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## FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

This edition of Kanuta is full of interesting opportunities including information about no less than **six** possible new groups (page 6) but limits on space means that few details have been included. Please do telephone for more information or for the phone number of the relevant coordinator.

One of the many successes of our U3A is the Outings. Such is the popularity that you have to be quick off the mark to secure a place and that was just the situation with the trip to Lancaster Castle and the Midland Hotel – full before Kanuta was published! Carole English (01565 625815) has a waiting list so please contact her if you want to be added to it.

Notification of our AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> May is on Page 4 together with nomination papers for proposed members of the Committee. This will be followed by an excellent speaker, Ernie Rea and our Anniversary Tea. As final numbers for the Tea have to be given to the caterers at the beginning of May, you need to buy your ticket before the end of April. They cannot be bought on the door or at the May meeting.

There is also information about the other part of our Anniversary – our book – on page 4. We hope you enjoy both.

## BRONTE COUNTRY

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015

On arrival at the **Bronte Parsonage Museum at Haworth** we are given an introductory talk after which we are free to view the exhibits at our leisure. Following that we have time to wander around Haworth and find somewhere to eat a picnic or buy lunch.

In the Afternoon we move on to **East Riddlesden Hall**, a 17<sup>th</sup> century manor house, for a self-guided tour. The gardens are worth a visit and there is also a riverside walk. Entrance to East Riddlesden Hall is free for National Trust members; otherwise it is £6 payable on the day.

The cost per person is £22 and this includes tea or coffee in the Pullman Car at Oxenhope Station before going to Haworth.

The coach will leave Knutsford Bus Station at 8.30 am and we hope to be back in Knutsford by approximately 6.00 pm

To book please send a completed booking form (page 7) together with a cheque for £22 per person, made payable to Knutsford U3A, to Tim Donnelly, 43 Garden Road, Knutsford, WA16 6HT, telephone 01565 633569.

# THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

SPRING 2015



## 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](mailto:info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk)

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## THE HISTORY BOYS

By Alan Bennett

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm**  
**Lyceum Theatre, Crewe**

**Cost, including travel, £ 30.00**  
**Coach leaves bus station at 6.00 pm**

I couldn't resist this one! 'The History Boys' has been voted the Nation's Favourite Play in a recent national survey. A comic drama about a bunch of bright, witty, adolescent sixth formers, their rivalry, and their relationships with their teachers, it provokes questions about the methods and purposes of education, whilst providing an hilarious evening. Alan Bennett at his best! This is a new Production, on tour around the country. I have reserved tickets for the Saturday evening – as an experiment! I hope it proves popular.

Tickets are available now by post and at the April monthly meeting.

## THE GHOST TRAIN

By Arnold Ridley

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm**  
**The Royal Exchange, Manchester**

**Cost, including travel, £34.00**  
**Coach leaves bus station at 5.45 pm**

**Please note the earlier than usual starting time as Manchester centre traffic is bad at the moment**

If this title is familiar, it is hardly surprising! First performed on stage in the 1920's, it has been frequently revived, as well as filmed twice. A group of passengers are left stranded at a station, only to be warned about a phantom train that haunts the track at night! A ghostly driver, sudden deaths and a travelling parrot make for an unnerving and hilarious evening. We are promised 'a blisteringly funny take on the classic ghost story'.

Tickets are available now, by post and at the April monthly meeting.

**‘H.M.S PINAFORE’**

**Gilbert and Sullivan**

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2.30 pm  
At The Opera House, Buxton**

**Coach leaves bus station at 9.15 am  
Costs – Various! See booking form**

This a full day out in Buxton which gives you a number of options, the main attraction being the Gilbert and Sullivan at the Opera House. Each option is costed separately and you are welcome to just come on the bus without joining in any of the activities.

The coach to Buxton **costs £10 a head.**

In the morning you could have a guided walk or a tram ride, or just take yourself around the town and gardens.

I have booked a Guide to lead a gentle walk around the town to explain the Georgian history of Buxton, at 11.00 am, lasting 45 minutes to an hour, with plenty of stops. **Cost £6 a head**

If you prefer not to walk, there is a ‘quirky’ little red tram, maybe a bit rattly, with old fashioned wooden benches, but good fun! The tour, with plenty of information, takes 45/50 minutes and it will stop at a few places for a look around. As it only has 8 seats I have reserved the 11.00 departure and also the one at 12.00 in case we need it. **Cost £6 a head.**

The matinee performance of ‘HMS Pinafore’, which starts at 2.30 pm, is by the fully professional National Gilbert & Sullivan Company, and is in the lovely Georgian Opera House in Buxton. **Cost £27.00 per ticket.**

Coffee and lunch are on a ‘Buy Your Own’ basis. Options include the Pavilion Gardens, next door to the Opera House, the many venues in the town or a picnic in the attractive gardens. Absolutely delicious ice creams are nearby too!

We would expect to be back in Knutsford by 6 pm.

**BOOKING FORM FOR BUXTON**

I/We would like .....	Coach places @ £10 each	£ .....	
I/We would like .....	Tickets for HMS Pinafore @ £27 each	£ .....	
I/We would like .....	Places on the guided walk @ £6 each )		
Or	)	£ .....	
I/We would like .....	Places on the tram @ £6 each )		Total £ .....

Name (s) ..... Telephone .....

Address .....

..... Post Code .....

Email .....

Please return this form, with cheque made out to U3A Knutsford, to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. Tel 01565 872643

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KNUTSFORD AND DISTRICT U3A  
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015  
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 2015/2016.

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, Lynda Harris, Tricia Pepper and Ann Taylor.

Tessa Gurney, Pauline Hales, Margaret Hinde and Rod Howgate are resigning from the Committee

Further nominations can be made on the form below

**The AGM will be followed by our speaker Ernie Rea**

**NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
ELECTION OF KNUTSFORD U3A COMMITTEE 2015/16**

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
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Nominations are to be emailed to [info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk](mailto:info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk) or posted to: Tessa Gurney, Largo, Birch Tree Lane, Goostrey, CW4 8NS by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

Our book – Knutsford U3A – First 10 Years – is now being printed and should be ready for distribution after Easter.

One free copy will be distributed to every U3A household and, to keep the cost of postage to an absolute minimum, this will be done initially through the Coordinators of the groups. A large proportion of our membership would be covered in this way.

Following that **we are looking for volunteers to deliver a few copies (about 5) close to their homes**, particularly if they live anywhere outside Knutsford town area; High Legh, Lymm, Ollerton, Pickmere, Wilmslow etc.

To volunteer please email [secretary.knutsfordu3a@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.knutsfordu3a@gmail.com) giving your name and location or telephone 01565 621058.

Very many thanks.

## **TENTH ANNIVERSARY TEA**

will take place on

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 the April 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](mailto:info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk)

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

**Knutsford Methodist Church**

**Second Thursday of every month starting at 2:15 pm**

9 <sup>th</sup> April	Liz Heathcote – Citizens Advice Bureau
14 <sup>th</sup> May (AGM)	Ernie Rea – Understanding the role of Islamic Extremism in Nigeria, Somalia and Kenya
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Alistair and Janet King – Shire Horses of Cotebrook

### **DONATION**

Gareth West Hairdressers in King Street have been very generous and donated a number of £10 gift vouchers, for which we are very grateful.

As our U3A cannot benefit from the vouchers themselves would you like to exchange any of them for cash or a cheque? Please contact Lynda Harris on 01565 621058 for further information.

## NEWS FROM GROUPS

### LOCAL HISTORY

**PLEASE NOTE – OUR MEMBERSHIP IS CLOSING AS WE ARE FULL.**

**However, if anyone would like to come along as a visitor once or twice and would then like to join they can be put on the waiting list.**

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

**Thursday 28 May 2015** – Talk by David Coulston "Rostherne War Memorials – Putting Flesh on the Bones".

**Thursday 25 June 2015** – Visit to Sudbury Hall, Staffs.

No meetings in July and August. We resume again on 24 September 2015

Jean Ellis

### MUSIC APPRECIATION

Good news! I am pleased to tell you that pupils from Chetham's will be able to perform for us on **Thursday 17th September 2015**.

The music will take a different format this year and, although it has not yet been finalised, it seems it will be a String Chamber concert and not individual players. Unfortunately Claire Campbell-Smith will not be attending, but one of the string tutors will. More information will be available later.

Susan Hopkin

## POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS

**CHINESE** – Robin Ody, who has spent many years living and working in China, is offering the study of Mandarin Chinese along with the culture and historic aspects of this ancient nation.

**FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS** – Barbara Brady is offering a 'Get By In' level of French to begin with.

**DRAWING** – This is one of two Activity Groups being offered by John Coffey and would run for 6 sessions from September. It would be about classic techniques of monochrome drawing and illustration using pencil, crayon, chalk, charcoal, but not paint.

**DINING OUT** – Jenny Saint is offering to coordinate opportunities for members to meet and eat locally, possibly early evening.

**MATHS FOR FUN** – This is the second of John Coffey's groups. Again there would be 6 session, starting in September, to explore the many curiosities in the various aspects of mathematics, for example 'the meaning of calculus' and 'strange geometries'. First John would have to take soundings on people's mathematical ability as it is a subject that tends to build upon things already learned.

**TABLE TENNIS** – Andrew Poole is offering to coordinate a Table Tennis group if there is enough interest.

**WALKING (3 MILERS)** – The current 3 Miler Group is full and, as it is hoped that an additional group can be formed, names are being collected.

**For further information or to express an interest in any of the above groups  
please contact Lynda Harris on 01565 621058**

**Meetings will be arranged for those interested to decide on day, time and place.**

## 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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