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## **August 2015**

### **Enrolment Day**

Please don't forget that Enrolment Day takes place on **Wednesday 2nd September from 10am - 12 noon at St Mary's Church Hall.**

### **Photography Group**

It is proposed to start a photography group.

All aspects of photography would be covered from small compact cameras to SLR's and everybody would be welcomed regardless of the level of knowledge and expertise currently possessed.

The objective of the group is self learning, with the more capable / knowledgeable members, assisting those less experienced.

The group Leader (and others) would speak to members within the group and in addition, reviews of photographs taken by everyone would be undertaken.

It is intended for the group to meet in the Marriott Room at Sandbach Library on a monthly basis (preferably on a Friday)

If you are interested in joining such a group, there will be an opportunity to do so at the Enrolment Day on 2nd September or by contacting Geoff Pyke at [compassaviation@greenbee.net](mailto:compassaviation@greenbee.net)

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#### **To contact Sandbach U3A**

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

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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.

### **Social Morning 7 Sep 2015**

The first social/coffee morning of the new U3A year will be on Monday 7th September at 10am in Sandbach Town Hall.

The speaker will be Peter W. Braun who is a volunteer at Dunham Massey Hall. He will give an illustrated presentation called

#### MONARCHY AND DUNHAM (THE GREY AREAS)

The talk covers the history of the house, families, royal claims, intrigue, power, passion and scandal!

### **Trip to National Memorial Arboretum - Thursday 17 September**

There are currently 2 tickets left for the above trip. Tickets cost £7 and this includes the cost of the coach. There is no charge for entering the site.

If you would like to go, please contact Doreen Hebden on 01270 762494

### **Guys n Dolls Liverpool Empire 17th March 2016**

Tickets for the 2.30pm matinee performance will cost £32 which includes coach travel.

The coach will leave the Military Arms at 9.30am.

Tickets will be on sale in Sandbach Library on 25th August from 9.30am to 11.00am and then at the Social morning on 7th September.

Any remaining tickets will then be available from the U3A library desk on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

### **Barn Dance in St Mary's Church Hall 20 Feb 2016**

This time the traditional barn dance fun will be enhanced by live music and a caller helping the dancers tie themselves in knots. The barn doors open at 8pm and you will be allowed out at 11pm. Bring your own nibbles and drinks (with glasses) to sustain you while you rest from your exertions. Profits from the event will be donated to St Lukes Hospice.

Tickets cost £7 from Alice Holmes 01270 765856

## **South Wales Holiday 18th May 2016 - 5 Days £365**

Pembrokeshire, St Davids & the Gower Peninsula

### Tour Highlights

- Executive Coach Travel
- 4 Nights (DBB) at the Cliffe Norton Hotel Tenby
- Guided tour through the Pembrokeshire Countryside including ,St Davids and its Cathedral with free time in the delightful market town of Narbeth
- Free time in Saundersfoot
- Scenic drive with guide to the Gower Peninsula and Mumbles
- Ride the Gwilli Steam Railway

See the complete itinerary on the U3A Website

To reserve your place on this tour please hand in your £75 deposit at the U3A tours booking desk in the Marriott Room at Sandbach Library on Thursday 15th October 2015 between 09:15 and 11:30

## **Countdown Recording on Tuesday 13 Oct 2015**

Instead of waiting for this brain-enhancing TV programme to come to you, why not take yourself off to see it being made in Salford's Media City. The coach will leave at 10:30am so that you can sample the many delights of this revitalised area of dockland before the studio recording starts at 4pm.

Tickets cost £6 and will be available on Enrolment Day (2 Sep 2015) and from the U3A desk in Sandbach library between 9:30am and 11:00am on Wednesday 9th September.

## **North West Region - Newsletter No.37**

The officials of the North West Region of U3A in the UK have been busy organising things and their latest newsletter has been loaded to our website. [Click on the link](#) to see what they have to offer.

## **Sandbach Footpath Group – Inaugural Meeting**

If you are interested in local footpaths, please attend the Inaugural meeting of Sandbach Footpath Group on 12 October 2015 at 7pm, in the Enterprise Centre, Wesley Avenue, Sandbach, CW11 1DG.

Membership is open to all who wish to contribute and help to protect, to improve, and to extend footpaths and to make suitable footpaths accessible to all.

Other items, to be discussed at the meeting, may be:

- To develop circular walks in the area, with information sheets and/or website or blog
- Setting up an “adopt-a-path” scheme
- Discuss the definitive footpath and rights of way map.
- Waymarking footpaths

The Group will also have a display at Sandbach Today on Saturday 19th September 2015 at St Marys Church Hall 9.30am till 1pm. Please call in to discuss the group and see the large scale definitive map.

For further details, contact:

Trevor Boxer, 01270 765775

or

Dick Macaulay, 01270 765549

## **Telephone Scam to Obtain Credit Card Details**

Scammers have been cold calling people pretending to be from BT using a trick which makes them think their phone has been disconnected.

Police are reminding people to be aware that fraudsters have been cold calling residents on landlines pretending to be from BT. They claim your latest bill has not been paid and the account is therefore in arrears.

They then demand that payment is made immediately using a credit or debit card; otherwise the telephone line will be disconnected. They warn

that if you do not pay now it will cost a lot more to reconnect it. If you gave them your card details they will try to extract as much as they can get away with.

If challenged, the scammers attempt to demonstrate that they are from BT by “disconnecting the phone line for a few minutes”. In fact, the scammer simply presses the ‘mute’ button and remains on the line preventing the victim from making any calls.

The fraudsters can hear any attempts made to dial out and once you have given up they immediately call back to ask for payment or face immediate disconnection.

BT has stated they may have to call you about a debt, but they will never disconnect a phone line during the call.

Although this scam uses the BT name, fraudsters often adapt and could use any other service provider to convince you.

**Don't give out any banking details over the phone unless you're absolutely certain who you're talking to, and if in doubt hang up immediately.**

At the moment, when someone makes a telephone call, it is possible that the line can stay open, even though the person receiving the call has hung up.

When the person receiving the call picks up the phone again, they will not get a dialling tone.

Even dialling a number on the keypad makes no difference to the line, which remains open. The telecoms regulator Ofcom is working with the industry to get this changed.