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FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

One of the things I have had to do since taking on the role as Chair is to hone my problem solving skills. Never were they needed so much as in March when our speaker let us down just 2½ hours before the General Meeting! Thankfully I didn't have to solve this on my own. Pauline (Hales) and I exchanged ideas and names, followed by a few phone calls and found a knight in shining armour – George Tyror, whose talk 'An Accidental Revolution' was just great and very well received by the members present. Thank you George.

With the Notification of the AGM in this edition, we are coming to the end of my first year as chair but the beginning of the 9th year for our U3A. The Committee has started to think about how we could celebrate our 10th anniversary in 2015 and we have a list of ideas which are being investigated. If you have any ideas that we could add to that list we would be very glad to hear from you.

Finally, I urge all of you who have access to the Internet to take a good look at our website www.knutsfordu3a.co.uk regularly because it is an excellent site and has all latest information as well as links to the National and Regional sites. David does a great job in maintaining this to such a high standard.

SALTAIRE

Tuesday 13th May 2014

A visit to the Saltaire UNESCO World Heritage Site and woollen mill (named after Titus Salt and the river Aire) is arranged for Tuesday, 13th May. We leave Knutsford Bus Station at 9 am and should be back in Knutsford at about 5 pm.

We will start our visit with coffee or tea in the church, followed by a guided meander round the heritage village for about an hour. The rest of day will be free to explore the mill, with a David Hockney exhibition and shops and the many other places of interest in the village. There are numerous places to have lunch (or take a picnic to eat by the river or the canal)

The cost is £19 which includes coffee/tea in the morning and the guided walk round the village.

To book please send a completed booking form (page 6) and a cheque for £19, made payable to Knutsford U3A, to Margaret Cole, 43 Garden Road, Knutsford WA16 6HT, Tel 01565 633569

***** DATES FOR YOUR DIARY *****

Tuesday 1st July – Plas Newydd Country House and Gardens, on Anglesey. This is the family home of the Marquess of Anglesey, renowned for its glorious setting on the Menai Strait, with views across to Snowdonia. More information will be in June Kanuta but bookings will be taken from the May meeting.

Thursday 18th September – Manchester: morning Victoria Baths, Chorlton on Medlock, followed by lunch and then the Moravian Community, Droylsden.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

SPRING 2014



BOOKING

PLEASE use a **separate booking form** (Page 6) 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

‘BILLY LIAR’

By

Keith Waterhouse & Willis Hall

Friday, 13th June, 7.30

The Royal Exchange, Manchester

Cost, including travel, £ 25.00

Coach will leave Bus Station at 6 pm,

Billy Liar is a hilarious and sometimes painfully truthful insight into a northern family with three generations under the same roof struggling to understand each other. Keith Waterhouse’s tale of northern life in 1960’s Britain captures a country on the edge of change, especially for the younger generation.

‘SHOW BOAT’

The Classic 1920’s Musical by Jerome Kern

Wednesday, 9th July, 7.30

The Lowry Theatre

Cost, including travel, £48.00

Coach will leave Bus Station at 6 pm

With all the glamour of old style big family musical, and a cast of over 50 talented performers, Cape Town Opera, in collaboration with Wales Millennium Centre bring this old favourite back to life. Set in America’s Deep South in 1887 on the Cotton Blossom show boat as it sets sail on the Mississippi, Show Boat is rich with nostalgia, humour and well-loved melodies, such as **Ol’ Man River**, and **Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man!** I have reserved just 25 good centre stalls, so I hope that’s enough!

Date for Your Diary. Thursday, 17th July at The Royal Exchange – ‘Around the World in 80 Days’. Hugely successful at The New Vic last year, this has a re-run at the Exchange. Tickets will be on sale in May and June.

HALLE OPUS 1 CONCERTS

Unfortunately we will not now be going ahead with our plans to book the Halle Opus 1 series for the season from September 2014 to May 2015, as we do not have sufficient numbers to make the venture viable. We apologise to members who have registered their interest. However we intend to try again next year, so watch this space!

Margaret and Carole

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
9TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KNUTSFORD AND DISTRICT U3A
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2014
AT KNUTSFORD METHODIST CHURCH AT 2.15 PM**

The AGM is an important meeting when reports are presented by the Chair and the Treasurer and when we elect the committee for the year 2014/2015.

The following members of the present committee are not due for re-election and are willing to continue to serve: David Denne, John Funnell, Veronica Gordon, Tessa Gurney Pauline Hales, Margaret Hinde, Rod Howgate and Ann Taylor.

Lynda Harris is due for re-election and is willing to stand again

Tim Donnelly is resigning from the Committee

Further nominations can be made on the form below

The AGM will be followed by our speaker Jean Bradburn

**NOMINATION FORM
for the
ELECTION OF KNUTSFORD U3A COMMITTEE 2014/15**

Nominations are invited for election to the Committee of Knutsford and District U3A

I propose who has agreed to stand for membership of the Committee

Name and Address of Proposer	Name and Address of Seconder

Nominations are to be emailed to info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk or posted to: Tessa Gurney, Largo, Birch Tree Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8NS by 28th April 2014

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

10 th April	Les Berry – Popular American Music of 20 th Century
8 th May (AGM)	Jean Bradburn – Who do You Think You Are? A practical demonstration on how to start your family tree
12 th June	Fran Sandham – Adventurer – A solo walk from Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean
10 th July	Peter Braun – Dunham Massey Hall

NEWS FROM GROUPS

ANTIQUES

At the Antiques Group meeting on the morning of Thursday 8th May, member Eileen Clayton will talk about repairing broken ceramics. If you would like to join us for this meeting, please phone Tessa Gurney on 01477 533076

COMPUTER – TABLETS

This group is now up and running. Members of the group contact each other through email in order to offer and seek help with queries and problems no matter how large or small. If you would like to join us please contact me, Margaret Burke on 01565 722182.

DINING OUT

This group is in hand but, because one of the people who have offered to coordinate it is indisposed at present, more details will be following at a later date.

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.

Thursday 24 April 2014 – Visit to “Cuckooland”, the Clock Museum. Cost £7.50 payable on the day. Tour starts at 11.00 am. Please contact PETER BUTLER Tel 01565 651147

Thursday 22 May 2014 – Talk by Tony Davies “Knutsford and WW1”

Monday 2nd June 2014 – **PLEASE NOTE DATE** – Visit to Dunham Massey to see it transformed back into the Stamford Military Hospital as it was during WW1.

Other U3A members are welcome to join us for any of these meetings.

Jean Ellis

WALKING GROUP 3 - (MEDIUM WALKS)

We are a small, friendly group of walkers looking for a few more friendly people to join us – with your dog if you wish!

We walk on the first Thursday and third Friday of each month, 4 – 5 miles of varying difficulty, at a medium pace. The walks only last a morning and invariable finish with a pub lunch. We meet at the Dog Wood lay-by on the Moberley Road at 9.30 am to share lifts to the start of the walk.

Our new Summer programme is available on the website or you can contact me at info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk or on 01565 72643 if you need more information or would like to go on our distribution list for more details of the walks. Alternatively you are welcome to just turn up at the starting point.



Autumn Day by
Brereton Lake

Margaret Hinde

POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS

LANGUAGES

I have been asked whether we could offer Latin, Russian or Italian. Are there members who would be willing to take up these challenges?!! Do you know someone who could? I would love to hear from you on 01565 621058.

Lynda Harris

REVIEW OF KANUTA

This has been a useful exercise and we thank everyone for their participation. The discussion held at the Coordinators' Lunch was lively and constructive and from that, the Committee has decided that:

- **Reviews of Speakers, Outing and Events will still be written but will not appear in Kanuta.**

These reviews will be put on the website for our members to read and, perhaps more importantly, for prospective members to see what happens in our U3A. Anyone who does not have access to the internet can request a paper copy.

- **The list of Activity Groups will only be included when changes need to be highlighted.**

Members will be encouraged to keep a copy of this information for permanent reference.

- **The Booking Form may be omitted in some issues.**

- **Information received from National or Regional Offices will continue to be distributed to the relevant groups but only general information of importance will be highlighted in Kanuta.**

A detailed feedback has been sent to all Coordinators and they will share this with you if they have time. Alternatively you can contact me and I will send you a copy.

Lynda Harris

KNUTSFORD U3A WEBSITE

I am pleased to announce that Geoff Dalton has agreed to assist with the editing the Knutsford U3A website, and will now be sharing the duties with me.

Because of this, we are now asking anyone who is sending in new material or updates for the website **not to use personal email addresses** but to use info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk as both editors will have access to this mail box; you will find this address on the first page of every issue of Kanuta, or on the home page and every Activity Group page on the website. Please also use this address to send us any comments or suggestions about the website

Don't forget that you can find details of all Group Activities, with contact details for Coordinators, information on outings, theatre and concert visits and General Meetings, and much more on the Knutsford U3A website. To access this site go to the address <http://www.knutsfordu3a.co.uk> or type in Knutsford U3A on Google or other search engine. You will also find the website address on the front page of Kanuta

David English
Website Manager

LEEK U3A HOLIDAY TO MALTA

Leek U3A are organising a visit to Malta on 8th November 2014 for 6 days, and would be happy to welcome any Knutsford U3A members who would like to join them. Details can be found on Leek U3A's website under trips, or contact Tessa Abberley on 01538 387 438.

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

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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ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

Amblers

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

Antiques

Meetings on 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

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

Art Appreciation 2

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

Art Appreciation 3

Meeting on 4th Monday at 2
Co-ordinator: Jean Berney
Tel: 01565 634262

Book Group 1

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

Book Group 2

Meetings monthly usually on the 1st Thursday from 10.30 – 12 in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Monica Beswick
Tel: 01565 651515

Book Group 3

Meetings monthly on 1st Thursday at 10
Co-ordinator: Freda Froehlich
Tel: 01565 633045

Book Group 4

Meetings monthly on 2nd Tuesday at 10
Co-ordinator: Pauline Hales
Tel 01565 650214

Book Group 5

Meeting monthly on 3rd Tuesday
Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 653684

Bridge

Meetings each Friday 10 – 12 at Toft Cricket Club alternating Tuition and Improvers.
Co-ordinator: Dave Rowland
Tel: 01565 860290

Bridge - Beginners

Meeting on alternate Wednesday mornings at 10
Co-ordinator: George Tyror
Tel: 01565 633057

Calligraphy

Meetings alternate Tuesdays 2 – 3.30 or alternate Wednesdays 7 – 8.30 in
Coordinator: Angela Eccles
Tel: 01625 861314

Computer Group

Co-ordinator: Robert Watson
Tel: 01565 633147

Computers – Tablets

Coordinator: Margaret Burke
Tel: 01565 722182

Crown Green Bowls 1

Meetings each Tuesday at 10
The Railway Inn Mobberley [Summer]
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

Meetings each Monday between 10 – 12 at Toft Church rooms
Co-ordinator: Berry Northen
Tel: 01565 873053

Family History

Meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month at 2 in The Angel, King Street.
Co-ordinator: Christine Jones
Tel: 01565 633435

French [Intermediate]

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

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

Meetings 3rd Monday of each month in upstairs' room at The Angel 7:30 – 9
Co-ordinator: Fred Owen
Tel: 01606 892690

German

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

Knitting

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

Local History

Meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month 10 – 12
Co-ordinator: Jean Ellis
Tel: 01565 651222

Mah Jong

Meetings 2nd and 4th Friday each month at 10:00 at St. Johns Wood Community Centre
Co-ordinator: Marjorie Aston
Tel: 0161 929 8044

Music Appreciation

Meetings monthly on 3rd Monday from 1.45 – 3.15 in Room 5 at Knutsford Methodist Church.
Co-ordinator Susan Hopkin
Tel: 01565 651839

Needlecraft

Meetings monthly on 3rd Thursday from 10 – 12. Members' homes
Co-ordinator: Judith Shirley
Tel: 01565 652448

Outings and Visits

As arranged – see website for details
Contact: Carole English
Tel: 01565 625815

Philosophy

Meetings monthly on 3rd Wednesday. Room 5, Methodist Church 10:30 – 12
Contact Shirley Dignam
Tel: 01565 652958

Pilates

Meets weekly between 9.30 – 10.30 at the Civic Centre.
Co-Ordinator: Mavis Norden
Tel: 01565 640980

Play Reading

Meetings monthly on the last Friday at 10 – 12 in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Peter Willgoose
Tel: 01565 631255

Poetry Reading

Co-ordinator: Veronica Gordon
Tel: 01565 873762

Scientific Book Group

Meetings monthly at 2.30 on the 3rd Thursday
Co-ordinator: Christine Falder
Tel: 01565 654721

Scrabble

Meetings weekly on Friday at 2
Co-ordinator: Avril Slade
Tel: 01565 633997

Seasonal Cookery

Meetings monthly 4th Tuesday 10 – 12
Co-ordinator: Anne Rowland
Tel: 01625 860290

Spanish

Meetings each Tuesday, 10 – 11 at the Methodist Church.
Co-ordinator: David English.
Tel: 01565 625815

Spanish Group 2

Meetings each Tuesday 10:30 – 11.30 at the Jubilee Centre
Co-ordinator: Graham Rigg
Tel: 01565 650103

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

Monthly meeting on 3rd Wednesday 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: Rod Howgate
Tel: 01625 582924

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: Margaret Empson
Tel: 01565 651737

Wine Tasting 1

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

Wine Tasting 2

Meeting monthly on first Tuesday at 7.30 Heritage Centre
Co-ordinator: Dianne Nott
Tel: 07860 272754

Writing for Pleasure

Meetings monthly on 3rd Friday at 10 in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Michael Goldman
Tel: 01565 651717