

Chester Society of Natural Science Literature and Art
Chester Lecture Society Programme for 2019/20

All meetings start at 7:30 PM prompt and, unless otherwise stated, are held in the Lecture Theatre, Grosvenor Museum, Grosvenor Street, Chester CH1 2DD, Tel: 01244 972 197

Members free on presentation of Membership card. Non-members **£5.00** each; Students **£2.00** each; Children U12 **free**

3rd October **Chester Zoo, Past and Present** Penny Rudd, the zoo's Registrar, 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.

10th October **The Beauty in the Heavens** Professor Ian Morison will show some of the Solar System's and Earth's most fantastic heavenly phenomena including eclipses and auras, and explain how they are created.

17th October **Stand up for Nature** Jeff Clarke presents a topical and thought-provoking political commentary on the State of Nature today in the UK and an indictment on those who are supposed to protect it.

24th October **In Search of Cocoa ... a Columbian Adventure** Andrew Heading and friends found an old map of Columbia. In a pair of inflatable canoes, they set off to rediscover the old cocoa trade route through the jungle.

31st October **The Story of a Street** Bridge Street in Chester is over 2,000 years old. David Cummings tells its sometimes surprising story using unique photos and other evidence.

7th November **Brief Encounters** Paul Harris presents photos from a journey following in the footsteps of Genghis Khan to his more recent work in Greenland, India, the Peruvian Amazon and the Yorkshire Dales.

14th November **The Sculpture and Art of Steve Broadbent** Stephen's work can be found in cities and landscapes throughout Britain, including several prominent and familiar sculptures in Chester.

9th January **Children of the World** In the many years that Tony Ord has been travelling he has photographed the peoples of the varied parts of the world that he has visited. He will share the pictures of the children and their stories.

16th January **Over the Hills and Far Away - The Life of Beatrix Potter** Matthew Dennison, who recently published a new biography of Beatrix Potter talks about her life.

23rd January **Lord Leverhulme – Lord of the Isles** Gavin Hunter will tell the tale of how Lord Leverhulme bought the Hebridean island of Lewis and Harris and tried to preserve and revitalise their economies.

30th January **The Art Treasures of the Palace of Westminster** Christine Russell, former MP for Chester, talks about some of the 8,500 works of art held in the collection of the Palace of Westminster.

6th February 2020 **Liverpool and the Triangular Trade**

Ken Pye, a well-known Liverpool historian, talks about a shameful time in the history of Britain and particularly, Liverpool, which was one of the major slave ports.

13th February 2020 **Punch and Judy** Bertie Pearce presents a history of the most famous puppet of all time.

20th February 2020 **The Staffordshire Hoard** Stephen Dean was the County Archaeologist for Staffordshire when the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered. He will describe the discovery, the consequent conservation work and what we have learned from the find.

27th February 2020 **Living with Nomads and the Eagle Hunters of Mongolia** John and Rosamund Macfarlane will provide an intimate glimpse of the life, work and culture of the nomadic people of rural Mongolia.