



February 2016

QUIZ NIGHT

A quiz night has been organised for

Wednesday 6th April 2016
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 15th February .
Closing date for entries will be Thursday 17th March 2016.

There will be an entry fee of one pound 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 team members 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

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.

SOCIAL MORNINGS

Ninety six members enjoyed a whistle stop world tour at our February social morning when David Barratt from Regent travel showed us the places we might visit.

David donated the fee, which we normally give to the speaker, to the Alzheimer's Society - the charity supported by Regent this year.

The next meeting will be on **March 7th at 10 am for 10.30** in Sandbach Town Hall. The speaker will be Janet Bradshaw, who is a historian at Tatton Park. Janet will give a talk with the intriguing title "**LIFE WITHOUT CHOCOLATE** "

FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE

Sandbach U3A has registered for a scheme that allows on-line shoppers to raise funds for charities. If you use the scheme, you pay the same price as everybody else for your goods and the supplier pays a donation to the charity you specify. The charity receives the sum of the donations every three months.

Most major retailers like Amazon, John Lewis, ebay etc. are part of the scheme. If you want to support your U3A in this way, or indeed any other charity which has been registered for the scheme, you need to follow these steps:

- when you are thinking of purchasing on-line first go to the website **easyfunding.org.uk**
- Once there you can go to your on-line retailer of choice and select goods as normal
- when you are ready to purchase you will be given the option of choosing your charity or group to support

We are registered as Sandbach District U3A. The sum of donations associated with our charity will be transferred to our account every 3 months. Obviously the more people who use the scheme, the more we will benefit.

The money comes from the retailers and the goods will not cost you any more than if you buy from the retailer directly.

FORTHCOMING TRIPS

The following trips have been organised

Destination	Date	Cost
Boundary Mill Shopping	Tuesday 19 th April	£8.50
RHS Show Tatton Park	Friday 22 July	£23.00
Llandudno Day Out	Thursday 15 September	£9.00
Trafford Centre Shopping	Monday 14 November	£6.50

If you are interested in going on any of the above trips, you can obtain tickets in any of the following ways:

- At the U3A desk in Sandbach Library on 24 February and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays thereafter
- At any Monthly Social morning
- By ringing Alice Holmes on 01270 765856

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

Five members of our Environmental action group recently had their photograph published in the Sandbach Chronicle.

Greg Cooper, Dick Macaulay, Dave Peever, Paul Hebden and Brian Day were photographed working on the footpath that runs along Old Mill Road in order to make the pathway safe and available for residents.

This project, which is in conjunction with the local Woodland and Wildlife Group chaired by Dick Macaulay, is being funded by local businessman Daniel Williams (owner of Godfrey C Williams & Son).

The Environmental Action group are a credit to the local community and to Sandbach U3A and well deserving of this recognition.

SANDBACH U3A – POSITION OF SECRETARY

Further to the item that appeared in last month's newsletter regarding the above, please note that nobody has yet offered to take over the role.

If you would like to know more about what is involved please do not hesitate to contact Joan Chadwick at joanandcharlie@talktalk.net

UKULELE GROUP

Members who can access YouTube will be able to see by a fine performance by Steve Walton, one of the Ukulele group members

<https://youtu.be/68t9fUZ3oAs>

ANDROID BASICS GROUP

The next set of six sessions teaching the basics of using an Android tablet will start on Tuesday 1st March and there are a few vacancies. The details appear on the web page <http://sandbachu3a.org.uk/wp/android-tablet-basics/>

If you are interested, send an email to android.tablet@sandbachu3a.org.uk