



# Sandbach and District U3A Newsletter



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## **October 2017**

### **Members' Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September**

We were delighted to welcome a good turnout for the first Members' Morning of the new season. With many still on holiday, or on 'training day' babysitting duties, we were glad to see all nine tables filled.

Philip Caine was not the scheduled speaker but kindly replaced the speaker from ANSA, who cancelled the week before. Philip then proceeded, in a lively, engaging and humorous style, to entertain us with accounts of his far from ordinary working career

Now an established author of four books, based on fictional characters in oil locations, Philip found himself surrounded by interested members at the end of his talk, autographing his books and expanding on his experiences.

The new series of talks got off to a great start and we particularly thank Philip for his willingness to stand in at short notice and to drive from Barrow in Furness charging only for his mileage.

Next month's Members' Morning takes place on October 2nd with Ray Milne from Cheshire Search and Rescue giving the talk.

### **AGM 6th November with speaker**

The 2017 annual general meeting will be held together with the Members' Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November in Sandbach Town Hall. In October every member will receive a copy of the agenda and nomination forms for new members of the committee. The AGM is an important feature of any charitable organisation and deserves your attention. While the Sandbach U3A committee and associated volunteer activity is thriving, other U3As have had to close down when they were unable to find committee members to stand.

### **Diaries for 2018**

The U3A diaries for 2018 are now available for sale at the library desk in Sandbach library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month and at Members' Meetings in the Town Hall. Sadly the price has increased after several stable years to £2.50.

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#### **To contact Sandbach U3A**

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Email: [enquiries@sandbachu3a.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sandbachu3a.org.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.

## **Social Events**

Tickets are still available for the following events:

- Shopping at the Trafford Centre Monday 13th Nov £7
- The Christmas party will be at Crewe Golf Club on Friday 8th Dec 2017. Tickets cost £30 for a 3 course meal with tea or coffee, the disco and gratuities for the golf club staff.

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.

## **Quiz 8<sup>th</sup> November**

The autumn quiz will be held in St Mary's Church Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm for a 7:30 start. The arrangements will be as usual;

- there is a limit of 24 teams which may consist of up to six members,
- enter your team name on the entry form which will be posted on the U3A noticeboard in Sandbach library from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October
- the cost is £1 per person
- you may bring your own drinks and nibbles to sustain your energy under questioning
- Since Keith Pointon will be question master, you can rely on a variety of topics suitable for a U3A audience and some testing of your brain power. Add more fish to your diet before the day.

If you require further information, call Bill Dowell on 01270 766763 or [vjdofd@aol.com](mailto:vjdofd@aol.com)

## **Discounted Railcard from Cheshire East Council**

Most of our members are residents of Cheshire East so would benefit from a discount provided by Cheshire East Council to buyers of a senior railcard (£6 off) or a disabled person's railcard (£4 off). [Click here](#) to see details on their website.

Members who don't use the internet may seek help in Sandbach library.

## **Sandbach Today**

Each September an event in Sandbach allows organisations to show off what they do to potential members. Sandbach U3A had a stand this year as usual and captured the Sandbach Mayor Martin Forster and Congleton MP Fiona Bruce for a photocall.

