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FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

I wonder how many of you, like me, think of September as a second 'new year'. With many groups taking a break over the summer months I know plans are ready for the coming months. We now have 54 groups serving 627 members.

In order to take advantage of all that we offer it is important that you renew your membership (remaining at £15) and the form for this is on page 3. Non-members can attend the activity groups, with the agreement of the coordinator, for a trial period of perhaps one or two meetings but, to continue with the activity, the £15 must be paid.

In this edition there is information about groups who would welcome new members and the possibility of three new groups (pages 5 and 6). Margaret has some interesting theatre visits on offer (pages 2 and 3) and even making one available to non-members as it is Christmas.

I would also like to draw your attention to an urgent plea about speakers which is on page 4. As I say there, this is one of the successes of our U3A and I am sure you would wish that to continue.

Enjoy your U3A.

BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS WITH A FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15TH 2015

Join us on what for many will be a nostalgic visit to the Illuminations at Blackpool. For those of us who grew up in the North West, the annual visit to Blackpool to see "the lights" signalled the start of autumn and the nights were drawing in. A true highlight on the calendar.

The coach will leave Knutsford Bus station at 4.30 pm, arriving at around 6 pm at the Seafarer Restaurant, Lytham St Annes for our Fish and Chip supper. This will be fish, chips, peas, bread and butter and tea or coffee.

Then on to Blackpool for a tour of the lights, arriving back at Knutsford at about 11 p.m. A late night, but well worth it!

The cost of the visit will be £16 pp, which includes coach fare and the supper.

Cheques made payable to Knutsford U3A, together with a booking form, should be sent to Evelyn Brown, 11 Northfields, Knutsford WA16 8JN. Tel. 01565 653684.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

AUTUMN 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

We have four events on offer between now and Christmas and I hope some (lots?!) of you will want to come to more than one.

As we realise that this could be quite expensive we do not pay in cheques until the date given as the final booking date.

'ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE'

By Henrik Ibsen

Wednesday, 21st October, 7.30 pm

Octagon Theatre, Bolton

Cost, including travel, £28.00

Coach leaves Bus Station 5.45 pm

(Please note change of date, from 28th October, to avoid half term!)

A compelling and gripping play, set in Norway, where the local doctor makes the discovery that the water supply, on which the town's prosperity depends, is contaminated. He risks destroying his, and his family's, future in his resolve to stand up for the truth against those in power.

Adapted by Arthur Miller together with David Thacker, who directs this production, as he did 'A View From the Bridge', which we enjoyed earlier this year.

Tickets for this event have to be purchased by September 18th.

'THE WINTER'S TALE'

By W. Shakespeare

Wednesday, 4th November, 7.30 pm

The New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-u-Lyme

Cost, including travel, £27.00

Coach will leave bus station at 6 pm

New Vic favourites Northern BroadSides, with their charismatic cast of actor-musicians, return with Shakespeare's rich, romantic fable of jealousy, love and redemption. 'From the dark court of a jealous King, to the bright sunshine of a rustic musical festival, it will warm your hearts and lift your spirits'.

Tickets for this event have to be purchased by October 9th.

MATTHEW BOURNE'S 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'

Music by Tchaikovsky

**Thursday, 26th November, 2.30 pm
The Lowry Theatre, Salford**

**Cost, including travel, £39.00
Coach will leave bus station at 12.30 pm**

A ballet not to be missed! A dazzling production of a gothic romance, that has smashed box office records across the UK since its premiere.

'Unforgettable. An eye-popping delight' – The Observer

Tickets for this event have to be purchased by 9th October. Most of the seats are front circle, but I have also booked half a dozen stalls in case anyone would prefer that.

**'THE SOUND OF MUSIC'
by Rodgers and Hammerstein**

**Saturday, 19th December, 2.30 pm
The Lowry Theatre, Salford**

**Cost, including travel, £45.00
Coach will leave Bus Station at 12.30 pm**

A wonderfully lavish new staging of one of the most popular musicals of all time, this is The Lowry's big Christmas production for 2015. I have booked a matinee performance in the hope that some of you might like to bring grandchildren, as well as friends or family. The seats are all front, central circle seats.

Tickets for this event have to be purchased by 5th December

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – September 2015 to 2016 – DUE NOW

To renew your subscription please use the renewal form below and send it, with your cheque for £15 per member and a stamped addressed envelope for your membership card(s) to our Membership Secretary: **Veronica Gordon at 38 Carlisle Close, Mobberley, Knutsford WA16 7HD.**

If you prefer, you can renew in person at the meeting on 10th September **but it would be a great help if you would complete the form below and your cheque before you get to Veronica's table.** This would speed the process and reduce congestion in the church.

Membership Renewal: 2015/2016

Please find enclosed my cheque (payable to Knutsford U3A) for: 1-2 (Select as applicable) members @ £15 each - £ together with a SAE for my/our membership card(s)

Name(s)

Address

..... Postcode Telephone

Email address(es)

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

10 th September	Dave Thomas – Anderton Boat Lift
8 th October	Lady Mary Mallick - Randolph Caldecott: Children's Illustrator Extraordinary
12 th November	Delia Corrie – The Voices of Women in Wartime

URGENT

SPEAKERS

One of the great successes of our U3A has been the speakers we have had at our monthly meetings and we are grateful to the Speakers' Coordinators over the years for organising such good programmes.

With Pauline Hales having relinquished the role in May we need to look to the future. The Committee has decided to form a sub-committee for this purpose and is looking for a few volunteers from our 627 members to work with a member of the Committee to organise the bookings for 2016.

The programme for the next few months is in place and Pauline has left a number of excellent contacts for the future and this gives the new committee a good start.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP?

If we had a sub-committee of about six, the work and commitment involved would not be onerous as the research and contacting would be shared and could be fitted around your existing commitments easily. Nor would you need to suggest possible speakers yourself, although your ideas would, of course, always be welcome.

**If you would like to volunteer or would like more information
please do not hesitate to contact me – either on an email reply to this newsletter or on 01565 621058.**

U3A - NORTH WEST REGION

This group issues its own Newsletter which can be found on their website and you can find a link to this on our own website. It contains information about other U3As in the region as well as opportunities to attend study days and workshops, which we do not cover in our U3A, and special events in the region.

One of these special events is a Royal Indoor Garden Party to celebrate the Queen's reign to which the North West U3As are invited. All the details can be found on that website

NEWS FROM GROUPS

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE

For members who would like to learn to play bridge, I will again be running this course for absolute beginners this coming winter. The course will start in October and run for 12 sessions. Numbers are limited to about 10, so contact me, George Tyror, early on 01565 633057 if you are at all interested.

CHINESE

A small group has now been set up to learn some elementary Chinese and to find out about life in China. The tutor, Robin Ody, has lived and worked extensively in China and has a lot of interesting information to impart alongside the teaching. If you are interested in joining us please contact Sue Allan on 01565 632904.

FILM AT THE CURZON

This group gives members an opportunity to share a cinema experience one or two afternoons a month. The choice of films is made by the group and there is an opportunity for a discussion/chat, with a coffee, afterwards. Please contact Evelyn Brown on 01565 653684.

FRENCH TO GET BY

FTGB is aimed at those who wish to brush up their everyday French as well as those who have little or no previous knowledge of the language.

The initial meeting of those interested established that they would like to work on modular units, rather than take a grammatical approach, learning and practising vocabulary for particular situations. Most of these would, of course, occur whilst on holiday or travelling in France.

The areas of study will be chosen by the group members and they have indicated that they would like to use a textbook to aid the memory. I have decided to use Usborne's French for Beginners, a book aimed at children but which suits the aims of the class. A more structured, grammatical approach may come later, if requested.

Meetings will be weekly, on a Thursday, from 10 – 11 or 11.30 in Gusto restaurant in King Street and the start date is 17th September. If you are interested please contact Barbara Brady on 01565 653764.

LOCAL HISTORY

Thursday 24 September 2015 – Talk by Judy Popley “The secrets of a Cheshire Parish – High Legh”

Thursday 22 October 2015 – Members’ meeting “Knutsford Miscellany”

Thursday 26 November 2015 – Talk by Sarah Webb “Meriel Leicester”

Contact: Jean Ellis

MUSIC

"Music in the Afternoon" with students from Chetham's School of Music Thursday 17th September at 2.30 pm at Knutsford Methodist Church.

Tickets are £5 and will be on sale 10th September after the General Meeting. It would be helpful if tickets could be purchased before the concert to avoid congestion at the church entrance and in the aisle. Please contact Susan Hopkin on 01565 651839

POETRY

U3A – POETRY PLEASE! New Members required. Join us on a Tuesday afternoon to enjoy the pleasure of reading poetry. We meet monthly at Royce Court, choose a different poet each time and bring along one or two of their poems. We then read out, or listen to, any other poems we have enjoyed.

We are a warm, friendly group and you would be made most welcome. Contact Veronica Gordon on 01565 873762.

SCRABBLE

The Scrabble group continues to be made very welcome in the Library on Friday afternoons, with tea and biscuits provided for a fee of £1. We have plenty of room for an extra table and would welcome some new players.

TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis is great fun – it is aerobic but low impact. We play every Monday from 10 until 12 at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane. All standards are welcome and bats are supplied. Contact Andrew Poole on 01565 733332.

TAI CHI

The two Tai Chi groups have merged and we now have just one session per week - at the Knutsford Sports Club on Mereheath Lane, on Thursday afternoons from 4 pm to 5 pm.

We do have spaces for one or two new members so, if you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact Yvonne Baker on 01565 651204 or Evelyn Flett on 01565 653048

WALKING GROUP 6 – 3 MILERS

This new 3 – mile group will be walking on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting on Thursday 17th September with a circular walk from Bucklow Hill. The group will meet at Mobberley Road layby at 10 am. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Lynda Harris (temporary coordinator) on 01565 621058

POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS

It has been suggested that the following are added to our list of Group Activities:

DISCUSSION – A group that would give opportunities to share views of a wide range of topics.

SPANISH – The second Spanish group, who have advance somewhat from being beginners, is now full and we are delighted that Tricia Pepper has offered to set up our third Spanish group. This one will again be for beginners.

UKULELE – This activity is very popular in a number of U3As and our U3A could be a new recruit. Does anyone know of someone who could teach it?

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

ACTIVITY GROUPS

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

Antiques

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

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

Art Appreciation 2

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

Book Group 1

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

Book Group 2

Monthly on Thursday 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 10
Co-ordinator: Pauline Hales
Tel 01565 650214

Book Group 5

3rd Thursday of each month at 10 - 12
Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 653684

Bridge

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

Bridge – Beginners

Alternate Wednesday at 10 -12 at
Coordinator's home
Co-ordinator: George Tyror
Tel:01565 633057

Calligraphy

Alternate Tuesdays 2 – 3.30 or
Alternate Wednesdays 7 – 8.30
Coordinator: Angela Eccles
Tel: 01625 861314

Chinese

Two meetings a month on Mondays
from 10.30 - 12
Co-ordinator: Sue Allan
Tel: 01565 632904

Computer Group

Weekly on Tuesdays at 2 Autumn and
Spring terms Toft Cricket Club
Co-ordinator: Robert Watson
Tel: 01565 633147

Computer Tablets

3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm
in members' houses
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

Short course each Friday 10 – 12
Co-ordinator: John Coffey
Tel: 01565 650214

Drawing and Painting

Each Monday between 10 – 12 at Toft
Church rooms
Co-ordinator: Jill Board
Tel: 01565 652940

Dining Out

Monthly at mutually agreed restaurant
Co-ordinator: Jenny Saint
Tel: 01565 651822

Film at the Curzon

One or two afternoons a month
Co-ordinator: Evelyn Brown
Tel: 01565 653684

French [Intermediate]

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

French to Get By

Each Thursday 10 – 11.30 in Gusto,
King Street
Co-ordinator: Barbara Brady
Tel: 01565 653764

Family History

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

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

3rd Monday of each month upstairs at
The Angel 7:30 – 9.30
Co-ordinator: David Skinner
Tel: 01565 632483

German

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

Knitting

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

Local History

4th Thursday of each month 10.30 – 12
at St Vincents Church
Co-ordinator: Jean Ellis
Tel: 01565 651222

Mah Jong

2nd and 4th Friday each month at
10:00 at Plumley Village Hall
Co-ordinator: Marjorie Aston
Tel: 0161 929 8044

Music Appreciation

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

Needlecraft

3rd Thursday of each month 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

3rd Wednesday each month 10:30 – 12
Room 5, Methodist Church
Contact Shirley Dignam
Tel: 01565 652958

Pilates

Each Tuesday 9.30 – 10.30 at the Civic Centre.
Co-Ordinators: Yvonne Yates Tel: 01925 752689 and Sue Stinchcombe 01565 621322

Play Reading

Last Friday each month at 10 – 12 in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Peter Willgoose
Tel: 01565 631255

Poetry Reading

1st Tuesday each month at 2 pm at Royce Court
Co-ordinator: Veronica Gordon
Tel: 01565 873762

Scientific Book Group

3rd Thursday each month at 2.30
Co-ordinator: Christine Falder
Tel: 01565 654721

Scrabble

Friday each week at 2 in Library
Co-ordinator: Avril Slade
Tel: 01565 633997

Seasonal Cookery

4th Tuesday each month 10 – 12
Co-ordinator: Anne Rowland
Tel: 01625 860290

Spanish

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

Spanish Group 2

Each Tuesday 10:30 – 11.30 at the Jubilee Hall
Co-ordinator: Graham Rigg
Tel: 01565 650103

Table Tennis

Each Monday from 10 – 12 at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane
Co-Ordinator: Andrew Poole
Tel: 01565 733332

Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Weekly on Thursdays at 4 – 5 at Knutsford Sports Club on Mereheath Lane
Coordinators: Evelyn Flett
Tel: 01565 653048 Yvonne Baker
Tel: 01565 651204

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

3rd Wednesday each month 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 lay-by on Mobberley Road
Co-ordinator: Sheila Fitches
Tel: 01565 633076

Walking Group 6 – Three Milers

Walks on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at 10 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road
Co-ordinator: Lynda Harris (temporary)
Tel 01565 621058

Wine Tasting 1

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

Wine Tasting 2

1st Wednesday each month at 7.30 St Cross Church
Co-ordinator: Dianne Nott
Tel: 07860 272754

Writing for Pleasure

3rd Wednesday each month at 10 in members' homes
Co-ordinator: Michael Goldman
Tel: 01565 651717

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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