



APRIL – JULY 2019

Thurs 11th Apr – Christian Aid “Big Shift” Local Lobby

2.00pm, outside HSBC Ellesmere Port Branch, *94 Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0AE.*

The “Big Shift” is part of Christian Aid’s campaign on climate change, with the big banks seen as a major part of the solution if they can stop funding fossil fuel developments. “Big Shift” is focussing on HSBC as one of the biggest banks in the world, and CA aims to get the message delivered to every HSBC branch in the country **during Lent**. In our case, it was Chester on 4th April, and is in Ellesmere Port on 11th April. If you can join in please contact Katy Rowe, 01244 674448.

See also www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/the-big-shift

Fri 12th Apr – Charity Concert

7.30pm, St Columba’s Hall, Newhall Road, Chester CH2 1SA

Concert featuring two choirs, Cheshire Chord Company (female) and Chester Male Voice Choir raising money for Chifundo, Chester Cathedral Mission Group, Chester Women's Aid and Christian Aid North West. Tickets: £12.50 Adults £5 for under 18s. Phone 01244 371069

Wed 24th Apr – Chester Friends of Palestine

7.15 – 9.00pm, Room 204, University of Chester Riverside Campus

Jamie Hauslay, a local teacher will talk about his recent visit to a number of schools in the West Bank. Come and bring a friend to hear of his experience.

Further information ChesterFriendsofPalestine@hotmail.com

Sat 27th Apr – “Stop Arming Saudi” Silent Vigil

12.30 - 1.30 at The Cross, Chester. All are welcome to join - please wear black if possible. Organised by Chester CND. Further information chestercnd@gmail.com

Wed 1st May – Film “Island of the Hungry Ghosts”

6.00pm, at Storyhouse, *Hunter Street, Chester, CH1 2AR*

The film is a documentary about migration and the treatment of refugees, following a trauma counsellor living on the remote Christmas Island. A member of Chester and Wrexham Amnesty group will give a short introduction to the film. Tickets £9.50, £6.00 under 26.

For further information or to book go to <https://www.storyhouse.com/event/island-of-the-hungry-ghosts>

12th - 18th May – Christian Aid Week 2019

The annual fundraising drive by the charity Christian Aid. It has been held each year in Britain during the second week of May since 1957, making it Britain’s longest running fundraising week.

www.christianaid.org.uk

Tues 14th May – CWDF Forum + AGM

6.45pm – 9.00pm The Unity Centre, *Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN*

Prior to our AGM we’ll hear from Shantele Janes, Director of CHAWREC – the Chester, Halton and Warrington Racial Equality Council. Shantele will give a brief outline of CHAWREC’s overall activities, then focus on their work with refugees and asylum seekers. The talk and discussion will be followed by the CWDF AGM, so we look forward to a good attendance! Further information 01244 350323.

Fri 17th May – “Chester’s Got Talent!” – alternative Eurovision 2019

7:00 pm - 11:59 pm, St Columba’s Hall, *Newhall Road, Chester CH2 1SA*

A "PALOVISION" Charity Concert. Music, comedy, ceilidh dancing. Drinks bar. For those wishing to avoid the Eurovision Song Contest in Israel, this event will feature local musical talent and all proceeds will go to benefitting Palestinian charities. Further details from Joseph O’Neill, joseph.oneill777@gmail.com

To perform, contact Linda Jennings: sales@intuneative.co.uk

CHESTER WORLD DEVELOPMENT FORUM

CWDF maintains this diary on website www.chesterwdf.org.uk and circulates flyers.

Contact 01244 350323/ 383668 or bernard.payne691@btinternet.com

to get some extra publicity for your event.

Sat 25th May – “Stop Arming Saudi” Silent Vigil

12.30 - 1.30 at The Cross, Chester. All are welcome to join - please wear black if possible. Organised by Chester CND. Further information chestercnd@gmail.com

Wed 29th May – Chester Friends of Palestine

7:15 pm - 9:00 pm, Room 204, Riverside Building, University of Chester, *Castle Drive Chester, CH1 1SL*

Group Meeting at Riverside Campus. Topic to be confirmed

Sat 15th Jun – Sustainable Chester Spring Fair

Grosvenor Park, *Grosvenor Park Road, Chester*

Friends of the Earth would like this to be an event that links all the Sustainable groups in the region and welcome joining up with anyone else. Get in touch to help organise, arrange for a stall or speaker slot ASAP. Further information: Helen Tandy, Chester & District Friends of the Earth Helenchesterfoe@hotmail.com

Wed 26th Jun – Climate Change Lobby: “The Time Is Now”

We'll be gathering at Westminster to connect the poor to the powerful by sharing our concerns on climate change with leaders who can make a difference. Politicians will only increase their ambition if they see that we care. They will act if their constituents tell them that they want change. Further information:

www.theclimatecoalition.org/thetimeisnow

www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/join-climate-lobby

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby>

Tues 9th July – CWDF Forum: Climate Change Apathy?

6.45pm – 9.00pm The Unity Centre, *Cuppin Street, Chester, CH1 2BN*

Our final Forum meeting before the summer break. We will have a talk by Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth on the theme ‘**The psychology of apathy about climate change...and what to do about it!**’ They will explain some of the psychological understanding of apathy and inaction in the face of climate change – with the talk leading into some discussion and development of ideas about actions.

Regular meetings of some of our member groups ...

Second Tuesday of odd months: Full Forum meetings of CWDF, normally 6.45 for 7.00pm at The Unity Centre, Cuppin Street Chester, CH1 2BN. Contact 01244 350323 www.chesterwdf.org.uk

2nd Tuesday of the month (except August and December): Chester and Wrexham Amnesty International Group, meetings alternate between Chester and Wrexham. Check the website for details or contact: www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chester-and-wrexham amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com

Third Wednesday of the month: Chester and District Friends of the Earth meet at 7.30pm in the Custom House, Watergate Street, Chester. Contact Peter Benson 07740 179939 or chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk

Last Wednesday of the month (normally): Chester Friends of Palestine meet at 7.15pm in the Riverside Building of the University of Chester, Castle Drive CH1 1SL.

Contact chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com

Third Thursday of odd months: Chester CND meet at 7.30pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Union Walk, Frodsham Street Chester, CH1 3LF. Contact Margaret 07966 791822 or chestercnd@gmail.com for further information.