

# Chester World Development Forum *Diary version 10-9-19*



See end of list or overpage for information about regular meetings of some of our member groups

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2019 ... and into 2020

## **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Sept – CWDF Forum**

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

The first Forum meeting of the 2019-20 season. Theme: 'The Role of Wetlands in Climate Change' - talk by Dr Christian Dunn (local resident, specialist in Wetland Science and Conservation at the University of Bangor), with Andy Scargill giving a local perspective on the wetland project at Countess of Chester Country Park.

***NB: this is a change of programme from that previously advertised. Photographer Jim Holmes will now give his talk at a future date.***

## **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sept - Can you solve Climate change from your sofa?**

7.30pm, Upstairs at The Custom House, *Watergate Street, Chester*

Friends of the Earth Chester & District, [chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept – Global Climate Strike – Chester event**

11am - 2pm - Chester Town Hall Square. Adults invited to show support for the latest school student strike.

Further information <https://www.facebook.com/events/883731235337252/>

Christian Aid information: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/climate-change/christian-aid-position-global-climate-strikes>

## **Tuesdays: 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> October – “The Bible in Troubled Times”**

7.30 – 9.00pm St Mary's Handbridge Centre, *Overleigh Road, Handbridge, Chester, CH4 7HL*

Four sessions led by Trevor Dennis, giving a chance to see famous biblical passages in a new light, to address some of the burning issues of our own day, to face awkward questions about the Bible – and to *enjoy* it.

Suggested donation a minimum of £5 per session, proceeds between St Mary's Centre and Christian Aid.

[trevordennis11@gmail.com](mailto:trevordennis11@gmail.com)

## **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sept - Chester Friends of Palestine**

7.15 - 9.15 pm Room 204, Riverside Building, *University of Chester, Castle Drive, Chester, CH1 1SL*

Further information: Jane Marshall at [chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com](mailto:chesterfriendsofpalestine@hotmail.com)

## **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – A Chocolate Evening with Chester Quakers**

7.00 – 9.00pm Quaker Meeting House, *Frodsham Street, Chester CH1 3LF*

The evening will be a mix of Quaker history and beliefs, current ethical business practices - and the pleasure of eating chocolate! If you would like to attend, please register (free of charge) on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-chocolate-evening-to-celebrate-quaker-weektickets-65640306925>

Contact: Diane Williams, [djw0417@btinternet.com](mailto:djw0417@btinternet.com)

## **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – An evening of Climate Action** - FoE Chester & District,

Quaker Meeting House, Chester. 6:45pm - Coffee & Chat

7.00 - Keep Positive (Mark Thompson) & Kick off Climate Action Campaign [chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – ‘Far From the Home I Love’ - Special Concert in aid of Chester City of Sanctuary**

7.30pm Wesley Church Centre, *St John Street, Chester, CH1 1DA*

Acclaimed international pianist Margaret Fingerhut has devised a very special concert that she is performing across the UK to raise awareness of refugee needs as well as to raise funds for City of Sanctuary refugee groups. The programme will feature the music and stories of some of the many composers who were themselves refugees or migrants. Tickets £12 available via [www.margaretfingerhut.co.uk/chester](http://www.margaretfingerhut.co.uk/chester)

## **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Second Climate Action Event** - FoE Chester & District,

Quaker Meeting House, Chester. 6:45pm - Coffee & Chat

7:00 - The psychology of apathy about climate change & climate action (Linda & Stewart Shuttleworth) & Climate Action Ideas. [chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chesterfoe@hotmail.co.uk)

**Further dates overleaf . . .**

### **CHESTER WORLD DEVELOPMENT FORUM**

CWDF maintains this diary on website [www.chesterwdf.org.uk](http://www.chesterwdf.org.uk) and circulates flyers.

Contact 01244 350323/ 383668 or [bernard.payne691@btinternet.com](mailto:bernard.payne691@btinternet.com)

to get some extra publicity for your event.

### **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Chester Palestine Conference**

A 2-day conference on the theme “Palestine: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow”. For further details contact [joseph.oneill777@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.oneill777@gmail.com) or [lvt@gmail.com](mailto:lvt@gmail.com)

### **Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – CWDF Forum**

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

Speaker Natalia Jancewicz of Transition Chester on the theme “Degrowth” – economic development along ecological lines.

### **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Sustainable Chester Winter Fair**

11:00 am - 4:30 pm St Mary’s Creative Space, *Saint Mary's Hill, Chester, CH1 2DW*

Friends of the Earth are hosting their second Winter Fair, now under their new organisation **Eco Communities**. This is a new venue: St Mary’s Creative Space, an inspiring venue. As with the Summer event there will be a range of stalls, crafts and entertainment throughout the day. Stall bookings welcome - book your space here via the link. They welcome stalls selling eco, Ethical, Sustainable goods. Charities and causes. Interactive stalls where people want to share crafts and skills to make a more eco, low carbon footprint and sustainable world.

<https://helenchesterfoe.wufoo.com/forms/r1ldhiwe0iv314g/>

### **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – The Centre for Alternative Technology and the era of Climate Change**

7.30 – 9.00pm, Best Building, University of Chester *off Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ*

This is a joint meeting of CWDF with the University’s Department of Geography and International Development. Speaker Dr Jane Fisher, local Chester resident who is a senior lecturer on the staff at CAT. This is an excellent opportunity for a mixed audience to gain insights into the long-established work at CAT in Machynlleth, and how their programmes may be evolving in response to climate change initiatives, global and local. Contact 01244 350323

### **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2020 – CWDF Q&A session with Chris Matheson MP (Provisional)**

Venue, timing and all arrangements to be finalised.

Much will be happening between now and the New Year!

### **Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – CWDF Forum**

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

Speaker Colin Watson, bringing us up-to-date on the work of the CWAC Climate Emergency Task Team.

### **Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – CWDF Forum**

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

Speaker to be arranged

### **12-17 May - Chester Cathedral Climate Change Exhibition and Conference**

A week- long exhibition and associated events, to be organised by Chester Sustainability Forum in association with Chester Cathedral. Opening conference to include national level speakers. Local groups encouraged to help in the mounting of high quality exhibits – suggestions will be considered at the next meeting of CSF on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Further information, Colin Watson, 07511 038385.

#### **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](http://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](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chester-and-wrexham) [amnesty.chester.wrexham@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chestercnd@gmail.com) for further information.