

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**