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FROM THE CHAIR – Lynda Harris

Members who have joined in December and January are invited to join members of the Committee for Tea or Coffee after the February the speaker. A special table will be allocated.

As usual this edition contains some important and useful information about our U3A and is well worth reading.

This is the last edition of Kanuta that I will be producing. I have thoroughly enjoyed putting this together for the last four years but it is now time for a change. I am very pleased to say that Tricia Pepper has agreed to take over and she can be contacted in the same way – newsletter.knutsfordu3a@gmail.com. I wish her every success.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Any organisation needs to renew its personnel once in a while to bring in new talent and ideas while, at the same time, keeping some to ensure continuity. Our U3A is no different.

Our 56 groups continue to thrive despite the fact that six have experienced a change in coordinator within the last year. In each case a replacement was found from within the group and this is how it should work. Problems arise when the number of people available shrinks or their circumstances change. There is an inevitability about this with an organisation which is designed for people in their third age.

This applies to the Committee too. Currently we have eight members supporting a membership of 650 but, of those, two are ending their term of office in May and two have had to reduce their involvement for the time being.

We are, therefore, in real need of new personnel on the Committee.

We appreciate that members are busy people with other interests and activities. We also realise that one reason why people do not offer themselves forward is the fear of not knowing what they are letting themselves in for! To help with this and to explain what the Committee does, we have put together a set of Job Descriptions and these have been posted on our website.

Can you help?

Any member of the current committee would be very happy to give you more information or answer any questions you may have. A list of all their telephone numbers is on page 4.

Like you, we think the U3A is a great organisation and Knutsford U3A is pretty good too!! We want it to stay that way. Please help us to achieve this because we would not want to curtail our activities.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

AUTUMN 2015



BOOKING

PLEASE use a **separate booking form** 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

**These three productions all need to be booked and paid for
by February 19th please**

'COSI FAN TUTTE' - Mozart's popular opera

Tuesday, 15th March, 7 pm
Royal Northern College of Music

Cost £34.00 each, including transport
Coach departs 5.45 pm

This needs no introduction from me, except to say, that if you haven't been to a College opera before, I think you will be impressed by the high standard of the production – and by the very good value it offers!

SPECTACULAR CLASSICS

Saturday, 9th April, 7.30 pm
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Cost £38.00 each, including transport
Coach departs 6 pm

A selection of some of the most popular classical pieces. The programme is widely advertised in the Culture section of weekend newspapers, but it includes Ravel; Puccini; Verdi; Copland etc. and will conclude with the 1812 overture complete with canon, laser lights and indoor fireworks! Performed by Manchester Concert Orchestra, with soprano and tenor soloists.

THE 39 STEPS

Friday, 15th April 7.30 pm
Lyceum Theatre, Crewe

Cost £33.00 each, including transport
Coach departs 5.45 pm

Alfred Hitchcock's classic spy thriller, recreated as an inventive and joyous comedy, with just four actors playing 139 parts, providing fast paced fun and thrilling action. After nine successful years in the West End, the production is now on a national tour. Described by The Telegraph as 'dizzily entertaining', this should make for a fun evening!

NEWS FROM GROUPS

ANTIQUES

You do not need to be an expert to join the Antiques Group – just have a liking for interesting old things! We meet on the second Thursday of the month from 10.30 to 12 noon in room 5 at the Methodist Church. At most meetings we have a “theme” and bring items to look at and discuss but on Thursday 11th February, we will have a presentation on Oriental Antiques by Rachel Houston-Holland of Wright Marshall. You are welcome to join us just for this or to become a member of the Group. For further information please contact Tessa Gurney on 01477 533076.

CANASTA

This is a card game from the Rummy family. It is easy to learn and extremely exciting but its strategy is sufficiently complex to interest serious card players. This new group meets each Thursday in the Library between 10 and 12. For further information please contact Andrew Poole on 01565 733332

LOCAL HISTORY

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Thursday 25th February 2016 – Visit to Lion Salt Works

Thursday 24th March 2016 – Members’ Meeting

Thursday 28th April 2016 – Elizabeth Morris – Knutsford Workhouse and Prison

Contact: Jean Ellis 01565 651222

***** URGENTLY REQUIRED *****

Due to a change in circumstances Ann Taylor is unable to continue her role of organising the refreshments at our monthly meetings. If we are to continue with this we need a replacement urgently. The following gives you an idea of what is required.

REFRESHMENTS’ COORDINATOR

1. Collect the names of those willing to help and draw up a rota.
2. Purchase tea, milk, coffee and biscuits as required.
3. On the day of the meeting, arrive by 1.45 pm and set out what is required in the kitchen and be ready to attend the meeting at 2.15 pm. All tea making facilities plus a dishwasher are available.
4. Leave the meeting, with helpers, to brew the tea as questions begin.
5. Serve tea, coffee and biscuits – usually to around 50 – 70 people.
6. Load dishwasher, put tea pots away and clear the kitchen, finishing at approximately 3.55 pm

If you would be willing to take on this role or would like further information please contact Lynda Harris on 01565 621058 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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| 11 th February | Mike Leddra – Facing the Abyss: Two Battles for Britain (a comparison of the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588 with the Battle of Britain in 1940) |
| 10 th March | Alan Partridge – local Antiques expert and auctioneer and television presenter. His recording commitments may result in him having to cancel but we are keeping our fingers crossed. |
| 14 th April | Neil Smith – Musician and storyteller – Have Guitar will Travel |

GASKELL HOUSE AND ORDSALL HALL

The popularity and success of past Outings was surpassed by the massive response to the proposed visit to Gaskell House and Ordsall Hall.

With the maximum number of 40 being reached very quickly and a waiting list of 80, **Carole has organised a second visit for Tuesday 22nd March**. Priority for this booking will go to those already on the waiting list which could still leave many disappointed.

We are therefore keeping the waiting list open and, if the demand is still there, we will arrange a third visit in early June or in the autumn. If you wish your name to be added to this list would you please contact Lynda Harris on 01565 621058 or email info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk Details of the Outing are below.

On arrival at 84, Plymouth Grove where Elizabeth Gaskell lived and which has been beautifully restored with spectacular period rooms and a garden we will have tea/coffee and biscuits followed by a guided tour.

Then on to Ordsall Hall, Salford's Grade 1 listed Manor House which is now a Heritage Site surrounded by landscaped gardens. It has undergone a £6.5 million restoration project. On arrival we will have a light lunch of sandwiches, salad, crisps and cake, with tea/coffee, followed by a guided tour of the building.

The cost of this outing is £24pp, and includes coach travel, morning coffee/tea, lunch and tours of both venues The coach will leave Knutsford Bus station at 9.30 am and we should be back in Knutsford by 4.

Only names are being collected at the moment - no money

KNUTSFORD U3A COMMITTEE FOR 2015/2016

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| Lynda Harris | Chair | 01565 621058 |
| John Funnell | Treasurer | 01477 534081 |
| David Denne | Deputy Treasurer | 01565 633441 |
| Veronica Gordon | Membership Secretary | 01565 873762 |
| Christine Jones (co-opted) | Groups' Support | 01565 633435 |
| Mavis Norden | Speakers' Coordinator | 01565 640980 |
| Patricia Pepper | Newsletter Editor and Publicity | 07719441612 |
| Ann Taylor | | 01565 651252 |

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: 01625 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

Canasta

Each Thursday 10 – 12 at the library
Co-ordinator: Andrew Poole
Tel: 01565 733332

Chinese

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

Computer Group

Alternate Tuesdays at 3 Autumn and
Spring terms
Co-ordinator: Robert Watson
Tel: 01565 633147

Computer Tablets

3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm
at 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
Co-ordinator: Petra Pickup
Tel: 01625 861278

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

Family History

2nd Friday of each month at 2 in Room
4, The Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: Christine Jones
Tel: 01565 633435

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 at
Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: Barbara Brady
Tel: 01565 653764

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 9.15 – 10.15 at the Jubilee Hall.
Co-Ordinators: Yvonne Yates Tel: 01925 752689 and Sue Stinchcombe
Tel: 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: : Gill Warboys Tel: 01565 651858 and Bob Bateman Tel: 01565 652905

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 Advanced

Each Tuesday, 10 – 11 at the Methodist Church.
Co-ordinator: Eileen Denne
Tel: 01565 633441

Spanish Intermediate

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

Spanish Beginners

1st and 3rd Fridays at 2
Co-ordinator: Tricia Pepper
Tel: 077719441612

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: Mike Cooper
Tel: 01565651737

Walking Group 5 – 5 K

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 Too

Walks on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at 10 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road
Contacts: Gill Warboys Tel: 01565 651858 and Avril Reynolds Tel: 01565 632541

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 and District U3A
- Send a stamped, addressed envelope if you want your reservation confirm.

You will be contacted 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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