

Our Meetings

September Meeting

On Wednesday 18 September, Matthew Lepp will introduce us to the art of soap making.

August Meeting

August's presentation was *Restoring the Danny*, given by Chris and Peter, who both volunteer on the vessel.

The Daniel Adamson was built in 1903 but was originally named Ralph Brocklebank. It was built for the Shropshire Union Railway and Canal Company by Tranmere Bay Development Company at Birkenhead. Initially, it towed Mersey flats (barges) from Ellesmere Port to Liverpool. In 1922, the vessel was sold to the Manchester Ship Canal Company and until 1936, was a traffic tug and stern tug, with basic accommodation allowing Sunday passenger trips (7/6d, including lunch and return rail fare!). During this time, changes were made and it became an Art Deco vessel. The accommodation was enhanced, it had a facelift and was renamed Daniel Adamson after a wealthy boiler-maker who relocated to Manchester from County Durham. It was in decline from the 1980s and in 2004 the decision was made to sell it for scrap. Later that year, the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society was created when Don Cross, a tug skipper, bought her for £1. Over 12 years, with 100,000 volunteer man hours and a £3.8 million Heritage Lottery Funding Grant, the Danny was restored to the 1936 Art Deco specification. It had to have an active cruise programme, be open to the public, take the vessel's story into schools and be used as a learning resource - all of which it does.

Peter and Chris took us on a journey from 1903 to 2016, with lots of fascinating anecdotes and historical facts, not just about the Danny but about society in general and also about other boats. Everyone really enjoyed the whole trip!

Group News

Groups are restarting after their summer breaks. Please check the calendar and with group leaders for the latest information.

One of our members responded to my request in the newsletter for articles about their activity group and photos. Debbie Banks wrote: "Since joining the **Knitting Club**, I've finished a rainbow jumper for my sister-in-law. It was going to be for me, but she liked the colours so much I knitted it for her."

Debbie went on to say that when she was a support teacher she did Drama Therapy. She wonders if anyone is interested in being part of a drama group. **If you are please contact Rosie Smith first of all.**



Brindley Theatre Trip

Twenty-nine seats were reserved and sold out in 24 hours - not quite as fast as Taylor Swift tickets! I can only offer to put members on the reserve list now.

Monday 30 10:00 WG1 Striders 14:00 Walking Cricket WPR14.00 Latin H						Sunday 1
Monday 2 10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 1 P 11:00 German Conversation H 14:00 Latin H	Tuesday 3 10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll	Wednesday 4 1030 WG6 Walking 14:30 Art Appreciation DM 14:30 Family History OWC	Thursday 5 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 13:30 Mahjong HV 10:15 Art LL 11:15 Tai Chi HM 14:00 Knitting H	Friday 6 13:30 Bowls RP 13:45 Bridge HM	Saturday 7	Sunday 7
Monday 9 10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 2 P 14:00 Latin H 14:00 Scrabble HM	Tuesday 10 10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll 14:00 Wine Appreciation H	Wednesday 11 10:30 Dog Walking G2 10:30 WG6 Walking	Thursday 12 10:00 Cards & Things KC 10:15 Art LL 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Ukulele HM 13:00 Current Affairs HM 14:00 Boules AMS	Friday 13 10:00 Badminton WCC 13:30 Bowls RP 13:45 Bridge HM	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
Monday 16 10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 1 P 14:00 Canasta HV 14:00 Latin H	Tuesday 17 10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll	Wednesday 18 10:30 WG6 Walking 10:30 Archaeology OWC 14:00 Monthly meeting OWC	Thursday 19 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:15 Art LL 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Tai Chi HM 13:00 Local/Social History HV 14:00 Knitting H	Friday 20 10:00 British History H 13:30 Bowls RP 13:45 Bridge HM	Saturday 21	Sunday 22
Monday 23 10:00 WG1 Striders 10:30 Spanish 2 P 14:00 Rummikub HV 14:00 Latin H	Tuesday 24 10:00 WG2 Striders 10:00 WG3 Stride & Stroll	Wednesday 25 10:30 WG6 Walking 15:30 Geology HV	Thursday 26 10:00 Dog Walking G1 10:15 Art LL 10:30 WG4 Walkers 10:30 WG5 Strollers 11:15 Ukulele HM 14:00 Tea and Quiz HV 14:00 Boules AMS	Friday 27 10:00 Badminton WCC 13:30 Bowls RP 13:45 Bridge HM 14:00 Reading	Saturday 28 14:00 Tea and Plants	Sunday 29 12:30 Sunday Lunch

Groups welcome new members. For more information on any group go to the Northwich U3A website, look at Groups and click on the group name. You can then send a message by the 'Pigeon Post' to the group leader. New groups and new Group Leaders are always welcome. Contact the Groups Co-ordinator: Rosie Smith rsmithu3a@outlook.com, for more information.

Key to venues: AMS Apple Market Square; BM Barnnton Memorial Hall; CB Contact Bob Beale for information on venue bob.beale@talk21.com; DM Davenham Methodist Hall; H Home Group; HM Hartford Methodist Church Hall; HV Hartford Village Hall; KC Kanya Cafe; LL Little Leigh Village Hall; NL Northwich Library; OWC Owley Wood Recreation Club (Barrymore Road, Weaverham, CW8 3LS); P: Paradox; SL: Sandiway Library; WCC Weaverham Community Centre; WG Walking group; WGC Winnington Garden Centre; WPR Winnington Park Recreation Club

Up-to-date subscription is a requirement for ALL group membership; individual groups may also request payment to cover room hire, equipment or materials.

Monthly meeting; the members' check-in desk is a legal requirement for health and safety reasons.