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FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

2015 is a special year for our U3A as we are celebrating our tenth anniversary. The Committee is organising two parts of the celebration – The Anniversary Tea on 14th May (details are on page 3) and a book detailing our history which should be available in April. I know some groups are thinking about how they can mark the event too. It should be a good year.

From any publicity we get from our celebrations I hope we can reduce the number of people who have never heard of the U3A and counter some of the negative perception of our age group that are still around.

I need to draw your attention to the deadline dates for the purchase of some of the theatre tickets. These are a bit tight to the publication of Kanuta due to the requirements of the theatres so you will need to contact Margaret as soon as possible.

Apart from the usual information, this edition of Kanuta includes an up to date list of all our Activity Groups. Please keep this for reference. You should also keep the details about the free Legal Advice Service – and hope you will never need it!

Enjoy your year.

LIVERPOOL ALBERT DOCK AND CITY CENTRE Sunday 22nd March

This outing is a self-guided visit to Liverpool. The coach will drop us at the Albert Dock on Liverpool's water front, which has the Tate Gallery with its modern paintings, the Maritime and International Slavery Museums and the City Museum. All these venues have a café and/or restaurant. From the Dock it's a 15 minute walk through Liverpool One up to the Walker Art Gallery. Liverpool One is now an excellent shopping area with a good John Lewis and lots of places to eat. The Walker has a good collection of Pre Raphaelite paintings and an interesting Modern section. An unmissable building near the Walker is Liverpool's new Central Library. The interior can only be described as stunning. And of course, don't forget the two Cathedrals. A fact sheet of places to visit will be available on the coach.

If you don't want much walking use the City Link Buses every 12 minutes from the Dock stopping at Liverpool One, Lime Street for the Walker and Library, and the Cathedrals. Use your bus passes or £1.30 per trip.

The coach will leave Knutsford Bus Station at 10.00am and set off back from Liverpool at 4.00 pm.

To book please send your cheque for £11 per person, made payable to Knutsford U3A, together with a booking form (page 7) to Evelyn Brown, 11, Northfields, Knutsford, WA16 8JN Tel: 01565 653684.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

SPRING 2014



BOOKING

PLEASE use a **separate booking form** (page 7) 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

BRIDGE WATER HALL CONCERT

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Friday, 10th April, 7.30 pm
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Cost, including travel, £ 33.00
Coach leaves Bus Station 6.00 pm

The Israeli violinist and conductor, **Pinchas Zukerman**, Principal Guest Conductor of the London based Royal Philharmonic, returns to Manchester as a soloist, performing Elgar's wonderful Violin Concerto, a romantic masterpiece. This is preceded by Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony.

Tickets for this concert have to be purchased by 12th February.

BIRDSONG

From the novel by Sebastian Faulks

Saturday, 18th April, 2 pm
The Playhouse Theatre, Liverpool

Cost, including travel, £ 29.00
Coach will leave bus station at 11.45 am.

N.B. this is a matinee performance

After a successful run in London, this adaptation of the novel *Birdsong* comes to Liverpool as part of a major national tour. Set before and during the First World War, it tells the story of a young Englishman's passionate affair with a Frenchwoman and his subsequent involvement in the carnage of the Battle of the Somme. The critics have called it '*moving and stunning*'; '*achingly beautiful*' and '*leaving me blinking back the tears at the end*'.

The coach will drop us at the theatre, in the centre of Liverpool, and I am assured there is a wide choice of places to eat close to the theatre. Or, of course, you are welcome to bring a sandwich to eat on the coach.

Tickets for this performance have to be purchased before 20th February

Date for your diary:- ANNA KARENINA at The Royal Exchange on Thursday 30th April 7.30 pm
Cost £33. This is billed as a 'contemporary production' by the Royal Exchange. I will sell these during March and the last opportunity will be at the March meeting.

In the meantime, just let me know if you wish to reserve tickets.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY TEA

will take place on

Thursday 14th May at 4.30 to 6.00

(after the Annual General Meeting)

at

**St John's Church
Knutsford**

The Mayor will be Attending as our Guest

As I am sure you know, this church has been refurbished recently and provides a wonderful space for our celebration. The caterers are known to our U3A and have always served us well, both in terms of the quality of the food provided and the service and they are happy to cater for those with special dietary needs.

Les Berry and his quartet will provide music from his 'American Song Book'. You may remember that Les gave us a very entertaining and enjoyable talk about this Song Book at last April's General Meeting.

**Tickets are £10 each and will be available at and after the February General Meeting
Admission will be by ticket only**

We will have an Anniversary Cake and this will be raffled at the end of the afternoon, using your Tea ticket as your raffle entry.

Payment should be by cheque please and made payable to Knutsford U3A. If you wish to apply by post the cheque, together with the form on page 7 and a stamped addressed envelope, should be sent to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. For further information telephone 01565 872643 or email info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk

GENERAL MEETINGS

Knutsford Methodist Church

Second Thursday of every month starting at 2:15 pm

12 th February	Brian Clancy – The Wallis Gimson Octagonal Commemorative Plates (1883-1888)
12 th March	Gavin Hunter – Leverhulme Trust
9 th April	Liz Heathcote – Citizens Advice Bureau

NEW MEMBERS COFFEE

In November for the past six years we have held a very successful Coffee Morning for new members. We do, however realise, that this timing is not best suited to those who join in November, December and January in terms of finding out information and meeting the Committee and other members of the U3A.

Therefore, in the Tea Room after the General Meeting in February, there will be a table and seating available for New Members to meet the Committee and find out any information they need.

NEWS FROM GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION 3

Due to dwindling numbers this group has decided that it is not feasible to continue. This is a great pity but the decision is understandable. Our thanks go to Jean Berney who has devoted a lot of time and effort to keep the group going over the past few months.

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 26 February 2015 – Members' meeting – "Knutsford Miscellany".

Thursday 26 March 2015 – Talk by Kirsten Warren on Little Moreton Hall.

Thursday 23 April 2015 – Visit (by coach) to Little Moreton Hall.

Jean Ellis

TAI CHI

Our two Tai Chi groups are now well established. They meet at the Shaw Heath Social Club on Mobberley Road every Thursday afternoon: Group 1 from 3 pm to 4 pm; and Group 2 from 4 pm to 5 pm.

There are still one or two spaces available for anyone interested in some gentle exercise that can help to reduce stress, and improve balance and mobility. For more information, please contact the Coordinators: Yvonne Baker (01565 651204) for Group 1 and Evelyn Flett (01565 653048) for Group 2.

CHANGES TO WALKING GROUPS:

At their request **Amblers** have been renamed to **Walking Group 5 – 5 K**. This change enables the group to be listed with the other walking groups and the new name more accurately reflects what they do.

Walking Groups 2 has a new coordinator. Rod Howgate has coordinated this group since it started in 2009 and, apart from leading many walks himself, he has been a persuasive voice in encouraging others to do so! Rod intends to continue walking but now feels it is time someone else had the opportunity to take the group forward. Tony Roberts, one of the group's regular walkers, has agreed to do so.

Many thanks Rod for starting this group and coordinating it for six years.

LEGAL ADVICE

The U3A offers a free, 24 hour Legal Advice service for members on **any** legal issues. Simply telephone 01455 251 500 and quote: Name: The Third Age Trust, Number: 70494

KNUTSFORD U3A COMMITTEE FOR 2014/2015

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David Denne	Deputy Treasurer	01565 633441
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Pauline Hales	Speakers' Coordinator	01565 650214
Tessa Gurney	Minutes Secretary	01477 533076
Margaret Hinde	Theatre and Music Outings	01565 872643
Patricia Pepper		07719441612
Ann Taylor		01565 651252
Pauline Constantine (co-opted)		01565 640669

ACTIVITY GROUPS

(as at 31 January 2015)

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

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

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 on 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 Thursday at 10 - 12

Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 653684

Bridge

Meetings each Fridays 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 -12 at Coordinator's home

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

Toft Cricket Club Autumn and Spring terms at 2

Co-ordinator: Robert Watson
Tel: 01565 633147

Computer Tablets

Meetings 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Jubilee Hall

Co-ordinator: Margaret Burke
Tel: 01565 722182

Crown Green Bowls 1

Summer Meetings each Tuesday at 10 The Railway Inn Mobberley

Co-ordinator: Betty Montrose
Tel: 01565 873414

Crown Green Bowls 2

Summer Meetings each Friday 10.30 The Railway Inn, Mobberley

Winter each Friday at 2 at United Reform Church, Hale

Co-ordinator: Petra Pickup
Tel: 01625 861278

Drawing and Painting

Meetings each Monday between 10 – 12 at Toft Church rooms

Co-ordinator: Jill Board
Tel: 01565 652940

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 upstairs at The Angel 7:30 – 9.30

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 10.30 – 12

Co-ordinator: Jean Ellis
Tel: 01565 651222

Mah Jong

Meetings 2nd and 4th Friday each month at 10:00 at Plumley Village Hall

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

Meetings monthly on the 1st Tuesday
at 2 pm at Royce Court
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 Hall
Co-ordinator: Graham Rigg
Tel: 01565 650103

Tai Chi/Qi Gong Group 1

Weekly on Thursdays at 3 – 4 at Shaw
Heath Social Club, Mobberley Road
Coordinator: Yvonne Baker
Tel: 01565 651204

Tai Chi/Qi Gong Group 2

Weekly on Thursdays at 4 – 5 at Shaw
Heath Social Club, Mobberley Road
Coordinator: Evelyn Flett
Tel: 01565 653048

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: Tony Roberts
Tel: 01565 632735

**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: 01565651737

Walking Group 5 – 5 K

(previously 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

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 in Legh Arms
Co-ordinator: Dianne Nott
Tel: 07860 272754

Writing for Pleasure

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

TENTH ANNIVERSARY TEA

I/we would like ticket(s) £10 each for the Anniversary Tea and enclose a cheque for £.....

Name and Address with postcode

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Phone number..... E-mail

Special Dietary Requirements

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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.

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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