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## **June 2017**

### **Table Tennis 4**

A leader has come forward for a fourth table tennis group and the new group is being set up.

The group would start ASAP and could run through the summer months.

It's fun, friends and fitness for everyone. You'll only come once as a stranger.

If you are interested, please email: [table.tennis.4@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:table.tennis.4@sandbachu3a.org.uk)

### **Social Events**

Tickets are still available for the following events:

- Manchester Ship Canal on Sun 9th July Ticket Price £44 Available tickets 2
- Chatsworth Country Fair on Fri 1st Sept Ticket price £30
- Bury market/Train on Wed 25th Oct Ticket price £25 Available tickets 4
- Sunset Boulevard on Wed 1st Nov Ticket price £34 Available tickets 2
- Please note the musical Funny Girl is now going on Wed 19th July instead of the 20th July
- Miss Saigon at the Palace Theatre Manchester on Thursday matinee 12th April 2018 Price £50

Call Alice on 765856 for information or call at the U3A desk in Sandbach library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 9.30 - 11.30 am to buy a ticket.

### **Golf Charity Day**

Members of the Social Golf group are organising the third annual Golf Charity Day in aid of St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice. Last year the event raised over £2,400. Details of the event are shown when you [click here](#). For those wishing to participate, entry forms are available from Davron at Malkins Bank Golf Club or electronically from [jeff.diggle@btinternet.com](mailto:jeff.diggle@btinternet.com). Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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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)

Email: [SandbachU3A@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:SandbachU3A@hotmail.co.uk)

Newsletter items should be sent to [newsfeed@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:newsfeed@sandbachu3a.org.uk) or by text message to 07929 599026 by the end of the third week of each month.

## **U3A Seventeenth Century Studies Field Trip 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May the Seventeenth Century Studies Group, now some four years old, had its first field trip to the village of Eyam, pronounced 'Eem', in Derbyshire. The village's fame stems from the unique part it played during the bubonic plague in 1665 and 1666. In 1665 a tailor from Eyam ordered a parcel of cloth from London to make up clothes for the villagers. His unwitting servant opened the bundle and hung the clothes out to dry. He died in agony three days later. During the months that followed, a further 259 villagers died from the plague. Having identified that the infection was spread by close personal contact, the enlightened vicar and his retired predecessor organized a cordon around the village to isolate it from the surrounding communities. This action, lasting several months, prevented the spread of the fatal disease beyond the village limits – a remarkable act of self-sacrifice. The outbreak was contained and around 700 villagers, it is thought, survived thanks to other restrictions that were introduced.

The Sandbach U3A group visited the excellent local museum, with video presentation, traversed the village's amazing streets filled with buildings from the period, called at the local pub (a much later structure - for lunch) and spent time in the historic Anglican church and its surroundings where we were treated to an informative lecture by a local historian.

The picture below shows members of Sandbach U3A 17<sup>th</sup> Century History Studies Group by the 8<sup>th</sup> Century Saxon Cross in Eyam Parish Churchyard.



If you are interested in joining the group and in early modern world history, please contact – [ianrichardson1000@hotmail.com](mailto:ianrichardson1000@hotmail.com)

## **Group Sign-up Day 30 Aug 2017**

The main purpose of this event, which we used to call Enrolment Day, is to allow members to find out about and join groups. New members will be able to join Sandbach U3A and existing members will be able to renew their annual membership, although it would be helpful if members renew beforehand. The U3A desk in Sandbach library opens on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9.30 - 11.30 am.

Please be aware that the car park at the Wesley Centre is very small. Anyone driving to the event should use the car parks in Chapel Street, Westfields or at Waitrose.