

KANUTA

The Newsletter of the Knutsford and District



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FROM THE CHAIR

You'll see from the contents of this edition of Kanuta that Knutsford U3A is flourishing! We now have over 670 members, 57 Activity Groups and a great range of outings, theatre trips and even our own concert by Chethams Music School in November for members to enjoy. This month we have a new Activity Group being launched - please see the entry on 'Social Singing'. The Family History Group are having an open meeting with a speaker in October.

None of this happens without the hard work and time of our Committee members, Group Coordinators, the Outings Committee and all those members who provide the important practical services so that everything runs smoothly. I'm sure you'll want to join me in a big 'Thank you' to everyone concerned.

We have formed a new Speakers Committee, and they will be planning a new programme of speakers for our monthly meetings next year. They would welcome more ideas from members, so if you have some thoughts, please contact Carole English, Secretary of the Speakers Committee, on 01565 625815.

As you will see, the September General Meeting will be on a drop in basis for membership renewals and bookings for outings and theatre trips. We'll be having a book swap table, as well as the usual welcome refreshments and time to meet up and chat.

Christine Jones, Chair

SEPTEMBER 8TH GENERAL MEETING. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - PLEASE NOTE

There will **NOT** be a Speaker at the General Meeting on Thursday, September 8th. The meeting will be held as usual in Knutsford Methodist Church for renewal and paying membership subscriptions. There will be refreshments and Outings and Theatre trip bookings as usual in the Church Hall. There will also be a Book Swap table, so bring along some unwanted paperbacks to exchange. Drop in any time between 2pm and 3.30pm.

Any queries contact Carole English Tel: 01565 625 815 or email: info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk

U3A TEA ROTA VOLUNTEERS

The tea rota for the September to December 2016 meetings has been drawn up but more volunteers are needed for the January to June 2017 monthly meetings. If you would like to go on the rota or need more details please contact Jessie Bunyan on 01565 651139.

**KNUTSFORD & DISTRICT U3A
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

Subscriptions for 2016/2017 are due on the 1st September 2016

Please fill in this Renewal Form and hand it in, with a cheque for £15.00 per member (made payable to KNUTSFORD U3A), OR POST IT to:

VERONICA GORDON, 38 CARLISLE CLOSE, MOBBERLEY, KNUTSFORD WA16 7HD

With a Stamped Addressed Envelope for return of your Membership Card.

Name (s)

Address

.....Postcode

Any changes to Telephone Number or email address

GENERAL MEETINGS

**Knutsford Methodist Church
Second Thursday of every month starting 2.15pm**

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| September 8th | Renewal and paying membership subscriptions. Outings and Theatre trip bookings. Book swap table – you are welcome to bring books you no longer want and swap with ones that someone else has brought. Drop in between 2pm and 3.30pm. Refreshments available 2.15-3.15pm |
| October 13th | Dr Ron Callender FRPS, a talk entitled ‘Me and Mrs Middleton’.
An unusual friendship with a brilliant society photographer who pioneered colour photography in the 1930s, and practised under the name of Madame Yevonde. |
| November 10th | Professor Ian Barclay, ‘Why on earth did they invent that?’
A light hearted look at inventions. |
| December 8th | David Cogger, a talk on historical half-truths (title to be confirmed).
David is one of our members, a retired history teacher and Deputy Head who runs a popular ‘Random History’ group in Sandbach U3A. |

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

AUTUMN 2016



BOOKING

PLEASE use a **separate booking form** and a **separate cheque** (made payable to Knutsford U3A) for **each performance** and send to Mrs Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. For further information telephone 01565 872643 or email info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk.

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'BREAKING THE CODE'

By Hugh Whitemore

Thursday, 17th November at 7.30pm
Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester

Cost £36.00, including transport
Coach departs bus station 6pm

'Breaking the Code' is the story of Alan Turing, the brilliant mathematician, who helped create the machine to crack the German Enigma code during the war, and then came to Manchester to work on the development of the modern computer. The story ends with the sad humiliation of his prosecution and early death.

This is the first major revival of Hugh Whitemore's classic play, 30 years after it was first performed with Derek Jacobi in it central role.

CAROL CONCERT

Sunday 18th December, 3pm
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Cost £28.00, including transport
Coach leaves bus station 1.30pm

For our Christmas outing this year, we have reserved good Stalls seats for the popular Halle Carol Concert at the Bridgewater Hall. This will be a seasonal selection of traditional carols for orchestra, choirs and audience. Together with the Halle orchestra, three choirs will be taking part – the Halle Choir; the Halle Youth Choir and the Halle Children's Choir, who will doubtless steal the show!

This is a matinee performance, which always seems to be popular, and as this concert is so close to Christmas, it should be a wonderful way to start Christmas festivities.

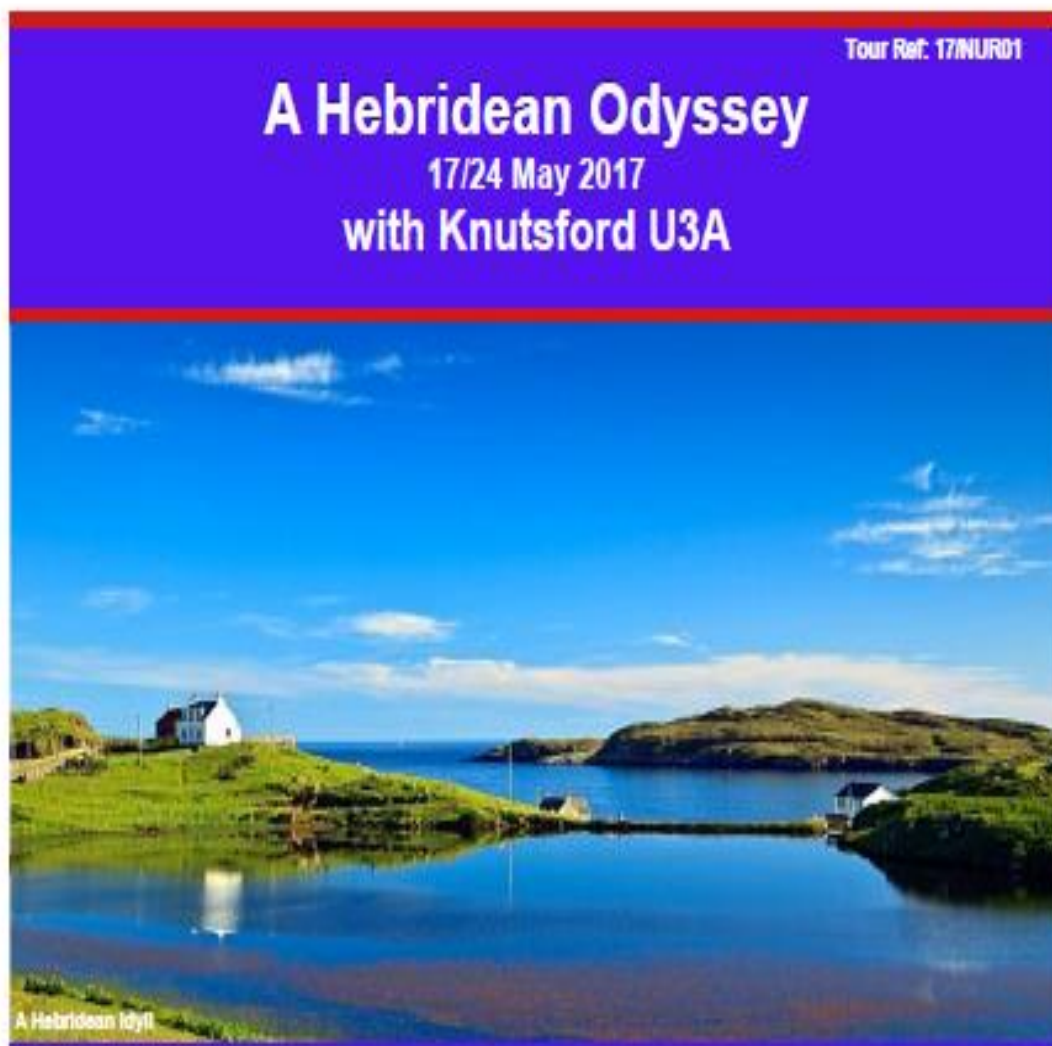
'TWO PENCE TO CROSS THE MERSEY'

Wednesday, 2nd November, 2.30pm
Stockport Plaza

Cost £34.00, including lunch and transport
Coach will leave bus station at 12.15pm

Tickets are still available for this production. Full details on the website or in last June's Kanuta.

KNUTSFORD U3A – FIRST LONG HOLIDAY



The tour is the ultimate island-hopping experience, travelling via the Highlands of Scotland to the Western Isles to create a circular route. We start with the included return train journey from Fort William to Mallaig on the world famous Jacobite Express. We then travel on to the Outer Hebrides, an area of unspoilt natural beauty, with spectacular scenery, impressive mountain ranges, moorland and miles of golden beaches.

Tour price per person £836.00 (Single supplement £152.00 – limited numbers)

Tim Donnelly will be at the monthly meeting on Thursday, 8th September with more details and brochures. You can also obtain a brochure by ringing him on 01565 633569



VISIT TO THE BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM AT GAYDON

Thursday, 22nd September

DEPART: Knutsford Bus Station 8.15am

COST: £25.00 per head

BOOKING OPEN 1st August

Further details from
Tim Donnelly, 43 Garden Road, Knutsford,
WA16 6HT
Telephone 01565 633569

Booking Form		
I/We would like places(s) for the British Motor Museum and enclose a cheque for £25		
Date and Time: 22 September at the Knutsford Bus Station at 8.15 a.m.		
Name and Address <u>with postcode</u>		
Phone number	e-mail	Phone number in case of emergency
Please send this completed form and cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A to Tim Donnelly, 43 Garden Road, Knutsford, WA16 6HT		

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

MUSIC IN THE AFTERNOON

Friday, 11th November 2016

A welcome return concert by students from Chetham's School of Music, Manchester
To take place on Friday 11th November at 2.30pm at Knutsford Methodist Church.

Tickets, priced £5 will be on sale to U3A members at two General meetings, September 8th and October 13th.
All tickets sales to be cash only.

This concert, organised by the group coordinator and members of the Music Appreciation Group, is guaranteed to be an uplifting experience for everyone, so make sure you do not miss this very enjoyable musical afternoon.

FAMILY HISTORY TALK

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE KNUTSFORD U3A

Friday 14th October 2016

Are your family photos/letters/diaries gathering dust in a box under the stairs and you have no idea what to do with them? Now is your chance!

John Titford is a professional genealogist, a freelance writer and lecturer and an antiquarian bookseller and has extensive experience as a lecturer around the world. The Knutsford U3A Family History Group have been fortunate that John Titford has agreed to give a talk on 'How to Write Your Family History' at their meeting on **Friday 14th October at 2pm in Room 4, Knutsford Methodist Church. Early booking recommended.** There will be a usual meeting charge of £3.

To reserve your place, please email Tricia Pepper at newsletter.knutsfordu3a@gmail.com

New Members welcome

Thursday 18th November 2016

"Huguenots and Other Displaced Persons"

ANTIQUES GROUP

The Antiques Group has room for new members. If you are an expert, that would be wonderful, but most of us are not: we just like to look at and discuss interesting antiques and collectables. Most of our meetings are based on a theme and we bring items to show.

Our meeting on September 8th will be on the theme "Instruments" – lateral thinking is useful! We invite two or three speakers each year and on October 13th, Rachel Houston-Holland, Wright Marshall's Oriental expert, will be visiting us. For November 10th, volunteers from the Group will research and present information on ceramics. Each July, we visit a place of interest and this year, we had a fascinating tour of the Cuckoo Clock Museum in Tabley.

We meet in Room 5 at the Methodist Church on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30am to 12 noon, and there is a fee of £2 per meeting which includes a drink. You are very welcome to join the Group or to attend individual meetings. Please contact Tessa Gurney if you are interested (01477 533076)

CHINESE GROUP

The Chinese Group is looking for some new members to join us in our attempts to learn a basic smattering of Mandarin (we may progress beyond this eventually if there is enough enthusiasm!) and to explore various aspects of China - history, culture, art, geography etc. No previous knowledge is required as we will be starting from the beginning.

In order to let people have a taste of what we do we are organising two introductory sessions in October - the first of these will be held at 10.00 am on Monday 3rd October and a second session with a slightly different slant will follow at 10.00am on Monday, 31st October. We generally meet fortnightly on a Monday morning.

If you are interested please contact Sue Allan on 01565 632904 and I can give you further details. We look forward to meeting some of you.

FILM & THEATRE DISCUSSION GROUP

The Film & Theatre discussion group has room for new members. We are a small, friendly group, interested in the performing arts. More details are on the Knutsford U3A website – we look forward to hearing from you.

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting Group can take two more members. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am in members' houses. For further information please contact Jane McHarry, Co-ordinator Tel: 01565 651036

LOCAL HISTORY

Thursday 22nd September 2016 Talk by Claire Moores – “The History of Great Warford”

Thursday 27th October 2016 Talk – to be advised

Thursday 24th November 2016 Members' Meeting – “Notable Knutsfordians”

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Thursday 26th January 2017 Talk – to be advised

Further details will be given at meetings or by email. Contact: Jean Ellis 01565 651222

PILATES

We hope to start again on Friday 30th September 11am-12pm. Venue to be arranged.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Sue Stinchcombe Tel: 01565 621322.

SCIENTIFIC BOOK CLUB

We are a relaxed and friendly group who enjoy lively discussion around our chosen books which cover a wide range of scientific topics. Something for everyone! It is not necessary to be a scientist to join. Why not come along and try it? We meet monthly on the third Thursday in the month at 2.30pm, normally in the Curzon foyer.

Thursday, 20th October Discussion on the second half of “Sorting the Beef from the Bull
- The Science of Food Fraud Forensics”

Thursday, 17th November We will discuss Part 1 of “The Gene: An Intimate History”

Ring for more details on books etc. Contact Gill Warboys 01565 651858

SOCIAL SINGING GROUP

The new Social Singing group will be open to all members from the 9th September. It will meet at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month at 2:00 pm. The aim is to enjoy the fun and benefits of singing together in an informal way. To register please contact Michael Goldman on 01565 651717.

TABLE TENNIS

A new Table Tennis Group will be starting 1st and 3rd weeks of September Friday afternoon 2 pm-4 pm at Knutsford Sports Club. If interested please contact Andrew Poole on 01565 733332 or 07850852732.

BOOKING FORMS FOR THEATRE & MUSIC

Please:

- **Write the name of the performance or outing on the back of your cheque**
- **Make your cheque payable to Knutsford and District U3A**
- **Send a stamped, addressed envelope if you want your reservation confirmed**
- **If you are not making a booking at a General Meeting, please use a separate booking form and a separate cheque (made payable to Knutsford U3A) for each performance** and send to Mrs Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR.

Booking Form

I/we would like place(s) for the following event and enclose a cheque for £

Event

Date and Time

Name & Address with postcode

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Phone number..... E-mail

ACTIVITY GROUPS

Please keep these two pages as they will not be included in every edition

Antiques

2nd Thursday of each month 10.30 – 12
in Room 5 at the Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: Tessa Gurney
Tel: 01477 533076

Art Appreciation 1

4th Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm
Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: Margaret Joscelyne
Tel: 01565 633147

Art Appreciation 2

3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm
Co-ordinator: Jennifer Harrison
Tel: 01565 633578

Book Group 1

4th Monday of each month 2 – 4 in
members' homes
Co-ordinator: Rosemary Binns
Tel: 01565 633670

Book Group 2

Monthly on Thursday from 10.30 – 12
in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Monica Beswick
Tel: 01565 651515

Book Group 3

1st Thursday of each month at 10
Co-ordinator: Freda Froehlich
Tel: 01565 633045

Book Group 4

2nd Tuesday of each month at 10
Co-ordinator: Pauline Hales
Tel 01565 650214

Book Group 5

3rd Thursday of each month at 10 - 12
Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 653684

Bridge

Fridays 10 – 12 at Toft Cricket Club
alternating Tuition and Improvers
Co-ordinator: Dave Rowland
Tel: 01625 860290

Bridge – Beginners

Alternate Wednesday at 10 -12 at
Coordinator's home
Co-ordinator: George Tyrer
Tel: 01565 633057

Calligraphy

Alternate Tuesdays 2 – 3.30 or
Alternate Wednesdays 7 – 8.30
Coordinator: Angela Eccles
Tel: 01625 861314

Canasta

Each Thursday 10 – 12 at the library
Co-ordinator: Andrew Poole
Tel: 01565 733332

Chinese

Two meetings a month on Mondays
from 10.30 - 12
Co-ordinator: Sue Allan
Tel: 01565 632904

Computer Group

Alternate Tuesdays at 3 Autumn and
Spring terms
Co-ordinator: Robert Watson
Tel: 01565 633147

Computer Tablets

3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm
at Jubilee Hall
Co-ordinator: Margaret Burke
Tel: 01565 722182

Crown Green Bowls 1

Summer Meetings each Tuesday at 10
The Railway Inn Mobberley
Co-ordinator: Betty Montrose
Tel: 01565 873414

Crown Green Bowls 2

Summer Meetings each Friday 10.30
The Railway Inn, Mobberley
Co-ordinator: Petra Pickup
Tel: 01625 861278

Drawing and Painting

Each Monday between 10 – 12 at Toft
Church rooms
Co-ordinator: Jill Board
Tel: 01565 652940

Family History

2nd Friday of each month at 2
Room 4, The Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: Christine Jones
Tel: 01565 633435

Film at the Curzon

One or two afternoons a month
Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 653684

French Intermediate

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 2
in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Jill Board
Tel: 01565 652940

French to Get By

Each Thursday 10 – 11.30 at Methodist
Church
Co-ordinator: Barbara Brady
Tel: 01565 653764

Garden Visits

Random meetings when the gardens
are open. Planning meetings about
three times a year usually on a Monday.
Co-ordinators: Jean Heap Tel: 01565
633661 and Val Homer Tel: 01565
652282

Geology Group

3rd Monday of each month upstairs at
The Angel 7:30 – 9.30
Co-ordinator: David Skinner
Tel: 01565 632483

German

Fortnightly on Fridays 9:30 – 11 at
Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: David English
Tel: 01565 625815

Knitting

Monthly on 1st Tuesday at 10 in
members' houses
Co-ordinator: Jane McHarry
Tel: 01565 651036

Local History

4th Thursday of each month 10.30 – 12
at St Vincents Church
Co-ordinator: Jean Ellis
Tel: 01565 651222

Mah Jong

2nd and 4th Friday each month at 10:00
at Plumley Village Hall
Co-ordinator: Sue Lawson
Tel: 01565 734366

Music Appreciation

3rd Monday of each month from 1.45 – 3.15 in Room 5 at Knutsford Methodist Church.

Co-ordinator: Susan Hopkin
Tel: 01565 651839

Needlecraft

3rd Thursday of each month from 10 – 12 Members' homes

Co-ordinator: Judith Shirley
Tel: 01565 652448

Outings and Visits

As arranged – see website for details
Contact: Tim Donnelly
Tel: 01565 633569

Philosophy

3rd Wednesday each month 10:30 – 12 Room 5, Methodist Church
Contact: Shirley Dignam
Tel: 01565 652958

Pilates

Each Tuesday 9.15 – 10.15 at the Jubilee Hall.
Co-Ordinator: Sue Stinchcombe
Tel: 01565 621322

Play Reading

Last Friday each month at 10 – 12 in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Peter Willgoose
Tel: 01565 631255

Poetry Reading

1st Tuesday each month at 2 pm at Royce Court
Co-ordinator: Veronica Gordon
Tel: 01565 873762

Scientific Book Group

3rd Thursday each month at 2.30
Co-ordinators: Gill Warboys
Tel 01565 651858 and Bob Bateman
Tel: 01565 652905

Scrabble

Friday each week at 2 in Library
Co-ordinator: Avril Slade
Tel: 01565 633997

Seasonal Cookery

4th Tuesday each month 10 – 12
Co-ordinator: Anne Rowland
Tel: 01625 860290

Social Singing

Meet 2nd and 4th Fridays 2-4pm.
Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane.
Coordinator Michael Goldman
Tel 01565 651717

Spanish Advanced

Each Tuesday, 10 – 11 at the Methodist Church.
Co-ordinator: Eileen Denne
Tel: 01565 633441

Spanish Intermediate

Each Tuesday 10:30 – 11.30 at the Jubilee Hall
Co-ordinator: Graham Rigg
Tel: 01565 650103

Spanish Beginners/Improvers

1st and 3rd Fridays at 2
Co-ordinator: Patricia Pepper
Tel: 07711 9441612

Table Tennis 1

Each Monday from 10 – 12 at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane
Co-Ordinator: Andrew Poole
Tel: 01565 733332

Table Tennis 2

Each Friday from 2-4 at Knutsford Sports Club. Mereheath Lane.
Coordinator Andrew Poole.
Tel 01565 733332

Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Weekly on Thursdays at 4 – 5 at Knutsford Sports Club on Mereheath Lane
Coordinators: Evelyn Flett
Tel: 01565 653048 Yvonne Baker
Tel: 01565 651204

Theatre and Concert Visits

Random meetings dependent upon performances. See Website for full programme details.
Co-ordinator: Margaret Hinde
Tel: 01565 872643

Theatre and Film Discussion

3rd Wednesday each month 3.30 – 5.30 in members' homes.
Co-ordinator: Anita Goldman
Tel: 01565 651717

Walking Group 1

Walks on alternate Mondays and Wednesdays. Meet at 9:30 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road.
Co-ordinator: Margaret Cole.
Tel: 01565 633569

Walking Group 2

Walks on alternate Wednesdays and Mondays. Meet at 9:30 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road
Co-ordinator: Tony Roberts
Tel: 01565 632735

Walking Group 3 - Medium Walks

Walks on alternate Thursdays and Fridays. Meet at 9.30 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road
Co-ordinator: Margaret Hinde
Tel: 01565 872643

Walking Group 4 – Three Milers

Walks on alternate Monday and Wednesdays. Meet at 9.55 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road
Co-ordinator: Mike Cooper
Tel: 01565 651737

Walking Group 5 – 5 K

Walks are twice a month on Mondays or Wednesdays. Meet at 10 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road
Co-ordinator: Sheila Fitches
Tel: 01565 633076

Walking Group 6 – Three Milers Too

Walks on Thursdays.
Meet at 10 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road
Contacts: Gill Warboys Tel: 01565 651858 and Avril Reynolds Tel: 01565 632541

Wine Tasting 1

2nd Monday each month on at 7 at St Vincent's Church Hall.
Co-ordinators: Margaret Joscelyne and David Rowland
Tel: 01565 633147 and 01625 860290

Wine Tasting 2

1st Wednesday each month at 7.30 St Cross Church
Co-ordinator: Dianne Nott
Tel: 07860 272754

Writing for Pleasure

3rd Wednesday each month at 10 in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Michael Goldman
Tel: 01565 651717