



# Sandbach and District U3A Newsletter



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## **February 2015**

### **1. History at Random**

David Cogger has taken a year's absence while he moved house to Knutsford, but is now hoping to put on another "History at Random" course in 2015-16 similar to the one which seemed to go down well in 2013-14.

It would consist of a series of illustrated talks on unrelated historical subjects, including the Great Plague of 1665, the beginning of railways, anniversaries in 2015-6, the towns and routes of North Wales, the Chester to Manchester road and several other topics.

### **2. Day Trip to RAF Museum, Cosford 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 - £7**

Over 70 aircraft of international importance are housed in three wartime hangers within the National Cold War exhibition, which opened in 2007 at a cost of £12.5 million.

See the world's oldest Spitfire and a Lincoln Bomber, just two of the highlights in the Warplanes Collection. In Test Flight, there is the TSR2 and Bristol Type 188 constructed of stainless steel.

The Transport Collection in Hanger 1 includes the Comet 1A and Gnat T1, previously used by the Red Arrows. The engine and missile collections total over 60 and are arguably one of the finest collections in the world.

This is the only place in the UK where you can see Britain's three V bombers: Vulcan, Victor and Valiant.

Please note, some exhibits are outdoors, Refreshments are available or bring your own.

Tickets can be purchased at social mornings and the U3a desk in the library from 9.30am – 11.00am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.  
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Newsletter items should be sent to Alan Butler ([alangbutler@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alangbutler@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 077148 11008) by the end of the third week of each month.

### **3. Sandbach And District U3A Environmental Action Group**



For the past four years, the Environmental Action Group has worked with a number of other environmental organisations within Sandbach to transform Brook Wood into 12 acres of meadow and woodland that is a pleasure to visit. There are good quality trails in the wood which you can access from the roundabout where the Wheelock by-pass joins Old Mill Road, or from Townfields, where there is ample parking.

Brook Wood is a major recreational asset to the town, which was, until work started in 2010, inaccessible, overgrown and used as a dump for rubbish. Sandbach is privileged to have such woodland with such easy reach of the town centre. The Environmental Action Group is justifiably proud of what they have achieved.

Any members wanting more information on Brook Wood or the work of the Environmental Action Group contact the group leader Dick Macaulay on [d.macaulay@talk21.com](mailto:d.macaulay@talk21.com).

### **4. Day Trip to 'Annie' at Llandudno, 22nd July 2015**

Tickets for this show will be available at the March Social morning, Monday 2nd March and also in Sandbach Library on Tuesday 10th March from 9.30am - 11.30am.

After this date any remaining tickets may be purchased by members of other U3A groups or friends and family of our members by contacting Barbara Rogers on 01270 766605. We need to finalise ticket numbers by 30th March.

## **5.Social Golf Group**

Would any keen golfers please note that the above group has vacancies for more members.

The group meet on the first and third Wednesday afternoons of each month at Malkins Bank Golf Club. For further details please contact - Jeff Diggle on [Jeff.diggle@btinternet.com](mailto:Jeff.diggle@btinternet.com).

## **6. Day Trip to Black Country Living Museum 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - £18.50**

A 26 acre open-air living museum, costumed staff bring the museum alive with stories of a special time and place in history, and give you a truly authentic experience that will stay with you forever.

Step back in time at the canal side village, where you can indulge in traditional tastes of the past in the baker's, sweet shop and at the 1930s fish and chip shop.

Pay a visit to the chemist and learn about the strange ingredients used to treat all manner of complaints and ailments or Quench your thirst in the Bottle and Glass Inn.

Descend on foot into the underground drift mine and learn how coal was mined in the Black Country in the mid-nineteenth century.

Transport is also represented in a range of narrow boats including President, the world's only working steam narrow boat also motor vehicles and motor cycles of the day. These are just some of the attractions available.

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## **7. Birmingham Military Tattoo - Sunday 29th November 2015**

So far, the interest that has been shown for the proposed trip has been minimal. However, if you are interested in attending this event, which will cost £28, please contact Alice Holmes on 01270 765856 as soon as possible.

## **8. Next Social Mornings**

### **Monday March 2nd**

No meeting while Sandbach Town Hall is closed for maintenance

### **Monday April 13th**

"A walk along the Canals" Mervyn Edwards

**Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>** No Speaker.

We would like to give our groups the chance to show what they have been doing over the year. We hope that groups will put on a small display of their work.

Please contact Margaret Springle tel. 01260273749 or email [margspringle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:margspringle@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like to take part so that we know how many tables to provide.

## **9. RHS Tatton Park Flower Show Friday 24 July 2015**

The Social Committee have arranged a trip to the above show.

A number of people have shown an interest and we've taken names. However tickets will be sold in the usual way starting at the next Social Morning on the 2nd March and after that at the Library.

The ticket price will be £21 inclusive of travel by coach.

## **10. Sandbach Town Hall Closure**

The town hall in Sandbach is heavily used by the U3A bowlers during the winter period but, as part of the agreement between Sandbach Town Council and Sandbach U3A, some bowling sessions can be cancelled if the town council has hired the hall to another customer at that time. The leaders of the bowling groups agreed to this arrangement and Sandbach U3A committee supports the town council in making optimum use of its assets. However the number of cancellations has increased recently because of the two week closure of the hall for refurbishment. We regret the inconvenience to the bowling groups and hope that the hall will be fully available soon.