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FROM THE CHAIR

As this is the first Kanuta of 2019, I would like to wish all members a very Happy New Year! Despite looking out at snow and fog as I write this, there are a few snowdrops out, and daffodil leaves pushing up in the garden, so there are signs of better things to come! Let's hope Spring comes earlier than it did last year.

You will see inside this edition of Kanuta there are always new things happening in our U3A, with new Outings and theatre trips and concerts to enjoy, excellent speakers at our monthly Members Meetings, as well as a couple of new groups starting up.

Advance notice

We are holding the AGM later than usual this year- the date is Thursday July 11th.

This is to allow a longer time between the end of our financial year (March 31st) and the date of the AGM, when we present the accounts to members. As you may remember, this is the year when the new guidance from the Charity Commission and our national body, the Third Age Trust, means that we need to collect and process much more financial information than before. It used to be just our 'core' income and expenditure. We now need to include all the income and expenditure of everything we do so including our Activity Groups, Outings, Theatre and Concert trips. As this will be much more work for our Treasurer, it will take more time to gather and collate into the accounts, ready to present to you at the AGM.

I'm sure you will find plenty of U3A activities to join in with this year- and hopefully will get involved in helping to make them happen in any way you can.

Christine Jones, Chair

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

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

Thursday 14th February

'Rudyard Lake past and present'

Ray Perry

Ray Perry is the Chairman of the Rudyard Lake the Rudyard Lake Trust. His talk will cover the past 220 years of the history of the reservoir from 1797 and also include information about and rarely seen video footage of the North Staffs railway which ran along the side of the lake. He will also talk about the improvements made since the formation of the Rudyard Lake Trust in 1996.

Thursday 14th March

'Why Leaders Fail – exploring the dark side of leadership'

Richard Marshall

Richard Marshall is an Executive Coach with a background in Human Resources. He will explain why as many as two thirds of the people currently in leadership positions will fail as well as giving us some details regarding his own business background.

Thursday 11th April

'When Cotton was King'

Brian Healey

Brian Healey is a professional artist and lecturer on art history. On this occasion he will speak about the architectural legacy of 19th Century Manchester. The industrial growth in Manchester based on cotton led to many new commercial and civic buildings which were built in many different styles which this talk will explore.

Thursday 9th May

'60 years of research on the mid-ocean ridges'

Professor Joe Cann

Professor Cann will talk about his career as an oceanographer and the findings and experience of his 60 years of research on the mid-ocean ridges – what we knew about them 60 years ago to what we know now.

Provision of refreshments at Members' Meetings

Jessie Bunyan and Margaret Olliver have organised refreshments at the monthly Members' Meetings for the last 3 years now. They have done a fantastic job which is much appreciated by all the members but from the end of July they wish to pass the duties on to another team. The Committee are therefore seeking people who would be willing to take on this responsibility and possibly to work with Jessie and Margaret in May or June to see how things work. The job entails purchasing tea, coffee, biscuits, milk and cups and providing the refreshments on the day of each Members' Meeting with the help of volunteers.

If you (and a friend or two) are interested or want to know more details please contact Stuart Allan on 01565 632904 or email sjallan@hotmail.co.uk.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

Spring 2019



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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'HOME, I'M DARLING' A New Play by Laura Wade

Tuesday, April 23rd, 7.30 pm
The Lowry theatre, Salford

Cost - £32.00 , including transport
Coach departs 6.00 pm.

This is certainly a strange title! But it is a very successful new play by a successful author, Laura Wade, who wrote 'Posh' a few years ago. It is a National Theatre production which started at Theatre Clwyd last year. It immediately transferred to the West End and has had a 'sell-out' winter season. The same production is doing a short National tour this Spring.

The Times gave it 5 stars, and the Guardian and the Independent both gave it 4 stars.

'Katherine Parkinson is superb in Laura Wade's play about a woman who lives like a 1950's housewife in the 21st Century' - The Guardian

'Sharp, funny and sad and well worth a ticket. Katherine Parkinson is brilliant, treading a tricky tightrope between comic and desperately poignant' - The Independent.

I have some centre circle seats and some centre stalls seats, so please let me know if you have a preference.

'ROMEO AND JULIET' A new ballet by Matthew Bourne

Wednesday, 12th June 7.30
The Lowry Theatre, Salford

Cost, including transport, £ 44.00
Coach departs 6 pm

Two good reasons for booking this one! :-

1. It is a NEW ballet by Matthew Bourne, which speaks for itself!
2. I have lovely, front centre circle seats. (but only 40 of them)

I don't think I need to say any more!

Tickets for both of the above productions will be on sale at the February Members' Meeting on February 14th or they can be secured by sending a cheque, (separate ones for each production please), made out to Knutsford U3A, to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. Tel. 01565 872643.

News from the National U3A

On Twitter

The North West U3A has set up its first twitter account. You can find them [@NwU3a](#)

Exchange Programme

Uppsala U3A in Sweden has offered to participate in an exchange with a U3A somewhere in the UK.

Jenny Carley, Chairman of Chester U3A and International Committee, said, "This will be their second exchange. The last one was in 2014 and reciprocated in 2015, with the Surrey Network".

It is recommended that a programme and costs are discussed early in negotiations. On the last exchange there were twelve Swedish members who took part. This time they are looking to stay (four nights/five days) with U3A members and this would be reciprocated in Sweden at a later date to be agreed.

Uppsala is a lovely city with an ancient and famous university. The Uppsala U3A or Senior Universitet is independent of the university but has good relations regarding use of some facilities. Its website has an English version.

The international committee regularly arrange exchange groups with U3As in other European countries. If your U3A/Network is interested contact international@u3a.org.uk

If anyone feels our U3A should be interested in the exchange please contact Sue Allan, Secretary, on 01565 632904.

Regional summer school 2019

Newton Rigg Agricultural College

Tuesday August 27th to Friday 30th August

Booking arrangements and full details are now available on the website

Preparation for this event is now complete and full details and booking forms are available on the regional website Events page.

There are ten course, synopses are on the website.

Archaeology: 'Bards, Bedes and Boneless Ivar' – Britain between the Romans and the Vikings.

Art: Art Challenge.

Art Appreciation: Twenty Great Artists from the North West and the Lake District.

Etymology: Track words in their evolution for a better understanding of the English Language.

Geology: When Continents Collide.

History: Mussolini and Hitler – a comparison of two C20th dictatorships.

Music Appreciation: Around the World with Music.

Philosophy: Brothers in Arms – the work of Henry and William James.

Ukulele for beginners

Science: Homo Sapiens – how did we get to where we are now?

If you have any queries please contact Alan Hough

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NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Art Appreciation Group 2 - is currently looking at the History of British Art and we meet on the first Thursday of each month.

Co-ordinator: Jennifer Harrison Tel: 01565 633578

Proposed new groups

Possible New Book Group

Having enjoyed reading the novel 'Sixteen Trees of the Somme' by Lars Mytting, I wondered whether any kindred spirits who are interested in reading this type of book would be interested in forming a small, relaxed book group to discuss this one, followed by books of a similar, probably more masculine, genre which would be chosen jointly by the group. We could meet in different homes every 4-6 weeks. The objective would be to exchange views, opinions, nothing too serious, and have fun!

If you are interested please ring me, John Unterhalter, on 01565 873211.

Digital Photography with David Woolf

Want to take better photographs/ don't know what the controls on your digital camera do?

Afraid of leaving the security of AUTO?

Join this short course of six sessions and astound your grand-children!

Just like Five-A-Day, use the Five Controls (they're there, you just haven't found them yet) and you'll be a fitter photographer for your summer holidays.

We will look at what makes a better photograph of EXACTLY the same subject. Bring your camera. There'll be class work (but no homework) and some practical photo-taking.

6 Consecutive Friday Afternoons 2.00pm to 3.30pm starting on March 15th Room 4 Methodist Church.

As David will be away, will you please phone Margaret Wilford on 01565 654689 if you are interested. There needs to be enough people to make this viable

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.

You will be contacted if your booking was NOT successful.

BOOKING FORM – THEATRE AND MUSIC VISITS		
I/We would like to book places for the following event and enclose a cheque for £.....		
Event:		
Date & time:.....		
Name and Address <u>with postcode</u>		
Phone number	e-mail	Phone number in case of emergency
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