsion in China and the phenomenal developments overwhelming the old order

**9 Brian Price** Cunard Cruise director on QE2, who, as a boy ran away to sea, recalls his observations of the antics of passengers in many humorous anecdotes with a light hearted talk **Laughs and Gigolos at Sea**

**January 2018**

**11 Michael Crumplin** retired surgeon and historian will present an illustrated talk about the changes in battlefield surgical treatments from the fields of Agincourt through to the present time, in Afghanistan

**18 Phyllida Shaw** author of **An Artist’s War** illustrates her talk with letters between artists Morris and Alice Meredith Williams in the Great War and Morris’s remarkable sketches of life in the trenches and the aftermath

**25 Di Mather** former BBC presenter now travels the World teaching businesses, schools and individuals English etiquette. Her illustrated talk will recount some of her amusing, interesting and challenging experiences

**February**

**1 Stephen Lovell** travels in Nepal from the highest mountains in the World bordering Tibet to the hot lowlands of the south. A talk with superb photographs of the magnificent scenery, people, wildlife and culture.

**8 Jon Cannon** NADFAS speaker and architectural historian presents **A thousand years of history** as recorded in cathedral development, with excellent photographs of cathedrals, manuscripts and paintings

**15 John Ericson** NADFAS speaker presents a colourful and entertaining talk about **Pub Signs** exploring the stories behind the more peculiar names of one of the largest and most diverse art galleries in the Country

**22 Professor Ian Morison** Astronomer and astrophysicist with 50 yrs at Jodrell Bank, talks about the history of one of Cheshire’s icons **The Jodrell Bank, now Lovell, Telescope**, its Space Race role and discoveries

**March**

**1 Christine Russel** former MP for Chester was invited to join the Speaker’s Advisory Committee for the **Art treasures of the Palace of Westminster**. A fascinating insight into this little known, or seen, collection

**8 Member’s evening 7.00 pm start**

This will be our fourth Member’s evening and guests are welcome.

We look forward to being entertained by the tales and experiences of our Members in the fields of **travel, art, literature, nature, conflict and life generally etc.,**

**x** Please note that tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for Members and guests after each meeting.

**Xx** For more information about talks and speakers, go to our website **www.chesterlecturesociety.com**