



For the fourth successive year, Busybus of Chester supplied a 16 seater minibus, departing from Bromborough on Tuesday August 27 and returning on Friday afternoon. The 2019 transport was organised by Davina Edwards and our destination was Newton Rigg Agricultural College in Penrith. This annual U3A North West Region's Summer School proved so popular this year that all places were filled within 6 weeks of bookings opening. For a total cost of £270 participants enjoyed 10 study sessions and full board in single rooms, as well as evening entertainment, such as a quiz, a sommelier leading the wine tasting of 6 expensive wines and an entertaining talk by Dr Steve Barrett of Liverpool University on The Lighter Side of Astronomy. There was also an optional extra of a visit to The Theatre by the Lake to see The Ladykillers.

In his welcome speech, Neil Stevenson, the former chairman of the N.W. Region, paid tribute to Eric Parkinson of Bromborough U3A who had attended his 5th regional Summer School last year at the age of 95, wearing an eye-catching jacket and, as usual, asked a question of the guest speaker.

The Ukelele for Beginners participants held a short concert, with the audience encouraged to sing loudly. The display on the theme of Summer by the Painting group was much admired, especially their last 'musical chairs' exercise where everyone contributed to a beach scene, sitting on different chairs every few minutes.

A few groups, such as Archaeology, Art Appreciation and Geology enjoyed field trips, while those studying two books by Henry James, Around the World with classical Music, Etymology or The dictators Hitler and Mussolini remained in the college.



