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FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

Having been re-elected on to the Committee, I am about to start my second year as your Chair and I cannot see it being any less busy than the last and that is a great testament to our U3A. We now have 582 members and 45 Activity Groups covering 30 subjects.

We have a new Treasurer, John Funnell, as Tim Donnelly has decided to relinquish the role after seven years. At the AGM Tim was thanked for all his work and, in recognition of that, he was presented with a voucher.

I know I keep on a bit about our website but only because it is really that good! To help you access the information David has written a very good guide and you will find this on page 5. This is particularly important now as ‘things that have happened’ are now on the website only and not in Kanuta.

There are a couple of other things in this edition that are worth pointing out. Two of the Theatre and Music bookings have very important pieces of information regarding dates (page 3) and, if you book for any of the outings, please keep a copy of the Booking Forms on Page 6.

Enjoy the summer and I hope the weather is as kind to us as last year.

PLAS NEWYDD

Tuesday, 1st July 2014

We have arranged a full day's excursion to Plas Newydd, the ancestral home of the Marquess of Anglesey, renowned for its wonderful setting on the Menai Strait, with spectacular views of Snowdon. The elegant 18th century house is famous for its association with Rex Whistler whose largest painting is here. A military museum features the Battle of Waterloo and the Charge of the Light Brigade. The extensive gardens provide walks and, of course, stunning views.

The coach will leave Knutsford Bus Station at **9 am** and we expect to return about 6 pm.

The cost of this visit is **£25.00**, which includes: - Morning coffee en route; Buffet lunch in our own dining room; entrance to the house and gardens. **N.B.** There is an additional charge of £7.50 each for those who are not members of the National Trust (or who forget to bring their N.T. card!). This is payable on the coach in the morning.

To book, please send a completed booking form (page 6), and cheque for £25 made payable to Knutsford U3A, to Mrs. M. Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. Tel 01565 872643.

**VICTORIA BATHS
and the
MORAVIAN COMMUNITY
MANCHESTER**

Thursday 18th September

Victoria Baths is widely recognised as Britain's finest historic municipal swimming pool. In 2003 it was voted as the building BBC2 viewers most wanted to see restored. As a result the front block of the building is now restored and visitors can view its decorative features of stained glass windows, mosaic floors, glass block paving and the Turkish Baths suite as well as the three pool halls. You are advised to have a warm jumper or fleece with you for this visit.

The Moravian Settlement at Fairfield Square in Droylsden opened in 1785. Planned and built by Moravians it functioned as a self-contained village. The Moravian Church started in the late 14th century when members wanted to return to the simpler practices of early Christianity. The cobbled streets and Georgian houses are carefully preserved and as you turn into Fairfield Square you have the feeling of going back in time.

The cost of the visits is £20 per person and this includes coach fare, coffee/tea and biscuits on arrival at Victoria Baths, guided tour of the building and lunch of soup and sandwiches and, at the Moravian Settlement, a guided tour followed by tea and biscuits.

The coach will leave Knutsford Bus Station at 9.30 am and leave Droylsden for Knutsford at 3.30 pm.

To book, please send completed booking form (page 6) and a cheque for £20 per person, made payable to Knutsford U3A, to Carole English, 49 Cranford Avenue, Knutsford WA16 0EB. Tel. 01565 625815

**CHEQUES FOR THIS OUTING WILL NOT BE CASHED
UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER**

Did you remember that

All reviews of our Speakers, Outings, Group Activities or Events are now to be found on our website.

To date you can find the following:

Celebrity Artist Visits U3A Art Appreciation Group – April 2014

Amblers' Song – April 2014

Amblers Holiday with photos – April 2014

Chetham's Concert – 28th March

Ken Moth – The Buildings of Manchester – 9th January

CHANGES TO

.... THE ACTIVITIES LIST

Scrabble now meets in Knutsford Library.

Writing for Pleasure now meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

.... YOUR DETAILS

Please remember to let us know any changes to your contact details: name, address, telephone number and email address.

The National Office will only accept details of changes from us not the individual concerned.

The easiest way to do this is to send the details to info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk and it will find its way to the right person.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

SUMMER 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

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS

Adapted from the novel by Jules Verne

Thursday 17th July, 7.30 pm
The Royal Exchange Manchester

Cost, including transport, £23.00
Coach will leave Bus Station at 6 pm

Following its highly successful run at the New Vic last year, this enthusiastic production comes to Manchester, with the incredible adventures of Phileas Fogg. A cast of eight transport you around the world, via thirty three scenes, a hundred characters and wonderfully funny feats of imagination.

HAMLET

Friday, 12th September, 7.30 pm
The Royal Exchange, Manchester

Cost, including travel, £25.00
Coach will leave Bus Station at 6 pm

I am sure Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' needs no introduction, but in this exciting new production Maxine Peake is playing Hamlet, directed by Sarah Frankcom. Maxine is familiar to us from 'Miss Julie' at The Exchange, and from the BBC drama 'Silk', as well as 'Dinner Ladies'; 'Shameless' and 'The Village'. It should be a compelling theatrical experience. I have only 25 tickets for this performance, and doubt if I will be able to get any more, as it is a reduced price evening. (See NOTE below).

BEETHOVEN EVENING **Symphonies Numbers 4 & 9**

Saturday, 27th September, 7.30 pm
The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Cost, including travel, £34.00
Coach will leave Bus Station at 6 pm

The BBC Philharmonic, with their chief conductor, Juanjo Mena, start the evening with Beethoven's brilliant and energetic Fourth Symphony. They are then joined by four soloists and the CBSO chorus for his Ninth 'Choral' Symphony, with its final, uplifting, 'Ode to Joy'. Wonderful!

NOTE:

For both Hamlet and Beethoven I have to confirm numbers and pay before the end of July. Your bookings, therefore, need to be made at the monthly meeting on 10th July or, at the very latest, with Margret Hinde by 12th July

MORE THEATRE AND MUSIC – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 29th October – 'Woman in Black at the Lyceum Theatre, Crewe, price £32.00. This is a 25th Anniversary Tour from the West End. Tickets will be on sale at the General Meetings in July and September.

Wednesday, 7th January – This is for those who want to get really organised! I have reserved seats for 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' at The Lowry. This is direct from the National Theatre.

Margaret Hinde

NEWS FROM GROUPS

DRAWING AND PAINTING

After running this group successfully for 6 years Berry Northen now wishes to step down as coordinator. We thank her for all her help and encouragement.

We have decided to take a break over the summer and plan to meet again in September. Jill Board and Dave Bunyan hope to keep the group going on a self-help basis but will be responsible for the 'admin' side of things. If there is anybody out there who would be interested in taking on the role of coordinator and "artistic advisor" we would be pleased to hear from you! We would also welcome new members. Contact Jill Board on 01565 652940

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 July 2014 – Talk by Peter Ollerhead – "History of Rolls Royce 1938-2012"

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Thursday 25 September 2014 – Talk by Mary Gracie – "Knutsford and Beyond"

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

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

Jean Ellis

SPANISH GROUP 1 (Intermediate)

There are now a few places available for new members in this group. We are now mainly a conversation group, so a basic knowledge of the language is required. We meet weekly from 10.00 to 11.00am on Tuesday mornings at the Knutsford Methodist Church, and our tutor is Christine Riley, who used to teach Spanish in schools. If anyone is interested, or would like further information, please contact David English on 01565 625815, or email info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk

GENERAL MEETINGS

Knutsford Methodist Church

Second Thursday of every month starting at 2:15 pm

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| 12 th June | Fran Sandham – Adventurer – A solo walk from Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean |
| 10 th July | Peter Braun – Dunham Massey Hall |
| August | No meeting |
| 11 th September | Dr Selwyn Goodacre who has a specialist interest in children's books |

HOW TO USE OUR WEBSITE

The Website can be reached by searching for “Knutsford U3A” on Google or similar search engine such as Bing or Yahoo, or by going direct to the address <http://knutsfordu3a.co.uk> . (To access website addresses in this article, highlight the address, hold the control (Ctrl) key down, and click on the address).

You will arrive at the Homepage, but to find your way round from any page you can either use the menus on the left to go step by step to the page you need, or use the Sitemap on the right of the blue bar below the contact box which gives a list of all the pages on the website. You can return to the Homepage or go direct to “Activity Groups” from the same blue bar. The examples below show how to locate specific pages.

How to Find Information on the Following Topics. Go to the Homepage (see above), then follow the steps below:

1. **Activity Groups.** 1. On the left menu click on the following topics in the order given: Activity Groups & Visits> Activity Groups, then select [Group’s Name] from the full list. Or 2. Select Activity Groups from the blue bar below the contact box, then select [Group’s Name] from the full list. Or 3. Select Sitemap from the blue bar below the contact box, and click on the name of the Group. As an example click as above on the following address for the Local History Group page: <http://knutsfordu3a.co.uk/activity-groups-visits/21-2/local-history/>
2. **Which Activities take place regularly on a particular day/time?** 1. On the left menu select Activity Groups and Visits>Activity Groups, then select Daily Programme. Or 2, Select Activity Groups from the blue bar below the contact box, then select Daily programme. Or 3. Select Sitemap from the blue bar below the contact box, and select Daily Programme. For a direct link from here click as above on <http://knutsfordu3a.co.uk/activity-groups-visits/21-2/daily-programme/>
3. **A Complete List of all Activity Groups** 1. On the left menu select Activity Groups and Visits>Activity Groups, then select Activity Groups List. Or 2, Select Activity Groups from the blue bar below the contact box, then select Activity Groups List. Or 3. Select Sitemap from the blue bar below the contact box, and select Activity Groups List.
4. **Forthcoming Outings and Visits** 1. On the left menu select Activity Groups and Visits>Outings and Visits. Or 2. Select Sitemap from the blue bar below the contact box, and select Outings and Visits. For a direct link from here click as above on <http://knutsfordu3a.co.uk/activity-groups-visits/outings-and-visits/>
5. **Forthcoming Theatre and Concert Visits** 1. On the left menu select Activity Groups and Visits>Theatre and Concert Visits. Or 2. Select Sitemap from the blue bar below the contact box, and select Theatre and Concert Visits. For a direct link from here click as above on <http://knutsfordu3a.co.uk/activity-groups-visits/outings-and-visits/>
6. **Reviews of Group Events, Visits and Outings** 1. On the left menu select Activity Groups and Visits>Reviews of Group Events, Visits and Outings. Or 2. Select Sitemap from the blue bar below the contact box, and select Reviews of Group Events, Visits and Outings. For a direct link from here click as above on <http://knutsfordu3a.co.uk/activity-groups-visits/reviews-of-group-events-visits-and-outings/>

Other information on topics such as General Meetings, the Committee, Membership Application Forms, the latest Kanuta Newsletter and National and Regional U3A activities can be traced through the menus in the same way. To contact the website editing team send an email to: info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk

David English
Website Manager

BOOKING FORMS

Please:

- **Keep a copy of this form. It may not be printed in each edition of Kanuta**
- **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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