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FROM THE CHAIR

Even in July and August, our U3A has plenty of activities going on, and of course there are other things to do in summer as well! I hope you will have a lovely summer- so far it seems to be either days of gloomy skies and chilly rain, or a heatwave, with not much in between!

Looking ahead to September already, this will be the month when our membership renewals are due, so please use the form at the end of this Kanuta to renew your membership. Our annual subscription is still only £15, pretty good value these days. Our September 14th Members Meeting will be for the process of renewal (you can also do it by post), and also a chance to find out more about a variety of our Activity Groups, from the people involved. Prompt renewal of subscriptions will greatly reduce the administrative burden on our Membership Secretary.

In the last Kanuta (May) there was some information about possible new groups being set up. I'm happy to let you know that 5 new groups are up and running- Architecture, Cycling, Gardening, Italian for Beginners (a very small group) and Walking Football. You will find the full updated list of Activity Groups in this edition of Kanuta. I would like to thank all the Co-ordinators and their helpers for the work they do in running the groups. If you are interested in knowing more about any of the groups, you can phone the Co-ordinator, and look on our website and click on to a group for more information.

Hoping for plenty of sunshine, but not too much heat,

Christine Jones, Chair

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

**Knutsford Methodist Church
Second Thursday of every month starting 2.15pm**

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN AUGUST

September 14th

Subscription Renewal Day

There will be no Speaker at this meeting, but an opportunity to renew your annual subscriptions.

We will be having tables in the main church for the Activity Groups so that members (and the public) can have a chance to find out more about what the different groups do.

October 12th

Speaker: Jason Haine from the RHS

'Plant Explorers - they gave their lives for your garden'

A talk about the intrepid Victorian explorers and the plants they brought home to Britain.

November 9th

Speaker: Lorraine Mayfield

'The Science of Heraldry'

Lorraine has been a tour guide at Chatsworth House for twenty years and will give an illustrated talk on this topic with reference to her work at one of our best known stately homes.

U3A Conference and AGM 2017

We have received information from the Third Age Trust that places are still available for the Conference and AGM 2017 to be held in Nottingham from 29-31 August 2017.

The event comprises official business as well as various speakers and a choice of workshops to attend.

If anyone would like further information regarding this event please look on the Third Age Trust website or contact Sue Allan on 01565 632904 for further details.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

Autumn/Winter 2017



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.

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'OUR TOWN'

An American Classic by Thornton Wilder
Directed by Sarah Frankcom

Tuesday, October 3rd, 7.30 pm (N.B. Change of date from original notice).

Royal Exchange Theatre Manchester

Cost, including transport, £ 39.00

Coach departs 6 pm

'Our Town' has remained popular since its American debut in 1938 when it won the Pulitzer Prize for drama. It tells the story of everyday citizens in a small New Hampshire town as both trivial and deeply profound events unfold between 1901 and 1913. A good, strong drama! I am sure the exchange will do it well.

I have to pay for the tickets at the beginning of August, so please let me have your cheques quickly.

A CHOICE OF PLAYS AT THEATRE CLWYD

Saturday Matinee, October 14th

Coach departs 11.15 am

Either:- 'UNCLE VANYA' by Anton Chekov. Ticket and transport £ 25.00. 2.45pm

Or:- 'THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE'. Ticket and transport £ 29.00 . 2.30pm

As usual, we will depart early to give you plenty of time to have lunch at the theatre or at the Glasfryn pub before the show.

In the smaller theatre you can see Chekov's 'Uncle Vanya'. A new version of the poignant comedy, produced in association with Sheffield Theatres.

Or, in the larger theatre, the award winning musical comedy 'Rise and Fall of Little Voice'. Set in a northern town in the 1980s, Little Voice hides in her room with her favourite records. She has a singing voice which could make millions – but has she the courage to come out and sing?

OPERA NORTH AT THE LOWRY

'PAGLIACCI' & 'CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA'

'An iconic Italian Double Bill, fuelled by fatal passion and filled with gorgeously lyrical melodies'

Wednesday, 15th November, 7.15 pm
The Lowry Theatre, Salford

Cost, including transport, £ 47.00
Coach departs 5.30 pm

Apologies for the price, but good Opera is expensive!

'HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'

Saturday, 2nd December, 7.30 pm
Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Cost, including travel, £30 .00
Coach departs, 6 pm.

I don't think Handel's 'Messiah' needs any introduction from me! This annual performance is one of the great Halle traditions. The Halle Orchestra, The Halle Choir and a top line of soloists will do it full justice. An uplifting evening for sure!

All tickets will be on sale at the monthly meeting on Thursday, September 14th or please send your order forms, with cheques made payable to Knutsford U3A, to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. Tel. 01565 872643.

OUTINGS

VISIT TO BIRMINGHAM

Wednesday 6th September 2017

We will leave Knutsford Bus Station at 7.45. This unusually early start will give us the best chance of arriving in Birmingham in good time, after a comfort break near to the city.

Our first destination is the Museum of the Jewellery Quarter where we will have refreshments and a guided tour of this remarkable museum which reveals the City's jewellery and metalworking heritage and includes demonstrations of traditional jewellery making. Our coach then takes us to the Gas Street Canal Basin where we will have lunch. This could be in one of the many eateries in the area (details will be provided on the day) or you could provide your own picnic.

In the early afternoon we board our special chartered narrow boat for an hour long cruise along the City Heritage Route of canals. It covers the Oozells Street and Icknield Port loops of the original James Brindley Canal, a section of

the Sir Thomas Telford's Main Line and the area around the National Indoor Arena and the International Convention Centre before going through the Worcester Bar at Gas Street Basin and turning to disembark at the ICC.

Our coach will meet us at the end of the tour and we aim to leave at 4.00 pm, again stopping outside the City for a comfort break. We should be back in Knutsford by 6.00 pm.

The cost is £30 and this includes the coach travel, the guided tour, a guide book and refreshments at the Museum and the guided tour on the narrow boat. Lunch is not included. We are restricted in numbers for the Museum and Narrowboat but have spare capacity on the coach if anyone would like 'to do their own thing' in Birmingham for £15 per person.

To book please send the completed booking form (see last page) and a cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A for £30 or £15 per person to Lynda Harris, 10 Lindop Close, Knutsford, WA16 8AY. Tel 01565 621058.

Please write the name of the visit you have booked on the back of your cheque. If you choose to send a stamped, addressed envelope, we will confirm your reservation, otherwise you will only hear from us if your booking was NOT successful.

A FULL DAY'S VISIT TO TWO INTERESTING MUSEUMS

Monday, October 9th

We will depart from the Bus Station at 9.00 am and the cost for the whole day, including museum tours, your lunch and transport is £24.00

In the morning we are visiting The People's History Museum in Spinningfields, Manchester where we will have a guided tour and then our lunch. After lunch we go to The Jewish Museum in Cheetham Hill.

The People's History Museum defines itself as the National Museum of Democracy. First opening in Manchester in 1980s, it received significant funding and reopened in its new modern building in 2010. It holds the largest collection of political material in Britain and a hugely varied range of objects. The core of the collection covers the fight for the vote from the early 19th century through to the suffragettes and the lowering of the age range for the vote to 18 in 1969. They have a collection of political banners which is the largest in the world and a huge collection of political posters and more!

In the afternoon we have a much requested repeat visit to the Jewish Museum, which occupies a former large Spanish Synagogue on Cheetham Hill – a Grade II listed building. After the synagogue closed due to the migration of people away from the area it re-opened as a museum in 1984, telling the story of the history of Jewish settlement in Manchester and its community over the last 200 years. We will have an introductory talk before viewing the Museum's fascinating collection.

We should return to the bus station by 4.30 pm.

Please send a completed booking form, with your cheque made out to Knutsford U3A, to Mrs Fran Cogger, 71 Parkgate, Knutsford, WA16 8HF. Tel. 01565 228503

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, December 6th – A free day in Manchester to visit the Christmas Markets and/or do some shopping. Just a small charge for the coach.

Friday, January 12th - 'Guys and Dolls' . Christmas Musical at the Royal Exchange Theatre.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Music Appreciation Group

Meetings take place in Room 5 at the Methodist Church from 1.45 to 3.15 p.m., usually on the third Monday of the month. Dates until Christmas are: 18th September (Humour in Music); 16th October (visiting presenter); 4th December (Christmas music). There will be no meeting in November as the concert by Chetham's students is close to our usual date, and we meet early in December to avoid clashing with Christmas activities. We have room for new members, so you will be welcome to join our friendly group as we listen to a wide range of music and have a cup of tea afterwards.

For more information, please contact Tessa Gurney - 01477 533076.

Music in the Afternoon

Dates for your diary:

Friday 17 November 2017 - The annual visit by students from Chethams.

Tickets on Sale at the September and October General meetings.

Thursday 1 March 2018 - The Eblana String Trio - a dynamic young Chamber Ensemble based in Manchester and performing throughout the UK. More information in the next newsletter. Tickets on sale in January

Play Reading

There is space for a few more members to join the Play Reading Group. We meet on the last Friday of each month starting at 10 00am and sessions usually last for a little over two hours. Group members take turns to hosting the sessions although some are not able to do this. There are some minor costs involved to cover the cost of borrowing copies of each play and also refreshments provided by the host. This works out at about £5 per member each half year irrespective of whether or not they are able to attend each session. A wide variety of plays are read including works by Oscar Wilde, Noel Coward, Terence Rattigan, Alan Ayckbourn, and Richard Harris. No acting skills are needed – and everyone is seated throughout.

Anyone interested in joining should call Peter Willgoose on 01565 631255

German Group

The German Group has room for a few more members. Although we began a few years ago as a beginners' group, we have now progressed to the Intermediate coursebook of the Willkommen series for adult learners, with listening and conversation forming a major part of our activities. If you have a basic knowledge of the language and wish to brush up your German skills, you may like to come and join us. We meet every two weeks on Friday mornings at the Methodist Church Centre.

For further information contact David English, telephone no. 01565 625815.

Walking Football

We are embarking on the next phase of walking football at Egerton Youth Club. The next 6 sessions will be held on 18th July, 1st Aug, 15th Aug, 29th Aug, 12th Sept and 26th Sept and will be supported by Josh Hawkes, our excellent coach from Macclesfield Town.

We currently have 12 members and more would be welcome to maintain the viability of the group. Anyone interested in taking part should call Stuart Allan on 01565 632904.

Tai Chi

The Tai Chi group meets on Thursdays from 4pm to 5pm at the Knutsford Sports Club on Mereheath Lane. With our excellent tutor we practise Qi Gong exercises. These include breathing and meditation exercises to help to reduce stress; and low-impact physical exercises using the muscles of the whole body to improve core strength, balance and flexibility. No previous experience is necessary and no special equipment is required. We have a few spaces at the moment.

If you are interested, please contact Yvonne Baker (01565 651204) or Evelyn Flett (01565 653048).

ACTIVITY GROUPS

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, there is more information about them on our website, and by phoning the Co-ordinator concerned.

Architecture

4th Tuesday afternoons at 3pm,
Heath Room, Council Offices, Toft
Road. Co-ordinator: Trevor Hosking
07950 414490

Art Appreciation 1

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

Art Appreciation 2

1st Tuesday 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 at Toft Cricket Club.
9.10-10am Tuition play.
10-12 Duplicate play.
Co-ordinator: Jenny Saint
Tel: 07703741603

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

Computer Group

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

Crown Green Bowls 1

Summer Meetings each Tuesday at 10
The Railway Inn Mobberley
Co-ordinator: Tony Walker
Tel: 01565 634575

Crown Green Bowls 2

Summer Meetings each Friday 10.30
The Railway Inn, Mobberley
Co-ordinator: Colin Bowman
Tel: 01565 653242

Cycling

Fortnightly morning cycle rides on
Monday and Thursdays at 10am.
Co-ordinator Pat Lee Tel: 07769
877293

Drawing and Painting

Each Monday between 10 – 12 at Toft
Church rooms
Co-ordinator: Jill Board
Tel: 01565 652948

Full, with waiting list of 1

Family and Social History

2nd Friday of each month at 2
Room 4, The Methodist Church
Co-ordinator: Andrea Lord
Tel: 01565 872295

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 652948
***Full with waiting list of 6**

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. Co-ordinators: Jean
Heap Tel: 01565 633661 and Val Homer
Tel: 01565 652282

Gardening

1st Thursday each month at 2.15pm
Co-ordinator: Pam Bolland
Tel: 01925 653391

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

Italian for Beginners

Small group, meeting on self- help
basis.
Co-ordinator: To be confirmed

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 Knutsford Library.
Co-ordinator: Sue Lawson
Tel: 01565 734366

<p>Music Appreciation 3rd Monday of each month from 1.45 – 3.15 in Room 5 at Knutsford Methodist Church. Co-ordinator: Tessa Gurney Tel: 01477 533076</p> <p>Needlecraft 3rd Thursday of each month from 10 – 12 Members' homes Co-ordinator: Judith Shirley Tel: 01565 652448</p> <p>Outings and Visits As arranged – see website for details Contact: Tim Donnelly Tel: 01565 633569</p> <p>Philosophy 3rd Wednesday each month 10:30 – 12 Room 5, Methodist Church Contact: Shirley Dignam Tel: 01565 652958</p> <p>Play Reading Last Friday each month at 10 – 12 in members' homes Co-ordinator: Peter Willgoose Tel: 01565 631255</p> <p>Poetry Reading 1st Tuesday each month at 2 pm at Royce Court Co-ordinator: Veronica Gordon Tel: 01565 873762</p> <p>Scientific Book Group 3rd Thursday each month at 2.30 Co-ordinators: Gill Warboys Tel 01565 651858 and Bob Bateman Tel: 01565 652905</p> <p>Scrabble Friday each week at 2 in Library Co-ordinator: Avril Slade Tel: 01565 633997</p> <p>Seasonal Cookery 4th Tuesday each month 10 –12 Co-ordinator: Anne Rowland Tel: 01625 860290 *Full, with waiting list</p> <p>Social Singing Meet 2nd and 4th Fridays 2-4pm. Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane. Coordinator Michael Goldman Tel: 01565 651717</p>	<p>Spanish Advanced Each Tuesday, 10 – 11 at the Methodist Church. Co-ordinator: Eileen Denne Tel: 01565 633441</p> <p>Spanish Intermediate Each Tuesday 10:30 – 11.30 at the Jubilee Hall Co-ordinator: Graham Rigg Tel: 01565 650103</p> <p>Table Tennis 1 Each Monday from 10 – 12 at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane Co-Ordinator: Andrew Poole Tel: 01565 733332</p> <p>Table Tennis 2 Each Friday from 2-4 at Knutsford Sports Club. Mereheath Lane. Coordinator Andrew Poole. Tel 01565 733332</p> <p>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</p> <p>Theatre and Concert Visits Random meetings dependent upon performances. See Website for full programme details. Co-ordinator: Margaret Hinde Tel: 01565 872643</p> <p>Theatre and Film Discussion 3rd Wednesday each month 3.30 – 5.30 in members' homes. Co-ordinator: Anita Goldman Tel: 01565 651717</p> <p>Walking Football Fortnightly meetings on Tuesdays 2-2.45pm at Egerton Youth Club. Co-ordinator: Stuart Allan Tel: 01565 632904</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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: 01565 651737</p> <p>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</p> <p>Walking Group 6 – Three Milers Too Walks on Thursdays. Meet at 10 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road Contacts: Gill Warboys Tel: 01565 651858 and Avril Reynolds Tel: 01565 632541</p> <p>Wine Tasting 1 2nd Monday each month at 7 at St Vincent's Church Hall. Co-ordinators: Margaret Joscelyne Tel:01565 633147 and John Baldwin Tel: 01565 654285</p> <p>Wine Tasting 2 1st Wednesday each month at 7.30 St Cross Church Contacts: Maurice and Denise Vallois. Tel: 01565 650286 *Full, but with no waiting list at the moment</p> <p>Writing for Pleasure 3rd Wednesday each month at 10 in members' homes Co-ordinator: Michael Goldman Tel: 01565 651717</p>
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BOOKING FORMS FOR THEATRE & MUSIC

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 confirmed
- If you are not making a booking at a General Meeting, 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.

You will be contacted if your booking was NOT successful.

BOOKING FORM – THEATRE AND MUSIC VISITS		
I/We would like to book places for the following event and enclose a cheque for £.....		
Event:		
Date & time:.....		
Name and Address <u>with postcode</u>		
Phone number	e-mail	Phone number in case of emergency
Please send this completed form and cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A to Margaret Hinde, 1 Warford Hall Drive, Great Warford, Alderley Edge, SK9 7TR. Tel. 01565 872643 Cheques should be made out to Knutsford U3A.		

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Booking Forms for Outings

Booking Form - Birmingham		
I/We would like places(s) for the Birmingham visit (coach and tour/coach only) and enclose a cheque for £.....		
Date and Time: Wednesday 6th September, 7.45 am.		
Name and Address <u>with postcode</u>		
Phone No	Email	Emergency phone no
Please send this completed form and cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A to Lynda Harris, 10 Lindop Close, Knutsford, WA16 8AY. Tel: 01565 621058.		

Booking Form – Two Interesting Museums		
I/We would like place(s) for the Museums visit and enclose a cheque for £.....		
Date and Time: Monday 9th October, 9.00 am		
Name and Address <u>with postcode</u>		
Phone No	Email	Emergency phone no
Please send this completed form and cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A to Mrs Fran Cogger, 71 Parkgate, Knutsford, WA16 8HF. Tel 01565 228503		

**KNUTSFORD & DISTRICT U3A
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM : SEPTEMBER 2017**



Subscriptions for 2017/2018 are due on the 1st September 2017

Please fill in this renewal Form and hand it in, with a cheque for £15.00 per member (made payable to **KNUTSFORD U3A**), at the Members' Meeting on 14th September.

OR POST IT to

VERONICA GORDON, 38 CARLISLE CLOSE, MOBBERLEY, KNUTSFORD WA16 7HD
with a stamped addressed envelope for the return of your Membership Card.

Name (s)

Address.....

.....POSTCODE

Any changes to Telephone Number or email address

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