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FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to Knutsford U3A's activities for 2020, a whole new year and decade! It's such a good time to try new things and perhaps encourage friends and neighbours to think of joining U3A.

On a practical note, there have been some technical problems in sending out all the Kanuta newsletters and fliers, as our membership grows. Please could you help us by checking that you have the email address for the newsletters in your email contacts, as this should stop any bouncing back. It is:

newsletter.knutsfordu3a@gmail.com

Thank you, and all the best for 2020.

Christine Jones, Chair

TESSA HOWGATE

We were very sad to hear of the death of Tessa Howgate on January 16th. Rod and Tessa Howgate joined Knutsford U3A soon after we started up and made a major contribution to the organisation getting established. Tessa was always there to support Rod as he joined the committee and became Deputy Chairman. Tessa herself helped to start Walking Group 2 and she and Rod celebrated their Golden Wedding Day by leading Walking Group 2 on a walk in Derbyshire.

Tessa also joined Book Group 2, Bridge and Bowling and was a loyal member of these groups before her illness forced her to give up many of her activities.

All of us in U3A who knew Tessa will miss her and we send our thoughts and sympathy to Rod and the family.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Knutsford Methodist Church
Second Thursday of every month starting 2.15pm

Thursday 13th February

Kevin Shade will give an illustrated talk on various types of Japanese Garden.

His talk will explore the symbolism linked to Buddhism, Shintoism and the cultural mythology of Japan which is contained in different types of garden. The different types include temple gardens, tea gardens and the large landscaped gardens of the wealthy.

Thursday 12th March

Diana Leitch (MBE FRSC) will give a talk on 'Men of Warrington: men of influence and deeds'.

Scientist Diana Leitch has previously been a speaker at our meetings, her talk on 'Chocolate' being a particular favourite.

Diana is a world-renowned scientist in Chemistry, pursuing a career in chemical information. In 2014 she was awarded the MBE for Services to Chemistry. Since retirement she has been the Chair of Trustees at the Catalyst Science and Discovery Centre Museum at Widnes. She is also a respected Northern Historian. Some prominent Knutsford families are included in today's talk, particularly The Gaskell family.

Thursday 9th April

Brian Healey will give a talk on Fabergé: The sunset of the Romanovs.

As peasants starved and the drums of war and revolution drew ever closer, the Imperial family seemed increasingly remote, wrapped up in a private world of palaces and privilege. At its most extreme, this was reflected in the series of exquisite Easter eggs created by Russia's master goldsmith, each one containing a unique "surprise". This lecture examines the fascinating insight that these gave into the glittering but final chapters of the Romanov dynasty.



Please note: This talk will last approximately 1hr 15 mins which is longer than our usual duration.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

Spring 2020



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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There are a few tickets still available for :-

'THE KITE RUNNER'

Based on the novel by Khaled Hosseini

Wednesday, April 8th 2020, 7.30 pm
The Lowry theatre, Salford

Cost, including transport, £ 37.
Coach departs 6 pm prompt

This production is based on the successful novel, also called 'the Kite Runner', by Khaled Hosseini. It comes from the London West End, where it gained 5 star reviews in the national papers, calling it a 'spell-binding production'. Set in Afghanistan when on the verge of war, the haunting and powerful story tells how the lives of two best friends are torn apart by a terrible incident, which takes place during a kite flying tournament.

'LES MISERABLES'

Wednesday, May 20th 2020, 7.30 pm.
The Lowry Theatre, Salford

Cost, including transport, £60.00
Coach departs 6 pm prompt

All of the circle seats for 'Les Miserables' are now sold so I have reserved a dozen side stalls seats, which are the best available now. They are slightly cheaper than the circle seats. They are about two thirds of the way back in the theatre but I'm sure you won't have any difficulty hearing!

To book either of the above, please send separate cheques, payable to Knutsford U3A, and booking forms to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR.

If there are any left tickets will also be on sale at the Members' Meeting on Thursday, February 13th.

**The Eblana String Trio Concert on Friday 28 February at 2.30 pm
Knutsford Methodist Church**

Jonathan Martindale – Violin
Lucy Nolan – Viola
Peggy Nolan – Cello



The Eblana trio return to Knutsford on 28 February to give an afternoon concert at the Methodist Church. They will play music by Bach, Beethoven and Beamish. This is a chance to hear professional musicians in Knutsford.

The trio was formed in 2006 when they were undergraduates at the Royal Northern College of Music, winning all the major chamber music prizes.

Jonathan Martindale is Assistant Leader of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and is a former pupil of Altrincham Grammar School. His parents are members of Knutsford U3A.

Tickets will be available at the February Members' Meeting, or contact Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR, please enclose s.a.e. and a booking form.

The cost is £10, and includes a cup of tea and an opportunity to meet the musicians,

OUTINGS

TOUR OF THE MIDLAND HOTEL, MANCHESTER - including a 'light tea'

Wednesday March 4th 2020

Coach departs 12.30 pm

Cost, including guided tour, tea and transport: £35.00

We have arranged a guided tour of the Midland – both interior and exterior – so please dress accordingly! With a magnificent terracotta Edwardian exterior, the hotel was opened in 1903 by the Midland Railway. We will have a 'light' tea in the hotel after the tour, sandwiches, scone and cake, included in the price.

To book please send your cheque, payable to Knutsford U3A, together with a booking form (see p8) to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. Places will also be on sale at the Members' Meeting on Thursday February 13th, if they haven't sold beforehand!

SAFETY CENTRAL (CHESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE)

Monday 6TH APRIL

Coach departs Bus Station at 12 noon

COST: £9 per person, including transport. (Lunch not included in price)

Prior to the Safety Central visit, we have booked a reserved area at High Legh Garden Centre where you can choose from their popular menu and buy your own lunch.

We leave the Garden Centre for the Safety Centre at around 2.00pm.

The Safety Centre tour is limited to 40 members so please apply early to ensure a place.

The facility cost £4.5m and is run by Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Coffee, Tea etc will be served at the Safety Centre before the presentation.

During your visit you will learn new life-skills:

- The most common causes of accidents at home and how to avoid them.
- How to reduce the risk of having a fire and what to do if one breaks out.
- New technology that can help people live independently at home for longer.
- Staying safe from online scams and getting the most out of the internet.
- Tips for keeping yourself and belongings safe while you are out in public.

The experience will last 2.5 hours finishing at 5.00pm and we should be back for 5.30pm

To reserve a place on this visit please send your cheque for £9.00 per person together with a booking form (see p8), made payable to Knutsford U3A, to: John Braham, 3 Ladies Mile, Knutsford, WA16 OND. Phone 01565 650207

Tickets will also be on sale at the U3A Members' Meeting on February 13th.

Dates for your diary

Friday, May 15th	Visit to Nostell Priory near Wakefield.
Tuesday, June 9th	Visit to Ironbridge and Coalbrookdale.
August, date to be arranged	Visit to Shibden Hall and Halifax
Thursday, September 3rd	Afternoon visit to new RHS Bridgewater Garden, Worsley.

We have also arranged visits in the Autumn to Roberts Bakery (September 30th or November 25th) a December visit to view the Christmas decorations at Chatsworth and also a visit to the Lowry to see Matthew Bourne's 'Nutcracker' Ballet on Thursday November 26th. Tickets for all these events will be available later in the year.

Information from the U3A website – the following extracts are from the NW Newsletter

National Summer Schools 2020

Monday 3rd August to Thursday 6th August 2020

Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET

More information will be available at the end of January.

Monday 7th September to Thursday 10th September 2020

Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester, GL7 6JS

2020 Subject Summer Schools

Science Network - Conference Aston, Birmingham.

Monday 10th August to Thursday 13th August 2020. See the Science Network website

Join the Science Network mailing list_for updates.

NORTH WEST SUMMER SCHOOL 2020

This will be held again at Newton Rigg Agricultural College, near Penrith. Please note, this year it will run from Monday 24th August to Thursday 27th August, to avoid travel close to the bank holiday weekend.

The nine courses on offer are:

Archaeology: 'Exploring the archaeology of the borders'

Art: 'Memories of Childhood'
Art Appreciation: 'Iconic Artists'
Geology: 'Lakeland Ice and Fire'
History: 'Wars of the Roses, England from 1450 to 1485'
Music Appreciation: 'Making Friends with the Great Composers'
Philosophy: 'Literature: North-North-West'
Ukulele: 'A course at intermediary level'
Science: 'Famous scientists and their stories'
Full details of the summer school and booking arrangements are now available on the regional website
www.u3asites.org.uk/north-west

SHARED LEARNING PROJECTS – REGIONAL COORDINATOR, MAGGY SIMMS

Got an idea for an SLP?

All U3A members are invited to contact Maggy directly, if they want to explore or develop ideas for shared learning projects.

simmsmaggy15@gmail.com

Urban Sketching Group

Members continue to meet on a monthly basis for Urban Sketching in the central Manchester area. Venues chosen are central and accessible. Meetings take place on the morning of the third Wednesday of the month and all you need bring is a pencil and paper.

If you would like support for starting an Urban Sketching group nearer to your U3A, contact Maggy.

National projects

From 2020 to 2022 there will be opportunities for members to take part in national projects leading up to the 40 year anniversary of U3A. One of these will focus on studying local main streets / high streets and the other will focus on theatre studies, and in particular discovering theatres linked to critic and editor Cary Ellison.

More opportunities may emerge as plans for national U3A Day and for the 40 year celebration take shape.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Tai Chi

Did you make a New Year's Resolution to get more exercise? Tai Chi might be the answer. We have a few spaces in the 3pm to 4pm group that meets on Thursdays at the Knutsford Sports Club on Mereheath Lane.

The classes are conducted by a professional tutor and include:

- gentle physical exercises using the muscles of the whole body to improve core strength, balance and flexibility
- breathing and meditation exercises to help to reduce stress.

You don't need any previous experience or special equipment to be able to take part.

If you would like further details, please contact either of the two Coordinators – Yvonne Baker (01565 651204) or Evelyn Flett (01565 653048).

Garden Group

There is a meeting of the Garden Group on Tuesday 18th February at 2pm at Fryers Garden Centre. We will be discussing the program for 2020. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Pam Bolland - 01925 753391 or 07856 743233.

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
Please send this completed form and cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. Tel. 01565 872643 Cheques should be made out to Knutsford U3A.		

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BOOKING FORMS FOR OUTINGS

Booking form – Tour of the Midland Hotel, Manchester – cost £35 per person

I/We would like places for the Midland Hotel visit on Wednesday 4th March and enclose a cheque for

£.....

Names(s) and address(es) with postcode

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Phone no. Email

Name and contact number in case of emergency

Please send this booking form and your cheque, payable to Knutsford U3A, to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR.

Booking form – visit to Safety Central (Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service) – cost £9 per person

I/We would like places for the Safety Central visit on Monday 6th April and enclose a cheque for

£.....

Names(s) and address(es) with postcode

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Phone no. Email

Name and contact number in case of emergency

Please send this booking form and your cheque, payable to Knutsford U3A, to John Braham, 3 Ladies Mile, Knutsford, WA16 OND. Phone 01565 650207

ACTIVITY GROUPS

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, there is more information about them on our website, and by phoning the Co-ordinator concerned.

Architecture

4th Tuesday at 3pm. Heath Room
Council Offices,. Co-ordinator: Trevor
Hosking 07950 414490

Art Appreciation 1

4th Wednesday of each month at 10.30
Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: Margaret Joscelyne
Tel: 01565 633147

Art Appreciation 2

1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm
Co-ordinator: Jennifer Harrison
Tel: 01565 633578

Book Group 1

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

Book Group 2

The 3rd Thursday of the month 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 10am
Co-ordinator: Pauline Hales
Tel 01565 650214 **Full**

Book Group 5

3rd Thursday of each month at 10 - 12
Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 331282

Book Group 6 Mainly for Men

No fixed time, meetings arranged to
suit.
Co-ordinator; John Unterhalter
[Tel:01565 873211](tel:01565873211)

Bridge

Fridays at Toft Cricket Club.
9.10-10am Tuition play.
10-12 Duplicate play.
Co-ordinator: Jenny Matthews
Tel: 0770 374 1603

Computer Group

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

Crown Green Bowls 1

Summer Meetings each Tuesday at 10
The Railway Inn, Mobberley
Co-ordinator: Lee Hough
Tel: 0796 484 6269

Crown Green Bowls 2

Summer Meetings each Friday 10.30
The Railway Inn, Mobberley
Co-ordinator: Colin Bowman
Tel: 01565 653242

Digital Photography

Co-ordinator; David Woolf
Tel: 01925 755097
Future courses to be arranged

Drawing and Painting

Each Monday between 10 – 12 at Toft
Church rooms
Co-ordinator: Jill Board
Tel: 01565 652948 **Full**

Family and Social History

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

Film at the Curzon

One or two afternoons a month.
Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 331282

French Intermediate

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at
2.pm in members' homes.
Co-ordinator Jill Board
Tel. 01565 652948 **Full**

French to Get By

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

Gardening

1st Tuesday each month at 2.15pm
Co-ordinator: Pam Bolland
Tel: 01925 753391

Geology Group

3rd Monday of each month in members`
homes 7:30 – 9.30
Co-ordinator: Mark Barley
Tel: 0161 929 9438

German

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

Global Warming Discussion Group

Contact Tim Donnelly on 01565 633569 for
details of meeting dates and venues.

History at Random

Alternate Thursdays 2.15-4.00pm
Methodist Church Hall. **Group now full,**
please contact co-ordinator David Cogger
to be included on waiting list.
Tel:01565 228503

Italian for Beginners

Small but growing group on self-help basis.
2.00pm on Mondays
Knutsford Council Offices.
Co-ordinator: David Millsom
Tel; 01565 750758

Jammin'

A small, friendly group of musicians playing
together on a weekly basis for the fun of it.
Co-ordinator: Helen MacAlister Smith
Tel: 01565 653330 or text 07793 191319

Knitting

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

Mah Jong

2nd and 4th Friday each month at 10am
At Knutsford Library. Co-ordinator:
Pat Harrison Tel: 01565 873830

<p>Music Appreciation 3rd Monday of each month from 1.45 – 3.15pm in Room 5 at Knutsford Methodist Church. Co-ordinator: Tessa Gurney Tel: 01477 533076</p> <p>Philosophy 3rd Wednesday each month 10:30 – 12 Room 5, Methodist Church Contact: Shirley Dignam Tel: 01565 652958</p> <p>Play Reading Last Friday each month at 10 – 12 in members' homes Co-ordinator: Peter Willgoose Tel: 01565 631255</p> <p>Poetry Reading 1st Tuesday each month at 2 pm at Royce Court Co-ordinator: Veronica Gordon Tel: 01565 873762</p> <p>Scientific Book Group 3rd Thursday each month at 2.30 Co-ordinators: Gill Warboys Tel 01565 651858 and Bob Bateman Tel: 01565 652905</p> <p>Scrabble Friday each week at 2 in Library Co-ordinator: Avril Slade Tel: 01565 633997</p> <p>Seasonal Cookery 4th Tuesday each month 10-12 Co-ordinator: Anne Rowland Tel: 01625 860290 Full</p> <p>Social Cycling Fortnightly morning cycle rides on Monday and Thursdays at 10am. Co-ordinator Pat Lee Tel:07769 877293</p> <p>Spanish Advanced Each Tuesday 10.00-11.00 at the Methodist Church. Co-ordinator Eileen Denne Tel: 01565 633441 1 vacancy</p> <p>Spanish Intermediate Each Tuesday 10.30-11.30 at the Jubilee Hall. Co-ordinator Graham Rigg Tel: 01565 650103</p>	<p>Table Tennis 1 Each Monday from 10 – 12 at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane Co-Ordinator: Gerard McCreesh Tel: 01565 654598</p> <p>Table Tennis 2 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 2-4pm at Knutsford Sports Club. Mereheath Lane. Coordinator: Gerard McCreesh Tel 01565 654598</p> <p>Tai Chi/Qi Gong 1 Weekly on Thursdays at 4 – 5pm at Knutsford Sports Club on Mereheath Lane Coordinators: Evelyn Flett Tel: 01565 653048 Yvonne Baker Tel: 01565 651204 Full</p> <p>Tai Chi/Gong 2 Weekly on Thursdays at 3-4pm at Knutsford Sports Club Mereheath Lane. Co-ordinator Evelyn Flett Tel:01565 653048</p> <p>Tennis For the summer sessions contact Co-ordinator: Patrick Gibbons Tel: 07767 257619</p> <p>Theatre and Film Discussion 3rd Wednesday each month 3.30 – 5.30 in members' homes. Co-ordinator: Anita Goldman Tel: 01565 651717</p> <p>Walking Football Fortnightly meetings on Tuesdays 2-2.45pm at Egerton Youth Club. Co-ordinator: Stuart Allan Tel: 01565 632904</p> <p>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</p> <p>Walking Group 2 Walks on alternate Wednesdays and Mondays. Meet at 9.30 in the lay-by on the Mobberley Road Co-ordinator: Tony Roberts Tel: 01565 632735</p>	<p>Walking Group 3 - Medium Walks Walks on alternate Thursdays and Fridays. Meet at 9.30 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road Co-ordinator: Sue Allan Tel: 01565 632904</p> <p>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 228931</p> <p>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</p> <p>Walking Group 6 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</p> <p>Wine Tasting 1 2nd Monday each month on at 7 at St Vincent's Church Hall. Co-ordinators: Margaret Joscelyne Tel:01565 633147 and John Baldwin Tel: 01565 654285 Full</p> <p>Wine Tasting 2 1st Wednesday each month at 7.30 St Cross Church Contacts: Lynda Harris 01565 621058</p> <p>Writing for Pleasure 3rd Wednesday each month at 10 in members' homes Co-ordinator: Michael Goldman Tel: 01565 651717</p>
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