



September 2016

It was recently agreed by the U3A Committee that future newsletters will be distributed at the beginning of each month with immediate effect.

As a result of this decision there was no newsletter for the month of August.

Spanish for Beginners

Would you please note that the person who was going to lead this group is now unable to do so.

Efforts are currently being made to find a replacement leader and it is hoped that we will be successful. We will naturally update members of this group as soon as the situation is clear.

Creative Writing

Jinty Pyke would love to see more members at the successful creative writing group which meets on the second Monday in the month at her house. If you would like more information, contact Jinty via creative.writing@sandbachu3a.org.uk

Painting – Watercolours (Fortnightly)

This active group is looking for somebody to teach and encourage them as their current leader is standing down after 13 successful years.

If you think you might be interested in this role please contact me, Geoff Pyke via new.groups@sandbachu3a.org.uk

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.

Peaceful Painting (Fortnightly)

This very friendly group would like more members to join them every other Tuesday afternoon in the Masonic Hall. If you are interested please contact the group leader via peaceful.painting@sandbachu3a.org.uk

Boules

8 members of the Sandbach U3A Boules group will be travelling to Hayling Island, Hampshire on 16th September to attend a weekend of boules.

This weekend has been organised by Andrew Lloyd, the National U3A subject advisor for boules.

152 players from 16 groups will be participating and it is believed that Sandbach U3A is the most Northern of all the groups.

4 of our group will be involved in a tournament and the other 4 will play leisure boules. It will also be possible to take part in coaching sessions.

It is hoped that a report with photographs will be available for inclusion in a future newsletter.

New Holiday for May 2017

ROYAL NORFOLK & THE BROADS - 14th to 18th May 2017 prices from £495 pp

We will be staying at the AA 4 star Sea Merge Hotel in Overstrand, Norfolk - a lovely hotel with commanding seaside position, set in five acres of well-tended gardens. A full programme includes entry to Holkham Hall built for the First Earl of Leicester, visits to Sandringham, Norfolk Lavender, a ride on the Norfolk railway and a cruise on the Norfolk Broads with free time in Cromer.

For full details of the itinerary please [click here](#).

Bookings to be taken in the Marriott room, Sandbach library on 17th November 2016, between 9.15am and 11.30am.

Golf Charity Day at Malkins Bank 21st Sept 2016

The Social Golf Group has organised a charity golf day at Malkins Bank GC. It is in aid of St Luke's Hospice whose staff will be running a tombola at the clubhouse during the day. The prizes for the event are being provided by sponsors Poole Alcock LLP and we have received a grant from Sandbach Town Council to promote the event to non-golfers.

Visitors from Sandbach U3A on the morning of the event will be entitled to a bacon roll and tea or coffee for £1.50 (membership cards will be required). There are still some places available for anyone wishing to participate in the golf competition; details are shown in the advert below:



U3A Charity Golf Day in aid of St Lukes Hospice

Wednesday 21st September 2016

To include:

Bacon Rolls with Tea or Coffee on arrival

18 Holes at Malkins Bank, Sandbach

1 Course Lunch - Steak & Ale Pie, Chips & Peas

Prizes & Prize presentation to follow

£20.00 per person

Teams of 2. Four Ball

Better ball Stableford



To reserve your tee time, please call 01270 765 931

or email proshop@malkinsbankgolfclub.co.uk

Tai Chi at Middlewich

Middlewich U3A has a few vacancies in its Tai Chi groups and for a limited time is offering free membership of Middlewich U3A to members of local U3As who sign up for Tai Chi only.

Sessions run for 1 hour starting at 10.30am on Wednesdays and 9.50am on Fridays and costs £4 per session.

The venue is the Wych Centre [near the fire station] in Middlewich, CW10 9BX

The person to contact at Middlewich is Geoff Williams on 01606 832 195

Future Social Events

Please note that tickets are still available for the following events:

- Christmas Party - 16th December
- New Year's Eve Party - 31st December
- Visit to Trafford Centre - 14th November

Although all tickets have been sold to see Billy Elliot in Birmingham on March 16th, there are still seats available on the coach if you would like to spend time in Birmingham on that day.

All tickets for the trips to Liverpool (April 27th) and Thursford (29 Nov - 1Dec) have been sold but reserve lists are being kept. If you would like to be added to one of them, or you would like information on any of the above events / trips please contact Alice Holmes on 01270 765856

A Celebration of 1,000 U3As

The UK now has 1,000 U3As and, to mark this milestone, a special event is being held on the 22nd November at Friends House, London.

Eric Midwinter (founder of the U3A movement) and Baroness Frances d'Souza (Speaker of the House of Lords) will be addressing the hall.

Tickets cost just £5, and are available now via Eventbrite.

To book, visit u3a1000.eventbrite.co.uk.