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## FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

Coming so close to the last edition, it is not really surprising that there are only four pages in this one. I have been able to include a small section on Community Information on page 3, one item of which is an opportunity to earn some money.

Over half of you have renewed your membership so far and this is a much better response than in previous years. Thank you all. Another Renewal Form can be found on page 4 for those who need it.

The most popular thing we do is to organise the Outings. Places sell very quickly and we often have to disappoint many members by starting a waiting list. Our disappointment is compounded when, on the day, people fail to turn up because they have forgotten. Please make a note of the date and time of the Outing because, after all, you have paid for it. If you know that you cannot go please let the organiser know because a replacement can often be found. The Outings Committee is going to see if there is anything they can do to help.

Finally I must say a big Thank You to my fellow Committee members. For various reasons I have missed a number of General Meetings and one Committee meeting this summer and they have made sure that everything ran smoothly and I am very grateful to them.

## CHATSWORTH

**TUESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

We have arranged a Christmas visit to Chatsworth House. The theme this year is “ALICE’S WONDERLAND”. (There is also a “Chatsworth in Wartime” exhibition.)

The coach will leave Knutsford Bus Station at 9.15 am arriving at Chatsworth at 10.45 for coffee in the Conservatory. At 11.45 there is a self-guided tour of the Alice’s Wonderland displays, followed by lunch at your leisure.

At 2.00 pm we shall be visiting the Farm Shop nearby and shall leave for Knutsford at 3.00 pm.

The cost of this visit is £25.00 which includes coffee and self-guided tour.

To book, please send a completed booking form and cheque for £25.00 made payable to Knutsford U3A, to Jean Ellis, 21 Willow Green, Knutsford WA16 6AX Tel 01565 651222

# THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

SUMMER 2014



## 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](mailto:info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk)

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### THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 pm**  
The Lowry Theatre Manchester

**Cost, including travel £42.00**  
Coach leaves Bus Station at 6.00 pm

This is the Lowry's big Christmas production, not a pantomime 'spectacular', but an excellent, multi award winning, highly acclaimed, National Theatre production, on its first ever UK tour.

Winner of seven 2013 Olivier Awards and 5 star reviews from the papers. The Times called it 'A phenomenal combination of story telling and spectacle.

Based on the best selling novel by Mark Haddon, it tells the story of Christopher, 15 years old, with an extraordinary brain – exceptional at maths but ill equipped to interpret everyday life. Skilfully and thoughtfully acted when I saw it, it was the clever production ideas that impressed me the most.

I have good front circle seats, and cannot get any more of a similar standard, so do apply in good time!

## NEWS FROM GROUPS

### LOCAL HISTORY

This group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month for talks and visits to places of historical interest. Talks are normally held at St Vincent's Church Hall, Tatton Street, Knutsford, at 10.30 am. There is a fee of £2 per member per meeting to cover speaker fees and room hire costs. Contact Jean Ellis on 01565 651222.

**Thursday 23 October 2014** – Visit to Adlington Hall and Prestbury Church

**Thursday 27 November 2014** – Talk by Keith Warrender – "Manchester and Cheshire Oddities"

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Thursday 22 January 2015 – Talk to be announced.

**U3A DIARIES for 2015 will be on sale at the General Meeting in October.  
Price £2.50**

**GENERAL MEETINGS**  
**Knutsford Methodist Church**  
**Second Thursday of every month starting at 2:15 pm**

9 <sup>th</sup> October	Paul Whittaker – Music and the Deaf
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Elizabeth Williams – Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte and Love
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Professor Ian Morison – Astronomy

**On the Website:**

**VIDEOS ON KNUTSFORD U3A WEBSITE**

Members who have looked at the Knutsford U3A website recently will have noticed that the site now contains a number of videos.

The first one, on the Home page, is the national U3A's latest promotional video "**Life in the Third Age**" giving examples of various activity groups from a number of branches, and lasts over 20 minutes. The second, "**This is the U3A**" will be found on the About the U3A page in the "How we Work" section on the website, and is a shorter video of about 4½ minutes giving basic information about the organisation and few descriptions of members' activities. The third video is a report, about 12½ minutes long, on "**The Third Age Trust's Conference and AGM, 2013**" and will be found on the National and Regional U3A page on our website.

These three videos have been added to the Knutsford U3A site with the permission of the national U3A. You will see that they are from YouTube, and you can see them in full screen by clicking on the button in the bottom right corner.

If anyone has a video relating to Knutsford U3A's activities which would be suitable for adding to the website you are invited to contact the editing team. We would also welcome photographs and accounts of recent activities for the "Reviews of Group Events, Visits and Outings" section. Please get in touch with us using the following email address: [info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk](mailto:info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk)

David English  
Knutsford U3A Website Manager

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Knutsford Rotary Club** has agreed to organise the Santa's Express at the Allostock All in One Garden Centre in the run up to Christmas.

Would any members of the U3A would be interested in being Father Christmas? Parents pay to take their children for a train ride to see Father Christmas and receive a present in a purpose built, comfortable Grotto. Knutsford Rotary Club will offer support and all of the proceeds will go to rotary charity. Two people could share the role; you just have to be a convincing Father Christmas! The Garden Centre provides the Father Christmas outfit. You would be needed on four weekends, starting on 29th November, from 11 am to 4 pm on both Saturday and Sunday and £600 is on offer for the 80 hours involved.

Please contact Bill Ogley, Vice President Knutsford Rotary Club at [billogley@gmail.com](mailto:billogley@gmail.com)

**Knutsford Community Minibus** is available for hire for small groups of up to 15. For more details contact David Lee on 01565 653309

## 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 .....

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – September 2014 to 2015 – REMINDER

To renew your subscription please use the renewal form below and send it, with your cheque for £15 per member and a stamped addressed envelope for your membership card(s) to our Membership Secretary: **Veronica Gordon at 38 Carlisle Close, Mobberley, Knutsford WA16 7HD**. If you prefer, you can renew in person at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

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### Membership Renewal: 2014/2015

Please find enclosed my cheque (payable to Knutsford U3A) for: 1-2 (Select as applicable) members @ £15 each - £ ..... together with a SAE for my/our membership card(s)

Name(s) .....

Address .....

..... Postcode ..... Telephone .....

Email address(es) .....

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