

## **SPEAKER LIST 2019. Oxton and Prenton U3A.**

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

A Policeman's Lot - Bill Johnstone.

The speaker shares with us his insightful and telling thoughts on a lifetime of policing.

### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

The Origins of Place Names - Anthony Poulton-Smith.

You are welcome to bring interesting and mysterious place-names of your own for the speaker to consider. There can be a great deal more to a name than we might think.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Grand Narratives and Political Language - Mary Clinton.

We welcome back Mary Clinton whose insightful examination of the way in which we speak might help us to understand what our politicians are really saying when they address us at this crucial time.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

British Humour: 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries - Michael Murphy.

It is so easy to take humour for granted when really it can afford us amazing insights into the way we function. This talk offers an interesting development from our previous speaker.

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

The Canal Dukes - Bernard Dennis.

Our canals are currently taking on a new lease of life. Their early development supported the industrial revolution and changed our history; thanks to those who had the money, influence and insight to develop them. We can rely on Bernard Dennis to be his usual insightful and informative self.

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Witches and Superstitions: their effect on modern culture - Jean Finney.

We might like to think that in an age of scientific rationalism we are free from the effects of demonology. Not so! Jean Finney has entertained us on two previous occasions and is returning in response to popular demand.

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Confessions of a Probation Officer - Ray O'Brien.

We know that whatever Ray O'Brien shares with us will be a subject of great mirth. His talks are always a rare treat.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Major Predators of Liverpool Bay - Matthew Clough.

Matthew Clough will be sharing with us aspects of the work that he knows and values. He may well reveal aspects of which we might not be aware when we survey or even enter, the waters of Liverpool Bay.

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Through the Eye of a Magician - Peter Turner.

Peter Turner comes to us supported by a wealth of professional experience. He might possibly challenge the way in which we see things.

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Viking and Saxon History on Merseyside - Diana Goodier.

Diana Goodier, a devoted historian, will make her talk particularly relevant to The Wirral and promises to dress for the occasion.

### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

English Village Life in the Middle Ages - Stuart Elliot.

Stuart Elliot has the ability to bring to life ways of living and being that seem to be lost in time. He comes to us highly recommended and offers an interesting continuation and development from the previous speaker.

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Hollywood Drama Queens - Rina Tullinger.

And now for something completely different! Having chatted with the speaker on the phone I am sure that all who hear her will enjoy her originality and dynamism as she addresses this fascinating subject.