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FROM THE CHAIR

So, if it's March, it must be Spring? Surely! If it's Spring it won't be long before it's May and the Committee are planning for the next AGM! So you will see below the very advance notice of the AGM with the Agenda and details to follow by e-mail in good time before the day.

Looking back over the winter we have had delightful musical highlights with two Music in the Afternoon concerts. The first, in November, was by students from the Chethams School of Music and the second was the very recent concert by the professional Eblana Trio. I am sure we'd all agree that we are very lucky to have members who have worked hard to bring such musical treasures to Knutsford for us. Many thanks from all of us to Fran and David Cogger for organising the Chethams concert and to Margaret Hinde, Carole English and Margaret Joscelyne for the Eblana Trio concert. There is considerable work involved in organising everything well before the event and on the day!

You'll see much of interest in the following pages, including an opportunity to join the Speakers' Committee. I know the members enjoy this role and it doesn't require a major time commitment. We all appreciate the excellent speakers we've been having at our Members' Meetings. There are many different ways to be involved in helping our U3A to work well so here is one to consider. You can find out more from Carole English.

Enjoy the Spring!

Christine Jones, Chair

Advance Notice of the AGM

Notice is given that the 13th Annual General Meeting of Knutsford and District U3A will be held on Thursday May 10th 2018 at Knutsford Methodist Church starting at 2.15pm. All members are invited to attend the AGM which will be followed by an intriguingly entitled talk from Ron Hutchinson – 'Life through the rear view mirror, chauffeuring the aristocracy'.

The agenda will be sent out by email in advance of the AGM.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Knutsford Methodist Church
Second Thursday of every month starting 2.15pm

- March 8th** **Bernard Loveday will speak on 'Imaging' i.e. Scans and Things!**
Bernard, who spoke to us last year, is a physiologist. His main interest is in the field of cardiovascular disease in all its manifestations.
- April 12th** **John Hardman will speak on 'Marie Antoinette'.**
John Hardman is a historian and leading expert on the French Revolution and the author of several books on the subject. In 2016 he won the Franco-British Literary prize for his biography of Louis XV1.
- May 10th** **Ron Hutchinson will speak on 'Life through the rear-view mirror – chauffeuring the aristocracy'**
This meeting is also the AGM.

SPEAKERS' COMMITTEE

We are a small, friendly committee of six who meet about three times a year to choose and book speakers for the monthly Members' Meetings. The decisions on who we should book are taken by the committee as a whole and we are never short of ideas and suggestions. Speakers come to us mainly by recommendation from other societies and groups. The most sought after speakers are often booked up months or even years ahead so we have to be quick off the mark.

Currently we have booked all the speakers until the end of this year and we are now starting to book speakers for 2019. Making sure we are well ahead is our watchword!

Our meetings are enjoyable and interesting and we all appreciate the support of the group.

Two of our committee members are standing down in April and we are looking to fill these places.

For more information about this very nice U3A 'job' please contact info@knutsfordu3a.co.uk or telephone Carole English on 01565 625815.

Lecture entitled 'A History of Morgan Cars'

Two of our members, Mr & Mrs Ferrier, will be attending the above lecture followed by a dinner at The Hunt House, Paulerspury on Wednesday 18th May. They have 3 spare seats in their car if anyone would be interested in going with them to the lecture and dinner. The cost is £35.00.

Mr & Mrs Ferrier will also be attending a lecture entitled 'The Spitfire and Seafire' at the same venue on Wednesday 14th March and, again, will have 3 spare seats in their car.

If anyone is interested in going to either of these lectures please contact Alan Ferrier on 01565 634761 or 07977 151840 or email him at alan.ferrier7@ntlworld.com for further information.

THEATRE AND MUSIC TRIPS

Spring/Summer 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.

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'PAINT YOUR WAGON'

Friday, May 18th, 7.30 pm
Everyman Theatre, Liverpool

Cost, including transport, £31.00
Coach departs, 5.30 pm

'A sensational, foot-tapping, musical hoedown'

Last year we went to 'Fiddler on the Roof' in this newly rebuilt theatre and I think we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The same production team are staging '**Paint Your Wagon**', which is a recommendation in itself. They say the Wild West music makes you smile and it will be a fun night out, though there are some beautiful and tender moments in it, with well known songs such as *Wandering Star* and *I talk to the Trees*. The story is set in the Gold Rush days in California.

'QUEENS OF THE COAL AGE'

Written by Maxine Peake

Tuesday, July 10th, 7.30 pm
Royal Exchange, Manchester

Cost, including transport, £36.00
Coach departs 6 pm

'A powerful play, full of Northern wit'

A new play, written specially for the Royal Exchange theatre, '**Queens of the Coal Age**' is the true story of four ordinary women, in 1993, facing the closure of the Parkside Colliery pit. They take a tour of the pit and refuse to come up! I am sure the talents of Maxine Peake will make this a dramatic and entertaining evening.

OUTINGS

Jaguar Land Rover tour and visit to Speke Hall - Friday 9th March 2018

To allow for morning traffic we will leave **Knutsford Bus Station at 9.30am** to ensure our 10.00am arrival at the Jaguar Land Rover Plant in Halewood. On arrival we will have tea/coffee while listening to a presentation which includes a Business Overview and Health and Safety information. This will be followed by a tour of the factory which lasts about an hour. You need to be aware that the tour involves walking and standing with no opportunities for a seated rest. Also, for Health and Safety reasons, we are required to dress appropriately i.e. arms and legs fully covered and sensible walking shoes that fully cover the feet. Photography is not allowed in the factory but photographs will be taken for us and we will have digital copies.

After the tour we will have lunch which will comprise soup, a sandwich, fruit and tea/coffee and we will leave Halewood at about 1.15pm to make the short journey to Speke Hall.

We are not having a guided tour of Speke Hall due to the size restrictions of the rooms but there are knowledgeable guides in every room who are always willing to answer questions. It is recommended that you allow an hour to fully explore the Hall and an additional 15 minutes will enable you to see the gardens. These are a restoration of the plan laid out by Richard Watt in 1865 and can be seen from level paths which make a circuit of the South Lawn. We will leave Speke Hall at 3.30pm for our journey back to Knutsford.

Cost: £38 which includes the coach travel, tea/coffee and biscuit on arrival, the guided tour at Halewood (which we, as an education group, are getting at half price) and lunch. Entrance to Speke Hall is free for National Trust members and £10 for non-members.

To book please use the booking form at the end of this edition of Kanuta. **Cost is £38.00 per person for National Trust members and £48.00 per person for non-members.**

Blackpool Grand Theatre and Lytham Hall - Thursday 24th May 2018

Join us for a visit to the northwest coast to see two contrasting venues. **We will leave Knutsford Bus Station at 9.00am** for our journey to Blackpool. We aim to arrive at the Grand Theatre by 10.30am. This theatre was opened in 1894 and the published description declared that "There is no theatre quite like the Grand". Our guided tour of about two hours will aim to prove that but before the tour, which starts at 11.00am we will have tea or coffee. The tour covers the auditorium design and artwork, the history of the theatre and its flamboyant architect, Frank Matcham, and backstage to see the 'working area' of the theatre.

After the tour we will leave the Grand just after 1.00pm to make the short journey to Lytham Hall which is a Grade I listed 18th century Georgian country house in the Palladian style. On arrival our first destination will be lunch, comprising of soup and a roll with tea or coffee, this will be followed by a guided tour of the house. We aim to leave Lytham at 3.30pm for our journey back to Knutsford.

Cost: £30.00 which includes the coach travel, tea/coffee on arrival at the theatre, two guided tours and lunch at Lytham Hall.

To book please use the booking form at the end of this edition of Kanuta . Bookings will also be taken at the Members' Meetings in March and April.

KNUTSFORD COMMUNITY HEART START

The courses run by this organisation are free of charge and cover:

- What to do in a medical emergency
- When to call an ambulance
- What to do in the meantime

The course lasts 2.5 hours and covers:

- Dealing with heart attacks
- Unconscious patients – the recovery position
- Resuscitation (CPR)
- Choking
- Life threatening bleeds
- How to use a defibrillator

This course will help to give you the skills and confidence to handle unexpected medical crises and could prove to be a life saver!

Courses start at 7pm and are held in the Methodist Church Hall. The courses are held monthly, below are dates of the forthcoming courses:

Thursday 5th April

Thursday 3rd May

Thursday 7th June

To reserve place(s) please phone 01565 631324 or book on line at adyrees@yahoo.co.uk. The course co-ordinator is Adrian Rees. If you want to do this course but the dates listed are not suitable for you please phone Adrian for further information.

NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

Garden Group

The recently formed garden group would like to welcome new members. If you enjoy gardening and have an interest in plants, swapping ideas and tips, whether you are a novice or a skilled gardener you will be very welcome.

For further information please phone Pam Bolland on 01925 753391 or 07856 743233 or email pambolland@talktalk.net.

Cycling

The group has continued to cycle despite some pretty inclement weather! On Monday 22nd January four intrepid cyclists set off down the back lanes to Goostrey. The going was quite wet but the weather improved as the morning went on. They stopped at the Homes and Leisure Café for a cuppa and the obligatory cake and then returned along the Middlewich Road. The distance covered was 34km.

On Thursday 8th February the group also cycled out to Arley Hall for tea and cake and returned via Rostherne and Tatton Park.

The group rides twice a month and, with Spring approaching(!) if you would like to join this social cycling group please contact the co-ordinator, Pat Lee, on 07769 877293.

Family & Social History Group

We meet on the second Friday in the month at 2pm in room 4 of the Methodist church. We run a varied programme which mainly deals with looking at the family history of our ancestors. However, this inevitably means that we end up considering the social aspects of our forebears' lives as well, such as where they lived, what they did for a living and what the economic and political conditions were like at the time. It's varied and interesting stuff and new members are very welcome. It is amazing what some of us have found out about our ancestors. So, if you are interested, please just turn up or alternatively you can speak to Allan Jones, the co-ordinator, on 01565 633435.

Possible new Tennis activity group

Following the previous notice that a new tennis group is being planned, some positive responses have been received and some dates have now been arranged for taster sessions. These will be free and anyone is welcome. Whether you haven't played for a while or would like to start come and try it out. Katie Hobbs, one of the coaches at Knutsford Tennis Club will help organise the taster sessions and then discuss with everybody what they want out of future sessions. A few U3A members are already members of the club and are happy to help co-ordinate.

The sessions will be gentle introductions and, most importantly, will be held when the weather has improved and hopefully spring has well and truly sprung! The dates are Monday 16th April and 23rd April at 9.30 am and the sessions will last an hour. Please come along and enjoy the sessions.

If you are interested in finding out more please email Margaret Wilford, Groups Supporter, keithandmargaretw@tiscalis.co.uk

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
Tel: 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

***Full**

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

***Full**

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

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

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 **Group now full.**

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

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

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: David Millson
01565 750758

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: Jean Johnson
Tel: 01625 860530

<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 *Full</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 228931</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 2 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 on at 7 at St Vincent's Church Hall. Co-ordinators: Margaret Joscelyne Tel:01565 633147 and John Baldwin Tel: 01565 654285 *Full</p> <p>Wine Tasting 2 1st Wednesday each month at 7.30 St Cross Church Contacts: Maurice and Denise Vallois. Tel: 01565 650286 *Full</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 – Visit to Jaguar Land Rover and Speke Hall. Cost: £38 Nat Trust Members, £48 non-members		
I/We would like places(s) for the Jaguar Land Rover and Speke Hall visit and enclose a cheque for £.....		
Number of National Trust members: Number of non-members		
Date and Time: Friday 9th March, bus leaves the bus station at 8.30 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 – Blackpool Grand Theatre and Lytham Hall. Cost £30.00 per person		
I/We would like place(s) for the Blackpool Grand Theatre and Lytham Hall visit and enclose a cheque for £.....		
Date and Time: Thursday 24th May Coach leaves Knutsford bus station at 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 Lynda Harris, 10 Lindop Close, Knutsford, WA16 8AY, tel 01565 621058		