



## FACULTY OF HEALTH, MEDICINE AND SOCIETY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The University of Chester's Faculty of Health, Medicine and Society (FHMS) Historical Society aims to unite individuals with an interest in medicine, nursing, midwifery and social work across the University and the wider community. The Society meets regularly for a range of talks and discussion and anyone with an interest in health and social care or social history is welcome to attend. The full programme is overleaf.

### UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER RIVERSIDE MUSEUM

The museum, in the Wheeler Building on Castle Drive, contains a permanent collection of curiosities from the world of medicine, nursing, midwifery and social work. In addition, the First World War: Returning Home exhibition provides an insight into what a soldier invalided back from the Western Front would have found on his return to Cheshire. Using local examples wherever possible, the exhibition features aspects such as volunteer nurses, a doctor's country practice, home life, food, rural life and social welfare. This exhibition was refurbished with the generous help of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Heritage.

Visitors with an interest in health and social care or local history are always welcome to visit the Museum and find out more from the volunteers, many of whom have a healthcare background. The list of opening times is overleaf and full details and the latest updates are available on the website at: [www.chester.ac.uk/events](http://www.chester.ac.uk/events). Group bookings for six or more people can also be made at other times by prior arrangement by contacting: [fhsc.histsoc@chester.ac.uk](mailto:fhsc.histsoc@chester.ac.uk) or **01244 512126**.

The four remaining stained-glass windows from Chester Royal Infirmary are also available to view on the first-floor landing whenever the main reception at the Wheeler Building (off Castle Drive) is open. Sign in at reception and go up to the first floor landing opposite the old Council Chamber.

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## 2024/2025 PROGRAMME

Wed 2 Oct	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 2 Oct	4pm	Chris Jones, Edge Hill University, Mary Merryweather – Nursing pioneer and proto feminist
Wed 6 Nov	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 6 Nov	4pm	Mike Sinnott, 'The Pox Doctor's Assistant': The early days of HIV/AIDS in Chester
Wed 4 Dec	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 4 Dec	4pm	Professor Tim Grady, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Chester, Dying with the Enemy: German War Deaths in First World War Britain
<b>2025</b>		
Wed 8 Jan	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 5 Feb	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 5 Feb	4pm	Dr Michael Lambert (Lancaster University), Cheshire Children's Department 1948-1971
Wed 5 Mar	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 5 Mar	4pm	Professor Elizabeth Mason-Whitehead (University of Chester), 'From Newcastle to Nassau': The Voyage of a Colonial Nursing Sister
Wed 2 Apr	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 2 Apr	4pm	Chantal Bradburn (University of Chester), Art and Plastic Surgery in the First World War
Wed 7 May	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 7 May	4pm	Event to mark 80 years since VE Day with a focus on nursing and medical care in the Second World War
Wed 4 June	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open
Wed 4 June	4pm	Professor Alannah Tompkins (University of Keele), The Relationship Between English Nurses and Doctors, 1665-1820
Wed 2 July	1–4pm	University of Chester Riverside Museum open

All are welcome to attend the in-person talks and visit the museum free of charge. Booking is encouraged for the talks for refreshment and seating purposes and in case there are any last-minute changes (contact details below). Please check the event listings for updates to the programme: [www.chester.ac.uk/events](http://www.chester.ac.uk/events) (scroll down to see the individual events). Access to the Riverside Museum and event venues is via a flight of steps and lift/step access thereafter. For those with limited mobility, there is an accessible route and please pre-book to arrange this access.