

Chester Society of Natural Science Literature and Art
Chester Lecture Society Programme for 2018/19

October 2018

4 Professor Anthony Slinn's illuminating **Life of Vincent Van Gogh** takes you on an unforgettable journey to locations where his masterpieces were painted. He died tragically, unaware that one day his works would be worth millions.

11 Clare Dudman local author and traveller writes fiction from research on her travels. She will give an illustrated talk about her latest book, **A place of Meadows and Tall Trees**, about Welsh colonisation of Patagonia in the 19 Century.

18 Jerry Stone one of our foremost space experts gives his view of developments in **the Next 50 years in Space**. Who knows what the future holds, but Jerry makes some interesting predictions based on his vast experience.

25 Andrew Heading recounts his experiences in the World's longest, toughest winter cycle race of 1000 miles through Alaska's frozen wilderness in temperatures of minus 50 C, wolves, hallucinations and endurance. It is the **Iditasport**.

November

1 147th AGM followed by **Dave Hollis'** story of his life as a **wildlife photographer** with many superb images of our British wildlife and a host of interesting and amusing anecdotes.

8 Andrew Lound We are almost at the 100th anniversary of the Armistice of November 11th 1918 and the end of WW1 **The Odyssey of Tommy Atkins** is an emotional experience and a fitting tribute to those whose lives were sacrificed.

15 Due to unforeseen circumstances the talk by Paul Harris has been postponed until the 2019/20 programme.

January 2019

10 Penny Rudd the Registrar at **Chester Zoo** will take us through developments since the zoo was opened by George Mottershead in 1931 to become the UK's 2nd most popular visitor attraction in 2017 '**Chester Zoo, Past and Present**'

17 David Cummings member and local historian, as a **Memorial** to Committee member, **Margaret Croston**, presents a kaleidoscope of Chester events throughout the year in a selection of colourful images called, **Chester Celebrates**.

24 Matthew Dennison, historian, teacher and prize winning author of 10 books will talk about his latest book **The Man in the Willows** about **Kenneth Graham**, the author of the children's classic, **The Wind in the Willows**.

31 Nick Fry a long established member of Chester Cathedral staff, well known for his roles of public liaison. A veteran player from God to Herod in many of **The Chester Mystery Plays**, he tells of their origins, history and recent productions.

February

7 Spencer Smith Archaeology and Monuments officer for the **Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust** will talk about the remarkable **dynasty of the Abraham Darbys**, their part in the Industrial Revolution and the **World Heritage Iron Bridge**

14 Capt. Hugh Daghish has spent a career in the Royal Navy on a variety of warships, latterly as Captain and then Commander of Her Majesty's Royal Yacht Britannia. His talk **HMY Britannia Remembered** will stir our memories.

21 Rachel Smith Atlantic rower, World Champion Dragon boat racer, fundraiser, Olympic torchbearer, inspirational speaker, now an executive committee member and trustee of **Cheshire Search and Rescue**, explains the work they do.

28 Tim Baxter Botanist at Liverpool University's Ness Gardens, talks about its creator, **Arthur Kilpin Bulley**, who sponsored the great plant hunters, **George Forrest**, **Frank Kingdon Ward** and others, on expeditions to China and Himalayas.

March

7 Members Evening 7.00pm start

We will be entertained by tales of interest from our Members. Guests are very welcome. Refreshments are included.

For more information about programmed speakers and talks, visit our website www.chesterlecturesociety.com

Please note that meetings on February 14th, 21st, 28th and March 7th will take place at St.Mary's Creative Space, which is situated at the top of St. Mary's Hill, by Chester Castle. Times as before, except earlier start Members Eve.

