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FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

As this is the last edition of our newsletter for this year I have no hesitation in repeating last year's thanks, on your behalf, to a number of people who have made another excellent year possible:

- All the Coordinators and Tutors for their continued dedication
- Carole English and the Outings Committee for the programme of interesting visits
- Margaret Hinde for getting us access to some great theatrical experiences
- Pauline Hales for organising the programme of varied Speakers
- David English for maintaining our excellent website
- Technical Team of Robert Watson, David English and David Denne for keeping us connected at the General Meetings and
- The members of the Committee, on whom I rely a great deal.

Plans are well underway for 2015 including a celebration of our 10th Anniversary.



SEASONS' GREETINGS
and good wishes for a
Happy and Healthy 2015

PORTLAND BASIN MUSEUM and the MANCHESTER REGIMENT MUSEUM

Thursday, 26th February 2015

We will leave Knutsford Bus Station at 10 am and, after having coffee, we will have a guided tour of the Portland Basin Museum, which is on a peaceful canal-side site and has many interesting exhibits on the history of the area. This will be followed by a soup and sandwich lunch.

After lunch we will go to the Manchester Regiment Museum, where we will have a guided tour by Knutsford resident, Captain Robert Bonner, MBE, whose wife is a member of the Knutsford U3A. He served for 13 years with the regiment and is an author and a military historian who has a great knowledge of the Manchester Regiment.

We will be back in Knutsford by 4.30 pm

The cost of this visit is £15.00 which includes coffee and a soup and sandwich lunch.

To book, please send a completed booking form and cheque for £15.00, made payable to Knutsford U3A, to Margaret Cole, 43 Garden Road, Knutsford, WA16 6HT. Tel: 01565 633569

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

SPRING 2015



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

A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

By Arthur Miller

Friday, February 6th, 7.30 pm
Octagon Theatre, Bolton

Cost, including travel, £ 28.00
Coach leaves bus station 5.45 pm

One of Arthur Miller's greatest plays, 'A View from the Bridge' is powerful, gripping, witty and profoundly moving: the story of a tight-knit American-Italian neighbourhood in 1950's Brooklyn.

Directed for The Octagon by David Thacker, who had a close working relationship with the playwright.

COPPELIA

Birmingham Royal Ballet

Thursday, March 5th, 2.00 pm
Lowry Theatre, Salford

Cost, including travel, £44.00
Coach leaves bus station, 12.30 pm

An eccentric toymaker wants to know what's at the heart of a woman and he's planning to bring his mechanical doll, Coppelia, to life – He just needs the right spell. Comic chaos is riotously released when humans and dolls collide in the spooky toyshop.

'Peter Wright's production of Coppelia is a classic masterpiece, with little to rival it in the world of ballet today' The Birmingham Post

Please note this is a matinee performance. Good front circle seats

OKLAHOMA

By Rodgers and Hammerstein

Wednesday, 18th March, 7.30 pm
Lowry Theatre, Salford

Cost, including travel, £ 36.00
Coach leaves bus station, 6.00 pm

First performed in the 1940's, I don't think this needs any introduction from me! We've all seen it, but hopefully lots of you will want to see it again!

NEWS FROM GROUPS

BOWLING

Duck Invasion

Our Tuesday group has had a most successful year and we attracted the attention of some very interested spectators!!

The weather has been kind. As far as I can remember we were rained off only once, and that was when we played our Friendly Match against Wilmslow U3A when the heavens opened! Nevertheless it was a day to remember!



Our end of season lunch was at the Railway Inn in September and this is always a very pleasant social occasion and, then after a long winter break, polish the bowls up, and start again in April 2015. Betty Montrose

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 22 January 2015 – Talk by Clare Pye – “The Stanleys of Alderley”.

Thursday 26 February 2015 Members' meeting – “Knutsford Miscellany”

Thursday 26 March 2015 – Talk by Kirsten Warren – “Little Moreton Hall”

Thursday 23 April 2015 – Visit to Little Moreton Hall

POETRY READING

U3A POETRY PLEASE! New members required - join us to enjoy the pleasure of reading poetry.

We meet monthly at Royce Court and choose a different poet each time. Group members bring along their choice of one or two of that poet's work. We then read out, or listen to, any other poems we have enjoyed.

We are a warm friendly group and you would be most welcome. Contact Veronica Gordon on 01565 873762

NEW GROUPS

We have two new groups – or rather two sessions of one new group.

Our qualified instructor, Mark, takes two sessions of **Tai Chi or Qi Gong** every Thursday. Group 1 runs between 3 and 4 and the Coordinator is Yvonne Baker (01565 651204) and Group 2 runs between 4 and 5 with Evelyn Flett (01565 653048) as the coordinator. The venue is Shaw Heath Social Club on Mobblerey Road.

The groups have been running for four weeks but there are spaces for those who would enjoy some gentle but useful exercise. Please contact the coordinators if you are interested.

ON THE WEB

An obituary of Doreen Playdell, who died earlier this month at the age of 95, is on the website. Doreen was an enthusiastic member of our U3A and was involved in a number of groups over the years.

U3A DIARIES for 2015

will be on sale at the General Meeting in December. Price £2.50

**GENERAL MEETINGS
Knutsford Methodist Church**

Second Thursday of every month starting at 2:15 pm

11 th December	Professor Ian Morison – Astronomy
8th January	Caldwell's and their Customers - Mrs Barbara Moth. Barbara is a founder member of Cheshire Gardens Trust. In a former life she worked as a landscape architect.
12th February	The Lancashire Lad and his Uke - George Formby - Jon Baddeley

U3A SUMMER SCHOOL

I have details of next summer's courses and an application form (01565 621058) or you can find these on a link to the national U3A website from our own website. Those of our members who have been in the past would thoroughly recommend them.

For added interest next summer one of our members is a tutor for one of the courses. Lynda Harris

FINAL REMINDER

Please be aware that if your membership is not renewed by 31st December your name will be removed from the membership list.

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 16th December.

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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BOOKING FORMS

Please:

- Write the name of the performance or outing on the back of your cheque
- Make your cheque payable to Knutsford U3A
- Send a stamped, addressed envelope if you want your reservation confirmed.

We will contact you if your booking was NOT successful

Please keep a copy of this page of forms as they are not always included

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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