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## FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to winter! What a good job it is we have our U3A activities to take part in and keep us active and involved! I'm sure all members appreciate the effort that many put in to keep our organisation fit and healthy. Some by being Activity Group Co-ordinators and planning team members, some by being part of the technical team or refreshment team, some with individual roles, and some by being members of the Speakers Committee, Outings Committee, or main Committee - a huge thanks to you all.

We would be happy to hear from a member who might like to increase their involvement by joining the very successful Speakers Committee. They meet about 3 times a year to discuss and plan speakers for future Members' Meetings, and then one member contacts the proposed speaker, following them through to greeting them at the Members Meeting when they come. Please give me a ring if this might interest you. This role is rewarding and essential to the effective running of our U3A.

I would be grateful if those of you who have not renewed your subscriptions yet would use the form at the end of this Kanuta to do so. Just to remind you that 31<sup>st</sup> December is the deadline for paying your subscription and if it is not received by that date you will cease to be a member of Knutsford U3A, your name will be removed from the database, you will no longer receive editions of Kanuta and you cannot attend any Activity Groups. Nor will you be covered by any of the U3A insurance policies. If you have decided not to renew your membership please would you inform Veronica so that she can remove you from the list of non-payers. Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

As Christmas trees are appearing already in public places, and people start asking about Christmas plans, I guess I should be wishing you all a very Happy Christmas!!

Christine Jones, Chair

## MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Knutsford Methodist Church  
Second Thursday of every month starting 2.15pm

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Speaker: Geoff Scargill - 'The Last Laugh of the Railway King '  
A look at the life of Sir Edward Watkin 1819-1901**

Sir Edward Watkin MP, who lived and died in Northenden, is a forgotten great man of the nineteenth century. He started to dig a Channel Tunnel, erected an Eiffel Tower in London and led the campaign to provide parks for the people of Manchester. That is just a selection of his amazing schemes!

Geoff Scargill has been our meeting speaker several times. He is a retired Head teacher and Magistrate. His interests are politics, cricket and local history. All proceeds from his talks go to cancer research.

**2018**

**January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Unfortunately our scheduled speaker, Roger Smith, has had to cancel his booking with us.

**David Coggar**, one of our members, has kindly offered to step into the breach and will be speaking at our meeting in January. The title of his talk is:  
**'Two things my teachers never mentioned: Coastal Change and Climate Change'**

**February 8th**

**Speaker: Geoff Holman - "Shakespeare – the Director? "**

Shakespeare's text gives clear clues to actors as to how he wanted a line to be handled, or even how a scene should be paced. This talk will show and discuss how, from 400 years away, Shakespeare can still be the director at your shoulder with helpful advice.

Geoff Holman started his working life as a biochemist in medical research and spent most of his career working for ICI Pharmaceuticals (now AstraZeneca). In parallel with this he did a lot of directing and acting at the Garrick Theatre in Altrincham. He took early retirement to study for an MA in Contemporary Theatre Practice, specialising in the 20th century production and teaching of Shakespeare. He then undertook training in acting at Birmingham School of Speech and Drama.

He has been asked to talk about the actor's approach to Shakespeare's text on numerous occasions, in particular by the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.

# THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

Winter/Spring 2018



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

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## 'JANE EYRE'

Adapted from the novel by Charlotte Bronte

**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2 pm**  
**The Octagon Theatre, Bolton**

**Cost, including transport, £26.00**  
**Coach departs 12 noon**

This is a new stage adaptation of the Bronte favourite, billed as a 'passionate and dramatic retelling!' The theatre assures me it will be a 'traditional' production.

Please book before Christmas if you can. I have booked a matinee performance, hopefully to make the journey easier!

## 'BRIEF ENCOUNTER'

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 7.30 pm**  
**The Lowry Theatre, Salford**

**Cost, including transport, £ 40.00**  
**Coach departs 6 pm**

Another popular favourite! Noel Coward's 'Brief Encounter' is remembered as one of the most haunting love stories. The award winning Kneehigh Theatre Company, renowned for their wit and musicality, have staged this production. *'The company that has put the soul back into storytelling in the theatre' (the Guardian)*.

Again, please book before Christmas, if you can.

## 'VOTES FOR WOMEN'

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, 7.30 pm**  
**The New Vic theatre, Stoke**

**Cost, including transport, £28.00**  
**Coach departs 6 pm**

This is appropriate timing for 2018, the centenary of womens' suffrage! It is a new production, by the Old Vic, of a play written in 1907 by Elizabeth Robins, who was herself a suffragette. This has had several professional productions in recent years, including a BBC recording in 2013. It attempts to throw light on the thoughts and actions of women in the early twentieth century.

The above productions will be on sale at the Monthly Members' meetings in December and January, or they can be booked by sending a cheque using the booking forms at the end of this Kanuta.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**DIRECT FROM THE WEST END!**

**Juliet Stevenson and Lia Williams in**

**‘MARY STUART’ - Two queens. One in Power. One in Prison.**

Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7 pm.

Further details to follows

## **OUTINGS**

### **Visit to the MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

**Wednesday 6th December 2017**

**Depart Knutsford bus station - 10am**

**Cost £6 for return journey only. No refreshments.**

**Leave Manchester to return - 3pm**

Enjoy a day out in the city, free from the stress of driving and parking. The bus will leave us near to The Town Hall and collect us from there at 3pm. The Art Gallery and the Central Museum are close by, together with excellent shopping and restaurants. You may find the nearby Christmas Markets of interest.

**To book a seat on the bus send the completed form and a cheque for £6 per person made out to Knutsford U3A to Barbara Brady at The Paddocks, Chelford Road, Knutsford, WA16 8RD. Tel 01565 653764.**

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**A visit to AVRO HERITAGE MUSEUM at Woodford  
on 23 January 2018**

**followed by a visit to the  
HAT WORKS MUSEUM in Stockport**

**Cost £25.00 to include coffee and a light lunch**

**The coach will leave Knutsford bus station at 9.30 am and get back to Knutsford at approximately 5 pm.**

**We are restricted to 35 for this outing so ‘first come first served’**

**Please book using the Booking Form at end of Kanuta and return it to Tim Donnelly  
Telephone: 01565 633569.**

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### **Visit to CARDIFF** **The home of the Red Dragon**

Among the attractions included are:

- Big Pit Mining Museum
- Cardiff Castle
- Welsh Parliament
- The redeveloped Bay area

You will find out how and why Cardiff grew, became desolate and then re-invented itself into a beautiful thriving city.

Further details to follow soon

## **IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE NEW GROUPS**

### **Tennis**

There is a possibility of starting a U3A Tennis Activity Group at Knutsford Tennis Club, so if you used to play and haven't for a while (or much longer!) or would like to learn for the first time, then this might be of interest to you.

We have a member who is willing to be the Co-ordinator, and coaching can be arranged. The game can be played gently, with less running about and hard hitting than Wimbledon! Any member would be very welcome, whether new to the game or 'rusty'

If you are interested in finding out more, please email Margaret Wilford, Groups Supporter, [keithandmargaretw@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:keithandmargaretw@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Anybody fancy starting /joining a Line Dancing Group?**

Interest has been expressed in a Line Dancing group. As yet we have no Co-ordinator willing to take it on nor an instructor but if you are interested in the possibility of joining/starting up a Line Dancing group please email Margaret Wilford, Groups Supporter - [keithandmargaretw@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:keithandmargaretw@tiscali.co.uk)

## NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

### Social Singing

The Social Singing group is running very well with a good number turning up to each meeting to sing, have fun and enjoy the benefits of filling lungs. We meet in a large hall and so we always have room for more singers. Don't be inhibited – have a go – you are welcome to come along for a taster session. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday afternoons of each month at 2pm at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane. If you would like to join us please contact Michael Goldman on 01565 651717.

### Writing for Pleasure

The writing for Pleasure group meets at 10.00 am on the third Wednesday of each month in members' homes. Each month we write a short story on an agreed topic. We then share our stories with each other when we meet, in a friendly atmosphere. There may be some praise, but no criticism! We currently have room for 2 more members. If you are interested please contact Michael Goldman on 01565 651717.

### Cycling

We are a small group of 10 members who enjoy social cycling with the bonus of 'cake and coffee' midway on our ride. We invite anyone to join us who wishes to get out into the fresh air for a morning, enjoy some relatively gentle exercise and have a friendly chat over refreshments.

On one of our previous rides we enjoyed a sunny morning ride through the lanes beyond the Whipping Stocks to Jodrell Bank where we sampled the refreshments on offer. Other coffee stops we have made on previous outings have also included Goostrey Home & Leisure, Plantation (as was) and the Grasslands cafe.



Here are members of the group having a closer look at the 'Tree of Imagination' in Lower Peover.

We meet twice a month, either on a Monday, or Thursday. The next ride will be Monday 27 November and then 14 December. Please call/text me, Pat Lee, on 07769 877293 for further information.

## 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**

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

### **Art Appreciation 1**

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

### **Art Appreciation 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm  
Co-ordinator: Jennifer Harrison  
Tel: 01565 633578

### **Book Group 1**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month 2 – 4 in  
members' homes  
Co-ordinator: Rosemary Binns  
Tel: 01565 633670  
**\*Full**

### **Book Group 2**

Monthly on Thursday from 10.30 – 12  
in members' homes  
Co-ordinator: Monica Beswick  
Tel: 01565 651515

### **Book Group 3**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 10  
Co-ordinator: Freda Froehlich  
Tel: 01565 633045

### **Book Group 4**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10  
Co-ordinator: Pauline Hales  
Tel: 01565 650214  
**\*Full**

### **Book Group 5**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: Karen  
Crump Tel: 01565 651474 and Val  
Homer Tel: 01565 652282

### **Gardening**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month at 2.15pm  
Co-ordinator: Pam Bolland  
Tel: 01925 753391

### **Geology Group**

3<sup>rd</sup> 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: David Millson  
01565 750758

### **Knitting**

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

### **Local History**

4<sup>th</sup> 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: Jean Johnson  
Tel: 01625 860530

<p><b>Music Appreciation</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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><b>Needlecraft</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10 – 12 Members' homes Co-ordinator: Judith Shirley Tel: 01565 652448</p> <p><b>Outings and Visits</b> As arranged – see website for details Contact: Tim Donnelly Tel: 01565 633569</p> <p><b>Philosophy</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month 10:30 – 12 Room 5, Methodist Church Contact: Shirley Dignam Tel: 01565 652958</p> <p><b>Play Reading</b> Last Friday each month at 10 – 12 in members' homes Co-ordinator: Peter Willgoose Tel: 01565 631255</p> <p><b>Poetry Reading</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month at 2 pm at Royce Court Co-ordinator: Veronica Gordon Tel: 01565 873762</p> <p><b>Scientific Book Group</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at 2.30 Co-ordinators: Gill Warboys Tel 01565 651858 and Bob Bateman Tel: 01565 652905</p> <p><b>Scrabble</b> Friday each week at 2 in Library Co-ordinator: Avril Slade Tel: 01565 633997</p> <p><b>Seasonal Cookery</b> 4th Tuesday each month 10 – 12 Co-ordinator: Anne Rowland Tel: 01625 860290 <b>*Full, with waiting list</b></p> <p><b>Social Singing</b> Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays 2-4pm. Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane. Coordinator Michael Goldman Tel: 01565 651717</p>	<p><b>Spanish Advanced</b> Each Tuesday, 10 – 11 at the Methodist Church. Co-ordinator: Eileen Denne Tel: 01565 633441 <b>*Full</b></p> <p><b>Spanish Intermediate</b> Each Tuesday 10:30 – 11.30 at the Jubilee Hall Co-ordinator: Graham Rigg Tel: 01565 650103</p> <p><b>Table Tennis 1</b> Each Monday from 10 – 12 at Knutsford Sports Club, Mereheath Lane Co-Ordinator: Andrew Poole Tel: 01565 733332</p> <p><b>Table Tennis 2</b> Each Friday from 2-4 at Knutsford Sports Club. Mereheath Lane. Coordinator Andrew Poole. Tel 01565 733332</p> <p><b>Tai Chi/Qi Gong</b> 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><b>Theatre and Concert Visits</b> Random meetings dependent upon performances. See Website for full programme details. Co-ordinator: Margaret Hinde Tel: 01565 872643</p> <p><b>Theatre and Film Discussion</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month 3.30 – 5.30 in members' homes. Co-ordinator: Anita Goldman Tel: 01565 651717</p> <p><b>Walking Football</b> Fortnightly meetings on Tuesdays 2-2.45pm at Egerton Youth Club. Co-ordinator: Stuart Allan Tel: 01565 632904</p> <p><b>Walking Group 1</b> 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><b>Walking Group 2</b> 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><b>Walking Group 3 - Medium Walks</b> 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><b>Walking Group 4 – Three Milers</b> Walks on alternate Monday and Wednesdays. Meet at 9.55 in the lay-by on Mobberley Road Co-ordinator: Mike Cooper Tel: 01565 228931</p> <p><b>Walking Group 5 – 5 K</b> 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><b>Walking Group 6 – Three Milers 2</b> 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><b>Wine Tasting 1</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month on at 7 at St Vincent's Church Hall. Co-ordinators: Margaret Joscelyne Tel: 01565 633147 and John Baldwin Tel: 01565 654285 <b>*Full</b></p> <p><b>Wine Tasting 2</b> 1st Wednesday each month at 7.30 St Cross Church Contacts: Maurice and Denise Vallois. Tel: 01565 650286 <b>*Full</b></p> <p><b>Writing for Pleasure</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<b>BOOKING FORM – THEATRE AND MUSIC VISITS</b>		
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.		

<b>BOOKING FORM – THEATRE AND MUSIC VISITS</b>		
I/We would like to book ..... places for the following event and enclose a cheque for £.....		
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Date & time:.....		
Name and Address <u>with postcode</u>		
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## Booking Forms for Outings

<b>Booking Form - Avro Heritage Museum &amp; the Hat Works Museum – cost £25 per person</b>		
I/We would like ..... places(s) for the Museums visit and enclose a cheque for £.....		
<b>Date and Time: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, bus leaves the bus station at 9.30 am.</b>		
<b>Name and Address <u>with postcode</u></b>		
Phone No	Email	Emergency phone no
<b>Please send this completed form and cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A to Tim Donnelly, 43 Garden Road, Knutsford, WA16 6HT. Tel 01565 633569</b>		

<b>Booking Form – Visit to the Manchester Christmas Markets. Cost £6.00 per person</b>		
I/We would like ..... place(s) for the Manchester Christmas Markets visit and enclose a cheque for £.....		
<b>Date and Time: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: 10.00 am</b>		
<b>Name and Address <u>with postcode</u></b>		
Phone No	Email	Emergency phone no
<b>Please send this completed form and cheque made payable to Knutsford U3A to Barbara Brady, The Paddocks, Chelford Road, Knutsford, WA16 8RD. Tel 01565 653764.</b>		

## FINAL REMINDER

Please be aware that if your membership is not renewed by 31<sup>st</sup> December your name will be removed from the membership list.

Please use the form below to renew your membership if you have not already done so.

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



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

To renew your membership please fill in this renewal form and send it with a cheque for £15.00 per member, £10.00 for Associate Members, made payable to **KNUTSFORD U3A**, to our Membership Secretary :

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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