



April 2015

May Social Morning

The next social morning will take place on **Monday 11 May at 10am.** at Sandbach Town Hall,

On this occasion, Sandbach U3A Groups will be displaying the results of the work that they have undertaken.

Lowry Theatre trip -20 January 2016

A trip is being arranged to The Lowry Theatre to see "The Girls," a Musical written by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth.

The show is based on Calendar Girls.

The trip will leave from the Military Arms in Sandbach at 10.30am and this will allow plenty of time for shopping and lunch at the Lowry Centre prior to seeing the 2 pm. Performance of the show.

Tickets will cost £38 (including coach travel) and will be on sale in the Library on Tuesday 5th May from 9.30am to 11.30am and thereafter from the U3A desk in the library on the usual Wednesday mornings.

Trip to Black Country Living Museum - 10 June 2015

***** There are still a few tickets left for the above trip *****

The cost will be £18.50 per head and the last opportunity to purchase these will be on 29 April at the U3A desk in Sandbach Library

To contact Sandbach U3A

Phone: 0844 58 60670 (Calls cost 5p/min. Leave a short message and we will ring you back)

Email: SandbachU3A@hotmail.co.uk

Newsletter items should be sent to Alan Butler (alangbutler@yahoo.co.uk or phone 077148 11008) by the end of the third week of each month.

National Photography Competition 2015

If you are interested in entering this year's competition, details are now displayed on the U3A Notice board in Sandbach Library.

Competition Rules

- The closing date of the competition is 31st August 2015.
- Photographs must be in colour, and submitted digitally.
- The subject must be the wildlife of Britain.
- Entries may be submitted by using the online form in the Members' Area of the website (www.u3a.org.uk) or by email to photo@u3a.org.uk, but if neither of these are possible, you may mail a CD to the National Office.
- Photographers must submit their own photographs, accompanied by their name, U3A and a description of the subject.
- Entries must be supplied as high quality JPEG files with a minimum resolution of 1,600 pixels on the shortest edge.
- Entering photographs into this competition constitutes your agreement to grant the Third Age Trust a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to reproduce, distribute, and publicly display the photographs you submit in any Trust publication.
- Each member may enter a maximum of three photographs.

The winning photographer will receive a year's subscription to Amateur Photographer magazine and a gift token.

Three runners-up will also receive gift tokens.

The photographs will be featured on the website, and announced in the November issue of Third Age Matters.

Membership Renewal

This is the time of year when we send to all current members a letter explaining how to renew your annual membership.

The letter explains what you have to do including the request that you return the whole letter without cutting off part of it. We have made a couple of changes to the process this year:

- The letter is printed on cream paper to make it stand out from the rest of the paper you have
- We shall stagger the delivery of the letters to minimise the chance of large numbers of members arriving at Sandbach library on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month as soon as they receive the letter. Don't assume that your letter has been lost, unless the end of May arrives before your letter.

As usual a small group of distributors will hand-deliver most of the letters so that we actually pay for stamps on only 200 of the 850 letters we send out.

The committee is very grateful for the effort the distributors put in each year. A big thank you to them all!

Quiz Night

I am sure that all the “quizzers” who attended St Mary’s Church Hall on Wednesday 25 April would like me to say a very sincere “thank you” to Bill Dowell for all his efforts in organising such a successful and enjoyable evening.

Bill was very ably supported by Keith Poynton (quizmaster) Jim Thompson, Geoff Miller, Liz Alcock and Jan Poynton who all ensured that the evening went smoothly.

Bill is planning two further quiz nights in November this year and April 2016 although at the present time firm dates have not been decided.

However, as soon as definite information is available, this will be imparted to members via the monthly newsletters.

Alan Butler

Future Newsletters

Please would you note that if you would like an item to appear in the May, June, July or August newsletters, the deadline dates for passing details to me are as follows

May Newsletter - Friday 15 May
June Newsletter - Friday 12 June
July Newsletter - Friday 17 July
August Newsletter - Friday 14 August

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Theatre trip to “Annie” - Llandudno - 22 July

Trip to RHS Show - Tatton Park - 24 July

Tickets for the above events have now sold out. However, there are still a small number of seats still available on the coaches for both trips.

If you would like to take the opportunity of travelling with one or other of the U3A Groups and spending some leisure time either in Llandudno or Knutsford please visit the U3A desk in Sandbach Library and make your request known to the Committee member on duty