



Sandbach and District U3A Newsletter



September 2017

Geoff Miller

With great sadness we report the death last week of Geoff Miller, who was appointed as treasurer when Sandbach & District U3A was set up and served in that role for the next six years. He made a great contribution to the success of our U3A and will be sadly missed. Our condolences go to Sylvia and her family.

Almoner

Kay Bayliss has served Sandbach U3A for many years as the almoner. In this role she delivered hand-made cards to members who had been bereaved or had been seriously ill. She is now unable to carry on this role and we thank her for her contribution over the years.

Members' Meeting 4th September

Those of you who were hoping to find out at the next Members' Meeting more information about the new waste management site in Middlewich, will be disappointed. The intended speaker has cancelled and his place will be taken by Philip Caine. Philip has written books and tells stories about his experiences in North Sea oil rigs, Algeria, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Russia, the American Military in Baghdad, Iraq and possibly more. As far as we know he won't be talking rubbish.

Social Events

Tickets are still available for the following events:

- Chatsworth Country Fair on Fri 1st Sept Ticket price £30
- Miss Saigon at the Palace Theatre Manchester on Thursday matinee 12th April 2018 Price £50
- Worcester Christmas Fayre Friday 1st Dec @ £12.50 per ticket
- Tickets for the Christmas party will go on sale in September at Sandbach library. The party will be at Crewe Golf Club on Friday 8 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 2nd or 4th Wednesday of every month from 9.30 - 11.30 am to buy a ticket.

To contact Sandbach U3A

Phone: 0844 58 60670 (Calls cost 5p/min. Leave a short message and we will ring you back)

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

Emails to Group Leaders

After the feverish activity of sign-up day, when members find out about and join new groups, our U3A activities take on the normal rhythm of regular meetings. When new or existing members would like to check if a group has vacancies, they will be handicapped by the fact that leaders' names and contact details are not published on our website or noticeboards. Instead the web pages which describe the groups contain a generic email address which anyone can use to send a message to the group leader e.g. to send a message to the leader of the Golf group you would use the address golf@sandbachu3a.org.uk. The website forwards to the leader's personal email address any messages sent to a generic address.

The table that links the generic addresses to the leaders' personal email address can be changed if the leader changes and the website remains unchanged. Email messages are cheap and convenient to send but leaders who have given us their email address should check frequently for incoming messages and respond promptly to those they receive.