



THE CIVIL SERVICE MOTORING ASSOCIATION

CHESTER & WIRRAL GROUP

Minutes of the committee meeting held 3rd Sept 2025

1 Present

A Tattersall – Secretary, R Knight- Chairman, D.Knight Treasurer, M Docker

2 Apologies L Sharp, M Kench, M Hartley (did attend towards end of meeting)

3 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting had been accepted by E Mail and published on the boundless website

4 Matters Arising [not covered elsewhere]

None

5 Secretary's Report

An E mail had been received from 3 of our regular members to tell us they were no longer able to attend our club meetings due to age and family circumstances. The committee agreed to send a card to them thank them for their support over many years.

A provisional 2026 programme had been prepared. A couple of speakers required input from others as information seemed to be on Facebook which the secretary didn't do. Committee members would look at these and pass information to the secretary, hopefully with alternative contact details so she could contact them in future.

It was agreed to cancel April & July 2026 meetings as April's clashes with Easter and July's meeting has been poorly attended in the last 2 years. It was agreed to look at trying to arrange an ad hoc visit or something late June. The programme schedule mentioned 'Threads through the Bible' however there maybe a cost to this and it may not be for everyone. Committee to discuss nearer the time.

HQ News

Pete Worster has left the organisation.

The club is holding an election for club treasurer. It is known that the current treasurer is willing to continue.

6 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report 3rd September 2025.

I have placed an Imprest in for the rest of the year £830.00p

This was emailed 3rd July 2025. To Brighton.

Acknowledged received and sent to be progressed. 9th July paid into Virgin Money Account then transferred to Lloyds Account.

The Budget request has been sent to Brighton and The Club Treasurer has requested before the deadline for Group Budgets to be submitted.

An email was received thanking for sending in our Groups Budget for 2026.

The Club / Group Accounts stands at this moment in time before today's deductions –

Bank Account Virgin Money - £1.00

Bank Account Lloyds – £850.00

Cash in hand – £119.30p

Total £970.30p

A donation of £10.00 was given on behalf of the Club as Recognition to May Thomas's as a long serving member of our group at her funeral.

May had been involved in making the tea and coffee for many years when we were used to meet at Capenhurst C

The Committee Meal money has been included in our Budget Proposal 2026. It was agreed by the Club Chairman Geoff Gaunt that there was an allowance of **£20**. Per committee members.

Anything over that budget the member is expected to pay themselves. We have agreed to have it in February on a separate day to our usual Group meeting. We will discuss the AGM that will be taking place in March 2026

7 Current Rolling Social Programme

See below

Christmas Buffet – leave off the salad items as much of this was left. Maybe reduce quantities as number coming will be less.

8 Suggested Future events

Volunteer Recognition Lunch – it was agreed to hold this on Wednesday 28th January. Open invite to others to attend on a self-funded basis. The committee meeting would take place beforehand. The main purpose of January's committee meeting would be arrangements for the AGM in March.

The secretary had obtained the name of a singing duo who she had heard and been impressed with. She will see what they charge and perhaps book them for Christmas.

Another suggestion was – Wiltshire Farm foods.

The secretary to canvas ideas from the wider group.

9 Other Meetings

RK, DK & MD are attending the Volunteer Award Ceremony on behalf of Chester & Wirral group (DK also attending in her role as Local Group Representative as well as a nominee for a recognition award although she doesn't know which one!, MD is also attending in his role as Lunch Bunch organiser)

10 Publicity

We will see if we can put our Newsletter in the information cabinet in The 5 Villages Hall. This may attract new people to the group who can be encouraged to become Boundless members.

11 Any Other Business

None

12 Date of next Meeting

Wed 5th November Christmas arrangements to be discussed.

Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Secretary *A Tattersall* Date 3/9/25

Chairman *R Knight* Date 3/9/25

2025 Plan of talks and Events

Green means event completed.

	Speaker or Activity	Notes
8th Jan	Beamish	
5 th Feb	The great Smokey Mountains and a few other things	Ted Brabin brings us an illustrated talk about his adventures in the Blue Ridge mountains including an encounter with a grizzly bear
12 th March	AGM - Buffet, AGM and some fun stuff	Note – 2nd Wednesday and start time is 1pm
2 nd Apr	Ned's Sheds – woodturning	Come and hear how Ned – a self taught woodturner uses his skills both to design and make individual pieces along with teaching others these skills.
7 th May	Medical detection dogs	Medical detection dogs trains dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes.
4 th June	Afternoon Tea	Hopefully a chance to use the garden at the hall otherwise we will eat indoors. Hopefully we will have a fun quiz too.
2 nd July	Lewis Carroll Centre Daresbury & Blakemere Shopping village	An opportunity to visit Charles Dodgson's (Lewis Carroll's) birthplace and learn of his links to All Saints Church Daresbury and about his life. There will be a chance to explore the centre together with light refreshments (£5) as well as a talk about Charles Dodgson and the church itself. Following this we will make our way to Blakemere Shopping village where we will eat lunch and have a good browse around at your own pace.
3 rd Sept	Lighthouses of Liverpool Bay	Janet Butler will come and tell us all about the Lighthouses that played a key role for shipping coming into Liverpool.
1 st Oct	Poppy Appeal	Ruth Jones will come to tell us about the poppy appeal and it's link to the local area.
5 th Nov	Hedgehog care	Greer Lacey from Jackson's wildlife charity will bring us an illustrated Hedgehog awareness talk together with a brief explanation of how Jackson's Animal rescue started.
3 rd Dec	Christmas Do	Note start time of 1pm. Our annual Christmas Party – buffet lunch will be provided.

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7 th Jan	Alison's miscellany	Our secretary Alison will bring a lighthearted illustrated talk of her escapades during 2025. Some adventures will be local and some further afield. Be prepared to laugh and smile as we start 2026 with some funny tales.	
4 th February	Forgotten History – 10 years at Belsen Elizabeth Allen	The 15 th April 2025 commemorated the 80 th anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp by British Troops. However, its history started in 1934 when Hitler became Fuhrer and began preparations to regain territory lost during World War 1. Our speaker's husband was in the army and so in 1970 she began living under the shadow of Belsen for the next 10 years. Not only will Elizabeth tells us about Belsen but also so of the funny things life as a 'camp follower' brings.	Elizabeth.k.allen@outlook.com £50 donation to charity
4 th March	AGM - Buffet, AGM and some fun stuff	Note – start time is 1pm	
1 st April	Cancel meeting as school hols/Easter		
6 th May	<i>Pete Milner – Japan in Bloom</i>	<i>Pete is a retired minister at my church and definitely has the gift of the gab. Earlier this year he and his wife went to Japan during Blossom time. I am going to see if he'd come and tell us about is trip and show us photo's, I'm sure he will have taken some. I'll let you know at the committee meeting in September</i>	
3 rd June	Afternoon Tea ??	<i>Hopefully a chance to use the garden at the hall otherwise we will eat indoors, with some sort of quiz too.</i>	
1 st July	Cancel or arrange a visit??	8th to 28th June at Chester Cathedral there is an exhibition called 'Threads through the Bible' These are massive collages depicting creation, Easter story and the book of Revelation. I went when it was at Liverpool cathedral & it was amazing. Don't believe you need to be of the Christian faith to appreciate the work that the lady has put into the wall hangings. At Liverpool it was free to see & then we had lunch at the cathedral and thought if same applied to Liverpool we could choose a date and meet up and look at them. We spent a good hour looking at them.	
2 nd September	<i>Bryan Carlyon</i>	<i>Merseyside salvage – Liz passed this chaps name on ages ago. He's only contactable (so it seems) by Facebook which I don't use so maybe Liz or A.N. Other could arrange?)</i>	£50
7 th October	<i>John Hawkins – The owl man</i>	<i>Based in Ellesmere port. Did used to have a web site but appears defunct. However he's speaking at Little Stanney U3A in August 2026 and I have found an e mails for him. He maybe</i>	<i>Hawkinsjohn790@gmail.com</i>

		<i>on Facebook but it appears a private group which someone may want to join?</i>	
<i>4th November</i>	<i>Andrew Breeze</i>	<i>Chester castle 1387 – The earl of Oxford's love nest</i>	<i>abreeze@unav.es</i>
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