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## September 2015

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please make a note in your diary that the AGM will take place **on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Sandbach Town Hall.**

The hall will open at 10am when tea and coffee will be available. The AGM will commence at 10.30am.

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### OCTOBER SOCIAL MORNING

The next members' social morning will take place on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 10am in Sandbach Town Hall**

The guest speaker will be Derek Scholfield who will speak on

“Vaughan Williams and English Folk Music”

Derek is the editor of the English Folk Dance and Song Society's magazine *English Dance and Song*.

He is the former Arena Director at Sidmouth International Folk Arts Festival, and has also written two books about folk music.

Derek has produced two CDs of archival recordings and he also writes for the Guardian. He used to be a manager at South Cheshire College.

We look forward to seeing you there for what we are sure will be a very interesting and informative talk.

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**To contact Sandbach U3A**

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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.

## U3A QUIZ NIGHT

A quiz night has been organised for

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**St Mary's Church Hall, Sandbach**

**7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start.**

Teams should consist of up to 6 members from the U3A group they attend and also give themselves an identifying name plus the group leader's name.

Participating teams (maximum 24) should put their names on the entry form which will be put on the U3A notice board in the Library on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. **Closing date for entries will be Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

There will be an entry fee of £1 per person which will be used to cover the cost of the hall. Any money left over will be used as prize money.

Members may bring along refreshments to share with their team, i.e. drinks (plus glasses) and nibbles for consumption during the evening.

Keith Pointon will be the quiz master and Geoff Miller will be keeping the scoreboard up to date.

The six members of each group can confer together to obtain an answer to the questions which will then be marked by an adjacent group.

If any further information is required, please contact Bill Dowell on 01270 766763 or e-mail: [vjdwfd@aol.com](mailto:vjdwfd@aol.com)

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## FIRST AID COURSES

Due to the success of previous courses in the North West, more have been arranged starting at the end of September. These will be held in Crewe in October, November and December.

Note there is a change: U3A members, who will be charged **£5**, may take along a friend or relative who is not U3A member, who will be charged £10. (Anyone else, i.e. the general public, would be charged £30.) They will need your permission to use your membership.

For details, go to: <http://sandbachu3a.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/U3A-autumn-2015-courses-in-Essential-First-Aid-1.pdf>

## CRAFT OF CREATIVE TEXTILES

New U3A member, Val Williams, has offered to run fortnightly workshops on the craft of creative textiles.

A retired teacher and lecturer, Val decided to try something totally 'out of her comfort zone', having written three local history books, and completed an extended BTEC Diploma in Art and Design this summer, specialising in artistic interpretation through embroidery, embellishment and machine embroidery, with texture being a key element.

Val says:

If you imagine your needle to be your sketching pencil and your sewing machine as your media to infill and design, that gives an idea of the informality and freedom this medium offers.

It is a complete contrast to the disciplines of cross stitch or quilting. I myself cannot draw but use so many tricks to develop original pieces.

Val has suggested fortnightly sessions on Thursday mornings (although, depending on numbers, a second group could begin) with a small charge for coffee and materials of £1.50 per session.

Her initial thoughts are to begin with 'inspiration' (and tea), followed by 'direction', then 'experimentation'. A large table and conservatory chairs will enable comfortable work stations (and chat).

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## THEATRE TRIPS

***The Girls* – Lowry Theatre 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

***Guys and Dolls* – Liverpool Empire 17th March 2016**

All tickets for the above trips have now been sold and waiting lists are currently in operation.

## **SCENIC SOUTH WALES HOLIDAY**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May £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 Nartbeth
- Free time in Saundersfoot
- Scenic drive with guide to the Gower Peninsula and Mumbles
- Ride the Gwilli Steam Railway

See 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 9:15 and 11:30**

Maureen Page & John Page

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## **BARN DANCE**

**Saturday 20th February 2016 8pm - 11pm**

The above event will take place at St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets will cost £7 and any profit made will be donated to St Luke's Hospice.

Please come along for what will be a very enjoyable evening.

Please bring your own drinks (+ glasses) and nibbles.

Tickets can be obtained from Alice Holmes on: 01270 765856

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year's Christmas Party will take place at Crewe Golf Club, Haslington, on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm for 8.00pm

Tickets will be on sale on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October between 9.30am - 11.30am in the library. Alternatively, you can obtain tickets by contacting Alice Holmes on 01270 765856.

Tickets are priced at £25 each and will include a 3-course meal and disco/dancing.

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## **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

The venue for this event will be The Horseshoe Inn, Church Lawton  
7.30pm for 8.00pm

Ticket prices will be £24 per person and this will include a 3-course meal with wine, entertainment and dancing.

Tickets will be available for sale at members' social mornings, and in the Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month between 9.30am and 11.30am.

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## **TRIP TO TRAFFORD CENTRE 23 NOVEMBER**

Tickets for the above outing will be on sale at the Members' Social Morning on 6<sup>th</sup> October.