



Sandbach and District U3A  
**Newsletter**



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## **July 2016**

This is a revised version of the July Newsletter. The group information on page 2 is the section that has been changed. Other pages are unchanged.

### **Enrolment Day**

Please note that if you cannot attend on enrolment day (Wednesday 31 August in St Mary's Church Hall), you can go to Sandbach Library or the web site to obtain contact details for the leaders of the groups that you would like to join or rejoin.

If you will be there, business starts at 10 am.

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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.

## **New groups starting in September**

We have several new groups starting in September:

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### **Circle Dancing:**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday between 13:30 and 3pm in the Wesley Centre.

Contact: [circle.dancing@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:circle.dancing@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

### **Geology:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month between 2pm and 4pm at the leader's home.

Contact: [geology@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:geology@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

### **Latin:**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month between 2pm and 4pm at St.Winefride's Church Room Middlewich Road.

Contact: [latin@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:latin@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

### **Ram and Chips:**

(Computer technology/programming and gaming)

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month between 10am and noon at the leader's home.

Contact [ram.and.chips@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:ram.and.chips@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

### **Science Fiction Literature:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month between 2pm and 4pm at the leaders home. Contact: [new.groups@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:new.groups@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

### **Other Group News**

**Peaceful Painting:** The leader would welcome more members at their fortnightly meetings on Tuesdays from September 6th. 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Masonic Hall. For more information contact [peaceful.painting@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:peaceful.painting@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

**Painting — Watercolours:** This friendly and very active group are looking for somebody to help them with ideas and encouragement. They meet at the Masonic Hall on every other Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm. If you can help please contact [painting.watercolour@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:painting.watercolour@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

**Dressmaking:** This group has recently changed to a larger venue and is looking for more members for this very friendly and active group. See more information later in this newsletter.



*The Truth is out  
there.*

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***Science  
Fiction Literature.***

*Join a new group to discuss the literary merit,  
the historical context, and the range of  
scientific ideas explored in this literature.*

*It is anticipated that this will run as a series of  
seminars as each group member chooses a text  
to present to the group.*

*The first two meetings (seminars) will have  
been prepared.*

*If you are interested and want more  
information please contact*

*[new.groups@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:new.groups@sandbachu3a.org.uk)*



*like it, you will.*

## **Future Social Events**

There are still tickets available for the following events

### **Christmas Party on Friday 16 December**

Crewe Golf Club £26

### **New Years Eve Party**

Wilbraham Arms £35

### **Trip to Trafford Centre**

14 November - £6.50

## **Billy Elliot - Birmingham - 16 March 2017**

All tickets to the show have been sold but, if you would like to spend time in Birmingham, there are still spaces on the coach at a cost of £10.

## **2017 U3A Diaries**

Diaries for next year are available at a cost of £2.00. The cover this year is red.

These can be purchased initially from the U3A desk in Sandbach Library and, while stocks last, they will also be available at Members' Mornings.. On 11 August Kevin Dean will take some on the coach to Barmouth for the Intermediate Walking Group.

## **Dressmaking Group**

Has the Great British Sewing Bee revived your interest in Dressmaking? Want to get back into sewing, new to sewing, join our own U3A Dressmaking version.

Work on your own project, at your own speed. No more struggling with trying to do your own measurements and trying to resolve those awkward fitting issues on your own. Our friendly, cheerful group of sewers are all at varying levels of skills from beginner to more experienced, but will all help and advise with enthusiasm wherever they can.

We start this year in new premises where we have space and facilities to have a fabric/pattern cutting area, an essential ironing area as well as individual work space for your sewing machine and all of the growing bits and pieces of paraphernalia which all of us sewers seem to accumulate.

For those of you who are beginners or rusty returners to sewing, we will have lots of books, magazines and patterns at group to use as reference or inspiration, and you can check out which tools our more experienced sewers find invaluable, before making any purchases for your own toolkit.

The group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month starting on 7th September at the Wesley Centre, Wesley Avenue, Sandbach. CW11 1DP, from 10am to 3pm. Members can attend for the full day or for any part of it to suit their plans or project.

We will also have our own tea and coffee making facility, so on those days where you can't spend a whole day sewing or have just got a little bit of finishing off to do, call in anyway, get a little help, give a little help, have a coffee and share with the group how your project is going.

The cost will be £2.00 per session – whether for a full or part day. A small additional charge will be made for refreshments.

So do come along to the enrolment day on the 31st August and sign up, become a Bee.

## **Annual General Meeting - Monday 24th October**

The Annual General Meeting this year will be held in **SANDBACH TOWN HALL**, on the Monday 24 October 2016 and we would love you to be there.

The Hall will open at 10 am when tea and coffee will be available. The meeting will start at 10.30am.

This year we will be losing one committee member as our secretary, Joan Chadwick, will have completed three years on the Committee. We thank Joan for her hard work during that time.

We are very fortunate that Jinty Pyke has agreed to follow in Joan's footsteps and take on the role of Secretary, subject of course to election at the meeting. Jinty's husband Geoff Pyke has also agreed to join the Committee, **but there are still a couple of additional vacancies, so further nominations would be very welcome.**

One particular job that needs to be filled is our Venue Coordinator. This will entail being the main committee focus for liaison with the various venues used by our groups.

In addition, Louise Adams, our Treasurer, will be leaving in 2017 so we need someone to shadow Louise during the next year with a view to taking over as Treasurer after the AGM in 2017. Please let us know if you feel that you could help in either of these respects.