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# TOWN HALL

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## ORIGINAL TOWN HALL

An engraving by W. Alexander, F.S.A. in 1810 showed the original Town Hall next to the Saxon Crosses. It was positioned where the War Memorial now stands on the Square. The Upper Floor was for assemblies while the ground floor was for Prison Cells and Shops. The stocks were placed besides the wall of the town hall.



(1<sup>st</sup> Town Hall / Original Pre 1888)

In 1882 **Thomas Hughes** (b. 20 Oct 1822 .D. 22 Mar 1896 - The writer of Tom Brown's Schooldays) was appointed to a County Court Judgeship in the Chester District in July of that year an appointment that included Sandbach and worked out of the Town Hall.

During an archaeological survey in 2009 it discovered the foundations of the original Town Hall with its High Street Stalls under the piers of the building for selling food and included a butcher's.

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1888 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

## 2nd TOWN HALL

Built in 1888 on the same site as the original Town Hall it was a much larger building with a large upper story meeting room, with a caretaker's office and barber's shop at street level. The Surveyor and Sanitary or Nuisance Inspector had an office in the west end in the building.

The building was demolished in 1891 following the opening of the present Town Hall in 1889.

## 3rd TOWN HALL

The site that the current town hall is built on was the original site of the "Crewe Arms Hotel". The place below the tower is the position of the house that the Peover family owned. The building was also on the site of a Barber's Shop (On the Corner) which was demolished to make way for construction.

In 1889 the Rt Hon. Hungerford, Lord Crewe of Crewe Hall donated the land for the new building along with the right to all Market tolls.

The foundation stone was laid on the 2 July 1889 and was designed by the architect Thomas Bower of Nantwich who was in charge of overseeing the project and who used locally built bricks made at the Ancient Britain yard in Congleton Road with construction of the building by John Stringer.

(Some books say that Sir George Gilbert Scott designed building but it is more likely that he was the architect of the 1888 -1891 building -2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall)

The cost of the Market Hall and Town Hall was £5,000.

Mrs Jane Court of Wheelock House presented the Main Clock, with Gas illuminations in memory of her relatives the Peover family who owned the house that had been below the tower.

When the hall was completed, Lord Crewe erected at his own expense the two statues either side of the main entrance (Above the doors). One is named "Bigot", he was the first Norman who held the manor of Sandbach, under Hugh Lupus, the Earl of Chester and the nephew of William the Conqueror.

The Second statue is that of Sir Randolph Crewe, Sergeant-at-law, an ancestor of Lord Crewe who lived in the reign of King James 1 (Accession 1603 - 1625). He bought the manor of Sandbach from John Radcliffe and became Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He built Crewe Hall about 1620.

#### OFFICIAL OPENING

On the 28 October 1890 the Town Hall and Market were officially opened by Lord Crewe. A luncheon was given in the new building with many local dignitaries in attendance including Mr Walter M'Laren M.P (Crewe District including Sandbach), Mr John Tollemache M.P. (ex South and West Cheshire), Mr John T Brunner M.P. (Northwich).

In 1902 the Town and Market Hall was looked after by John Wood (Keeper) and by 1914 Jessie Wood was "Hall-keeper".

By 1914 the Market in the hall was held on a Thursday and a Saturday as well as the outside market.

The single bell in the tower was once used as a Fire alarm for the Fire station which was situated behind the Town Hall building (Pre 1917). The Fire brigade also used the building to test the power of the steam pumps by spraying water over the top of the town hall to see how high it would go.

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#### EVENT HISTORY AT THE TOWN HALL

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On the 28 January 1891 the Annual County Ball was held at the Town Hall in Sandbach.

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In January 1894 the Town Hall played host to a number of events to raise funds for the Audley Relief Fund.

The first of these was a show and party.

5 Jan 1894 (Fri) Major and Mrs Kennedy and Party, gave a benefit performance for the Audley relief fund at the Town Hall.

Incl; "A Joint household"

with Miss Kennedy as Mrs Smithers.

Miss B Smith as Mrs Tallett.

"Lady Barbara's Birthday"

With Mr E Armitstead as Lord Verifyne

Mr Fraser as Sir Thomas Gay

Miss J Baird Smith as Lady Barbara Brilliant

Miss Baird Smith as Dorothy Daylight.

Miss Kennedy as Finniker

Mr C Kennedy as servant to Sir Thomas Gay.

"Woman's wrongs",

With Mr Fraser as Harold Woodleaf

Miss J Baird Smith as Camelia Buskint.

with Mr Ford's string band.

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Between 1894 and 1910 there was the Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society, who performed shows at the Town Hall with profits going to local charities. Details of the group are sketchy but the first known show was performed on the 6 February 1894 at the town hall and was "The Screw Loose", a comedy by Mark Melford with the following cast.

6 Feb 1894 THE SCREW LOOSE Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
By Mark Melford

Mr Harry Hildyard as Sir Willifer Alladay

Miss L Saxon as Lady Alladay

Mr Nock as Mr Strummitt

Mr Nixon as Major Abbott

Mr Hodgson as Mr Peckham  
 Mr Nicholson as Dr Pounds  
 Mr J Nield as Dr Pottle  
 Miss Whittaker as Miss Arabella Bestt  
 Mr Norman Hague as a Peeler  
 Mr A Larder as a Butler  
 Miss Walton as Housekeeper at Alladam Hall  
 Mrs Nock as Lady Alladay's Maid  
 Mrs Strummitt as Mrs Williams  
 Scenery Painted by Mr S Ford  
 Perruquier Mr W Ellis of Crewe.  
 Orchestra Conducted by Mr S Ford  
 (Announced 10 Feb as Mr S Lord and was changed on the 14 Feb)

**In aid of the Audley distress fund.**

The show was repeated on the 7 March 1894.

As far as known this group was not connected to the later Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society formed in 1945 and became the Sandbach Players and who also started performing their shows at the Town Hall.

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**17 April 1908**

**DR CHARLES LATHAM MEMORIAL**

Dr Charles Latham memorial unveiled outside the Town Hall. The doctor had helped the poor of the town for many years and it is thought that as he didn't charge for his services to them they decided to commemorate his life with a monument and a fund was set up to make this happen. The Monument is now outside the Ashfields Surgery having been moved to the Part after it became an obstacle in the middle of the road and larger vehicles were in danger of knocking it over.

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In 1914 the Sandbach Urban District Council met at the Town Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month. Councillors at the time were..

CHAIRMAN Alfred Ernest Poole.

VICE CHAIRMAN James Poudlove

**EAST WARD (End Date for current length of service)**

James Buckley (1915)  
 Charles Wardle (1915)  
 George Boulton (1916)  
 Matt. Hassall Eardley (1916)  
 Edward Butler (1917)  
 Walter Lea (1917)

**NORTH WARD**

Alfred Ernest Poole (1915)  
 Arthur Buckley (1915)  
 George Newall (1916)  
 James Proudlove (1917)  
 George Wright (1917)

**WEST WARD**

Ralph Ruscoe (1915)  
 Alfred Price (1916)  
 Edward Holland (1917)

**OFFICIALS**

Clerk = Alfred Edward Stringer (3 Crewe Road)

Treasurer = John William Trigg (Manchester and Liverpool District Bank Ltd, High Town)

*(From Kelly's Directory 1914)*

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**3 Feb 1915**

The Crewe Parliamentary Division Recruiting Committee applied to the Sandbach Urban District Council on the 21 Jan 1915 to hold a recruiting meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1915 at the Town Hall (Free of Charge).

### **Sept 1915**

A detachment of the 3/7<sup>th</sup> Territorial Battalion Cheshire Regiment under Major Taylor visited Congleton on the Monday in connection with a Recruiting Rally of the Western Command after marching from Macclesfield.

On the Tuesday morning (28 Sept 1915) they visited Sandbach and were given a “Grand Military Smoking Concert” in their honour at the Town Hall in the presence of the Mayor of the Town. There will also be a boxing competition and local personality Ex-Sergeant, now Pioneer Noah Kennerly, of the Cheshire Regiment depot, appeared in new patriotic sketches.

### **8 Dec 1915**

On Wednesday the 8 December 1915 the Headmaster of Sandbach School, Sidney Wallace Finn MA was officially appointed “Attesting Officer” under Lord Derby’s Scheme to recruit soldiers in the area.

### **Dec 1915**

Khaki Armlets were distributed to the men of Sandbach who had attested under Lord Derby’s Scheme in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening.

The Town Hall was full of those who waited their turn to receive the symbol of Patriotism.

The first wave of recruits under the Derby scheme were encouraged to join up in December 1915 and had until the 29<sup>th</sup> January to report to their unit.

If they needed more time before joining up, they had until the 30 December 1915 to lodge an appeal to be placed in a later group of recruits.

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#### **RECRUITMENT SCHEME BY LORD DERBY**

Lord Derby was appointed British Minister of War between 1916 and 1918 and had been brought into the wartime Coalition Government in 1915, when he was given the job of being the public face on the issue of Conscription after he had proved his support in Liverpool during August 1914 when he encouraged the idea of the PALS BATTALIONS where men from a town could all serve together in one unit.

Asquith appointed Lord Derby as Director-General of Recruitment in 1915 and he unveiled what became known as the DERBY SCHEME which was a recruitment policy where young men could give their “Assent” to being called up if needed with Single men being called up first and the government promising to only call up Married Men last.

In the spring of 1915 enlistment averaged 100,000 men per month but this figure was dwindling and it was soon decided to raise the upper age limit in May 1915 from 38 to 40 years old. On the 15 July 1915 the Government passed the National Registration Act to discover how many men were between the age of 15 to 65 and who were eligible to be enlisted. The act, like the census of 1911 asked for occupations so the Government could decide who were needed on the home front and who could be asked to join up. By Mid-September 1915 the results showed that there were 5 million males of military age who were not in the forces or in “Starred” (or Protected, High or Scarce skill) Jobs. On the 11 October 1915 (Edward George Villiers Stanley) Lord Derby’s Scheme (or officially the “Group Scheme”) started to recruit single men to join the war and men aged between 18 to 40 with events in public places to recruit those who wanted the chance to enlist voluntarily or attest (Sign up) with an obligation to be called up later with the last date of the scheme to sign up being the 15 December 1915.

Once signed up the volunteers were segregated into groups. Those who volunteered but wanted to defer service were put into “Class A” while those who wanted to join immediately were put into “Class B”. Class A men were paid a day’s army pay for the day they Attested and were given a grey armband (or Khaki Armlets) with a red crown on it to signify that they had volunteered and were officially transferred to the Section B Army Reserve before being sent home to await their call up. Those who were Called up were done so according to age groups from Single Men born in 1897 = Group 1 to those born in 1875 = Group 23 and Married Men born from 1897 = Group 24 to those born in 1875 = Group 46. They were then mobilised between (Group 1) the 28 Mar 1916 and (Group 46) the 13 June 1916.

(See also <http://www.1914-1918.net/derbyscheme.html>)

In some areas like Sandbach the scheme was popular, however it didn't produce enough men to satisfy the demand with only 350,000 putting their names forward and so in January 1916 Conscription was introduced via the Military Service Act.

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### 18 Jan 1918

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1918 the Children of Sandbach School were taken by their teachers to a lecture and picture show in the afternoon by Mr Mock at the Town Hall on "War in the Air".

### 25 Oct 1918

On Wednesday afternoon (23<sup>rd</sup> October 1918) all the boys from the school and all other students from the town were taken to a Lantern Lecture at the Town Hall given by Mr Mock on the subject of "War on the Land".

EXTRA INFO.

This would have been like a slide show with a narrative being given by the lecturer and possibly as it was a lantern show some of the glass slides may have had animated parts to them allowing a moving illustration to the lecture, rather like an early form of animation.

**On the 11 November 1918 War officially ended at 11am** with a cease fire.

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### 1 February 1925

On the 1 February 1925, Foden's Motor Works Band held a concert at the Town Hall for the Sandbach Widows and Orphans fund. The concert was organised by Mr Jones and included conductor Fred Mortimer (His first concert in Sandbach) and the tunes 'Cleopatra' and 'The Acrobat' (Bob Knott Trombone Solo).

### 21 November 1926

The Foden Motor Works Band played Sacred Concert at the Sandbach Town Hall in aid of the Sandbach British Legion Widows and Orphans Fund on the 21 November 1926 with Fred Mortimer conducting and included soloist Ed Lovatt (Bass Baritone) of London, Manchester and Provincial concerts with accompanist Miss Twemlow. (8pm – Admission 2/- (Balcony), 1/- and 6d (Limited).)

Concerts by the band included

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| 1 Feb 1925       | CONCERT for the British Legion Widow and Orphans Fund  |
| 21 Nov 1926      | CONCERT for the British Legion Widow and Orphans Fund  |
| 11 Dec 1927      | CONCERT for the British Legion Widow and Orphans Fund  |
| 11 Nov 1928      | CONCERT for the British Legion Widow and Orphans Fund  |
| 24 Feb 1935      | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home  |
| 27 Feb 1938      | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home  |
| 26 Nov 1939      | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Soldiers Comfort Fund  |
| 26 Apr 1942      | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home  |
| 25 Mar 1945      | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND<br>in aid of the Sandbach and District Nursing Association.<br>– Nursing Concert (Paid Gratis)   |
| 19 Oct 1947      | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home (Paid Gratis)  |
| 6 Nov 1949       | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND  |
| 30 Oct 1957      | FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND Conductor Rex Mortimer   |
| 25 Nov 1982      | LAUNCH OF FODENS OTS BAND<br>After an informal meeting the band made a formal announcement about the sponsorship deal with <b>OTS</b> at Sandbach Town Hall at which the band played for an hour for Mr and Mrs Richard Carlton Tickell (OTS).<br>Following the signing the band joined its new sponsors at the Old Hall for a buffet lunch. |
| 15 Mar 2014      | FODEN'S BAND "Ensemble" at SANDBACH TOWN HALL  |
| 23 Apr 2015      | FODENS BAND CONCERT "Last Night of the Proms"  |
| 17 Sept 2015     | FODEN'S BAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall   |
| 21 Apr 2016      | FODEN'S BAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall   |
| Fri 17 June 2016 | FODEN'S BAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall<br>To raise funds for the band after the fire at their rehearsal room destroyed many artefacts and music.   |
| Tues 27 Mar 2018 | FODEN'S BAND HERITAGE CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall.   |



First half of the concert will be music saved from the fire and played by the band for the first time in concert having recorded the pieces for their Heritage Website. Second half will be concert material.

Fri 18 Oct 2019 FODEN'S BAND CONCERT Bier Keller Night at Sandbach Town Hall

Sat 21 Dec 2019 FODEN'S BAND CONCERT The "Snowman" Live with film.

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In the 1930's the Town Hall was the venue for an annual pantomime. I don't know when the group started but it was organised by the local Parish Church to entertain the children of the area and like previous drama groups, they gave their profits to charity and the local churches. Among the productions performed was, "Little Red Riding Hood".

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#### **SPITFIRE FUND IN SANDBACH**

By 1943, Sandbach had set up a money raising fund for the town to purchase a Spitfire for the RAF to help in the war against Germany and to be able to defend Britain.

On the 10 April 1943, the Crewe Chronicle noted that the Brereton War Savings fund had joined the "Sandbach Wing's for Victory Fund".

This was not the only fundraiser for the war effort in the town as the Foden Motor Works had their own "Foden's Spitfire Effort" (Crewe Chronicle 19 Oct 1940) and a local group raised money for local charities including the "Foden's Spitfire Effort", which it split its funds between in March 1941 (15 March 1941 Crewe Chronicle).

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#### **24 April 1943**

As part of the war effort and fundraising on the 24 April 1943, there was a "Grand Exhibition and Demonstration", of Aircraft Equipment including a Dinghy, Mae West, Parachute Flare, Parachute, Flying Kit, Browning Gun and a Cannon.

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#### **SANDBACH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY (2)**

1946 The venue became the theatrical home of a new group of actors. The Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society (SADS formed in 1945) held their shows at the Town Hall with their first production being on the 9-10 April 1946, "Without the Prince". After many years of performing at the venue in 1975 they performed their last show before moving to their own stage at the Hope Street, Church Hall / School room, with Lady Dracula (9 - 11 October 1975 by David Campton).

In 1977 the Sandbach Players (Name changed in 1973) moved into the Hope Street School Room with the play "I'll Get My Man". In 1992 the group moved to Sandbach School and the play "Dry Rot" followed by a short season at Bradwall Village Hall in 2005 with An Inspector Calls which was then transferred to the Sandbach Town Hall on the 19 December 2005. The Players moved back into the Town Hall for the society's final show on the 24 June 2006 which was "Proscenophobia" by Bettine Manktelow.

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Between the 15 June 1950 and the 21 June 1950, the local Co-operative Society based in Bold Street hosted "The Great Co-op Exhibition" in the Town Hall. It was opened by Mr L Cooke J.P. the local Director of the Co-operative Wholesale Society alongside Mr Sydney Bailey the President of the Sandbach Co-operative Society Ltd. The exhibition included C.W.S. products in the making, Free competitions, displays of goods for the home and to wear along with Model Furnished Rooms filled with Co-op products.

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17 Nov 1957 BELMONT CHOIR Annual Concert  
With Guest Artist, Constance Shacklock (Messo-Soprano)

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25 Oct 1958 CATH JONES AND HER BAND (Dance) TICKETS 5/- 8pm start

The Sandbach Music Studio (Record Store) owner had her own band which played on a regular basis for dances from the 1940's through to the 1980's at various locations including a regular booking at the Town Hall in Sandbach which included the Christmas Eve Dance. Cath always held a New Year's Eve Dance somewhere in the area. The band also played for a number of fundraising concerts both at the town hall and at other venues.

#### **OTHER DATES**

12 Oct 1967 CATH JONES AND HER BAND (Dance) TICKETS 6/-

4 Apr 1968 CATH JONES AND HER BAND (Dance) TICKETS 6/-

24 Dec 1968 CATH JONES AND HER BAND (Dance)

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The 1961 Annual Police Ball was held at Sandbach Town Hall with music provided by Ralph Cowdall with various policemen attending including PC Bailey, PC Barlow, PC Clarke, PC Jones and PC Wright.

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By the 1960's the Beatles were topping the charts and every kid wanted to be in a pop band and on the 9 March 1963, one of those groups appeared at Sandbach Town Hall. "Noddy and the Toy Town Rockers" (Yorkshire Pop Band) appeared with another group called "Diamonds" (8pm to 11.30pm). Just like the days of the ballroom dances there was a need for girls to attend the functions and for the boys to meet, fall in love with and marry. The same imbalance of a lack of girls was at the pop shows of the 50's and 60's, so a cheaper fee was charged for ladies to entice them into the shows.

TICKETS           Guys 4/6  
                          Gals 2/6

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**16 November 1962**

FODEN MOTOR WORKS DANCE

A dance run by the Foden Sports and Social Club (Apprentice Section) was held at the Town Hall from 8pm to 1am with Ralph Cowdall and his Band a popular dance band locally for many years. Tickets were 5/- in advance or 6/- on the night with refreshments at moderate charges.

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**13 April 1963**

On the 13 April 1963 the Town Hall staged "Jimmy Powell and the Piledrivers" (Decca Recording Stars / "Thank Your Lucky Stars" / Hit Record Sugar Baby.). Jimmy Powell (.b. 13 Oct 1942 .D. 13 May 2016) grew up in the West Heath area of Birmingham and in 1962 formed a Scottish band called "Jimmy Powell and the 5 Dimensions" which for a brief time was Rod Stewart's first band.

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In 1964, there were calls for the Town Hall to be demolished as it was making a loss for the town. In January 1964 the Sandbach Chronicle wrote "In the last few years nobody has been able to make a success of it, not even the bingo people, the all-in wrestlers, the boxing promoters or the council itself, by way of a Saturday night dance." The popularity of the town hall was now lacking and even popular dates like New Year's Eve were not being booked. Popular dances of the 1930's and 1940's were now on a downward spiral as having to have lessons beforehand and women only got to dance when a man asked them meant that less and less people could be bothered now that the dance bands were out and a new drum led combo or pop groups were in fashion where all you needed to do was move about a bit to the beat to make an impression on a young lady or even dance around your handbag to attract the man of your dreams. These new groups were still not approved by the elderly members of Sandbach Town Council and the thought of them appearing at the Town Hall was out of the question.

The Council had tried the ballroom as a banqueting hall but the distance from the downstairs kitchen to the hall often meant that the meals were cold on arrival and the strain on waitresses as they struggled up the stairs with plates of food, trying not to spill the gravy. One suggestion was to build a bridge from the Co-op building next door (Now Handy Households) and do the catering on the same level but nothing came of this idea.

Councillor R Warburton suggested that the building be modernised and let out to the public for free only incurring a £1,000 a year loss on the project. Councillor R Warburton suggested a figure of £3,000 should be spent on the building, putting in new toilets, a kitchen on the same floor as the banqueting hall, a bar, and a modern dance floor. This would be better than having to spend between £25,000 and £30,000 on a new building.

When asked by the Sandbach Chronicle what people would like to do with the Town Hall the majority said that it should be knocked down and the Council should walk away from it completely.

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In January 1966, Councillor Ernest Condliffe held his Chairman's Ball at the Town Hall with music by Cath Jones (who owned the Music Studio / Record Shop on Congleton Road). So good was the dancing that a piece of 8-foot square plaster fell from the ceiling of the boardroom below, thankfully no-one was in the room at the time.

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The Crewe Chronicle of the 30 December 1971 wrote that a building designed by Sir Gilbert Scott was to be demolished with features of his works being preserved and improved.

It reads in small format that this was possibly the Town Hall (UPDATE - However the Town Hall was not designed by Sir Gilbert Scott but by Thomas Bower of Nantwich).

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**8 September 1972**

On the 8 September 1972 the Town Hall was host to a talk by Lady Isobel Barnet ("What's My Line" and other Quiz Shows on the BBC) before about 200 people, for a fundraiser on behalf of the Sandbach Ladies Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

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In 1982 the hall was partly refurbished and also in 1986 when the building was completely refurbished.

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#### SANDBACH TODAY EVENT

Aileen Thompson tells me that in the 1990's Beryl Evans at Sandbach Library started events at the Marriott Room to promote local groups who used the library. The events took place on a Friday afternoon and evening in September with Sandbach Arts, The Ladies Association, Photographic Society, Bert Gill's First Aiders and the Sandbach History Society taking part along with John Bowles who used to do sketches.

Started in 1997, the Sandbach Today event was first held on a Friday night at the Town Hall and was organised by Congleton Borough's Arts officer Carol McGregor, Cllr Dorothy Flint (Chairman of the Town Council) and Town Clerk Mike Garratt, to promote local organisations with an exhibition of many of the societies in Sandbach. Taking part were groups from Wheelock, Elworth, Sandbach Heath, Sports clubs, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts and the Sandbach History Society with the ballroom and bar area full of stands.

The second year of the event was also at the Town Hall but this time on a Saturday with an exhibition in January.

However, with various changes in local government and the formation of the Sandbach Partnership, the Partnership took over running the event in 2003 along with a committee of various volunteers who help to organise the annual event as it has become a major calendar date for networking between organisations, recruiting new members as well as publicising what is going on in the town.

Original committee helpers included Andy Maddock, Roger Foden, Aileen Thompson followed by Graham Hannen, Dick Maccaulay, Graham Alcock and Sue Brereton.

Groups taking part included the Sandbach Arts Group (Now Disbanded),

In 2012 the event moved to St Mary's Church Hall after the price of the Town Hall had become too much for the event with about twenty-three organisations taking part.

In 2007, Dot Flint one of the organisers of the event wrote, "I had only intended to do this as a one off, but I am pleased to have been a part of it and seen how it has grown over the past 10 years". Twenty-two years on the event has seen a number of changes over that time period and many of those original groups in the Town Hall meeting are no longer active in Sandbach but have been replaced by new organisations including the U3A (Formed in 2003), the Rotary Club of Saxon Crosses (2003) and the "Friends" groups (Sandbach Park 2010). Established organisations from that 1997 exhibition were continuing to support the town and the event including the Sandbach Photographic Society (Formed in 1979) and the Sandbach History Society (Formed in 1976) who have not missed any of the Sandbach Today Events.

#### SANDBACH TODAY DATES

1997 =

1998 = Jan 1998 (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

1999 = 26 November 1999 (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

2000 =

2001 =

2002 = Wesley Centre (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

2003 = (Sandbach Partnership)

2004 = 18 September 2004 (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

2005 =

2006 = 30 September 2006 at Sandbach Town Hall

2007 = 29 September 2007 at Sandbach Town Hall (Daytime)

(Organised by Congleton Borough Arts and Sandbach Partnership)

29 September 2007 Celebration event at Town Hall (Evening)

2008 = 27 September 2008 at Sandbach Town Hall.

2009 = 19 September 2009 at Sandbach Town Hall 10am to 2pm.

2010 = 18 September 2010 at Sandbach Town Hall 10am to 2pm. (Opened by Fiona Bruce)

2011 = 17 September 2011 at Sandbach Town Hall 10am to 2pm.



**Last Event at the Sandbach Town Hall before it moved to St Mary's.**

- 2012 = 15 September 2012 at St Mary's Church Hall between 9.30am and 1.00pm.
- 2013 = 7 September 2013 at St Mary's Church Hall between 9.30am and 1.30pm along with Youth Organisations on the Market Square.
- 2014 = 20 September 2014 at St Mary's Church Hall and Market Square.
- 2015 = 19 September 2015 at St Mary's Church Hall and Market Square.
- 2016 = 17 September 2016 at St Mary's Church Hall and Market Square.
- 2017 = 16 September 2017 at St Mary's Church Hall.
- 2018 = 15 September 2018 at St Mary's Church Hall.
- 2019 = 21 September 2019 at St Mary's Church Hall.
- 2020 = Cancelled due to Covid 19 (It was to have been the 19 September)

(see SANDBACH PARTNERSHIP)

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**TOWN HALL EVENTS CONTINUED.**

In 2000, Prue Bowles organised a "Festival of Flowers" for the local churches (Helped by the Elworth Flower Club), but felt that many people who would like to attend were unable to do so as they couldn't climb the stairs. Cllr David Lloyd-Griffiths pointed out that plans had been drawn up earlier for a lift but had been dropped.

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In 2002 a third refurbishment was undertaken and in 2013 alterations were again made to the hall with a retractable stage, new sound system and new bar area being added. The new look Town Hall opened officially on the 19 February 2014.

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Foden's Band are not the only Brass Band to play regularly at Sandbach Town Hall. The Roberts Bakery Band has held an annual Christmas concert at the venue for many years to raise funds for themselves. (Dates Archived include 21 Dec 2012 / 16 Dec 2016 / 22 Dec 2017 / 15 Dec 2018)

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**COMEDY CLUB**

In 2012 the town hall became the venue for a touring comedy club. Popular in local theatre bars at the Lyceum (Crewe) and Regent Theatre (Hanley) the companies were keen to expand and held evenings at local town halls including the Nantwich Civic Hall.

On the 27 October 2012 the first "Comedy Night" in Sandbach included comedians Justin Moorhouse, Noel James, Chris Martin, with MC for the Night John Warburton. Some of the acts performed at Sandbach before they became famous and occasionally a star name (At the Time) was on the bill including on the 7 December 2012, as MC for the Night was **Howard Read** who at the time had his own children's TV programme and appeared at the 2007 Royal Variety Performance with his act 'Big Howard Little Howard' (CBBC).

Organisers included "Comedy Hotspots Team" and a concert in aid of the Sandbach Rugby Club.

**COMEDIANS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART**

- Clinton Baptiste,
- Alistair Barrie,
- Ninia Benjamin (BBC 3's 3 Non-Blondes)
- Mitch Benn** (The Now Show BBC Radio 4),
- Andrew Bird,
- Marcus Birdman,
- Bethany Black,
- Eddie Brimson,
- Maff Brown,
- Barry Castagnola,
- Daliso Chaponda,
- James Cook,
- Tom Deacon,
- Kevin Dewsbury,
- Carl Donnelly,
- Harriet Dyer,
- Hayley Ellis,
- Angelos Epithmiou (Never Mind the Buzzcocks),
- Mick Ferris,

Steve Harris,  
 Sally Ann Hayward,  
 Tez Ilyas (Tez O Clock Show on Channel 4),  
 Noel James,  
 Leo Kerse,  
 Gerry Kyei,  
 Rudi Lickwood  
 Gary Little,  
 Dave Longley,  
 Chris Martin,  
 Milo McCabe as Troy Hawke,  
 Danny McLoughin,  
 Garrett Millerick,  
 Justin Moorhouse,  
 Susan Murray,  
 Cerys Nelmes,  
 Ben Norris,  
 Rory O'Hanlon,  
 Sully O'Sullivan,  
 Nick Page (2017 Britain's Got Talent Semi Finalist),  
 Lauren Pattison,  
 Philbertol,  
 Ste Porter,  
 The Raymond and Mr Timpkins Revue  
**Howard Read (Big Howard Little Howard)**  
 Christine Reilly,  
 Rob Rouse,  
 Adam Rowe,  
 Joe Rowntree,  
 Steve Royle,  
 Silky,  
 Harry Stachini,  
 Tom Stade Totally Rocks (7 June 2013 Solo Show)  
 Andrew Stanley,  
 Chris Stokes,  
 Jim Tavare,  
 John Warburton.  
 Joseph Wilson,  
 Rich Wilson,  
 Simon Wozniak.

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COMMUNITY CINEMA

In 2012 the Sandbach Community Cinema started with the aim of bringing a cinema back to Sandbach by showing its films in the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of the Month. The first film was shown on the 18 September 2012 and was "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"

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**4 May 2013**

MAYOR'S INVESTITURE at Town Hall

The Mayor changed from Carolyn Lowe to Mike Benson.

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**27 January 2014**

HOLOCAUST SERVICE AT THE TOWN HALL

On the 27 January 2014 Cheshire East Council held a Holocaust Service at Sandbach Town Hall. It was the idea of the Leader of Cheshire East, Michael Jones who invited many Councillors from the area to come along to Sandbach Town Hall for a service of remembrance along with members of the public. Cheshire East Mayor Dorothy Flude opened the proceedings followed by a reading from Sandbach Town Mayor Mike Benson, who also introduced violin player Eloise Smith from Congleton High School to play a piece from the John Williams score for "Schindlers List". Mike had seen Eloise

at a recent Sandbach Concert series and contacted her to see if she would be willing to take part in the event.

Michael Jones then invited those present to light candles in remembrance of all those past and present that have been on the receiving end of the sort of genocide seen in Germany during the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war and other conflicts. He also hoped that it would never happen again but felt this may be a wish that would not be granted. This was the first of what he hoped would be an annual event staged by Cheshire East Council.

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## **19 February 2014**

### **REFURBISHMENT OF MAIN HALL**

The Town Hall in Sandbach was finally opened on Wednesday the 19 February 2014, after a long period of closure for refurbishments. The ceremony then offered a chance for the public and Civic Leaders from Sandbach, Alsager, Cheshire East and the surrounding area to have a look at the updated facilities that any civic hall would be proud of. With more modern rooms the Town Hall now caters for any function with sound, lighting and projection units in the various rooms available for hire.

The Opening what introduced by a wonderful poem performed by the Town's Town Crier Denis Robinson about the new facilities in the building followed by Councillor Carolyn Lowe the Council's liaison officer for the project who thanked the various people involved in the project including the many people of the town who expressed an opinion as to what they wanted within the new look facility. Finally Mayor Mike Benson gave a historic speech about the building and statistics as to how the cost of refurbishment was better than having to rebuild the structure along with a comparison with its original cost in 1889 when the first foundation stone was laid.

The ribbon was finally cut for the public to enter the building with the Mayor opening the door to what they hope will be a well-used building. A local resident who had been using the building since 1947 was impressed with the new facilities and hoped that the price would not deter people from using it. From what I have seen, the facilities are a lot more user friendly catering for the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and I hope that the building will last another 125 years.

Improvements included a new look bar area above the main floor with a modern look frontage.

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## **22 February 2014**

### **2014 TUDOR TIMES AT THE TOWN HALL**

The Town Hall in Sandbach went back in time on the 22 February 2014, to the Tudor period for a fundraiser in aid of the Mayor's Charity when it held a Banquet, Tudor fashion show and Musical entertainment from Piva a 1500's style group of musicians who proved that good music is never out of date and impressed the audience so much so that I have never seen an unknown group of musician praised so much at the end of a performance like they were. With authentic instruments made by members of the group including an English set of bagpipes they provided authentic music that complimented the fashion show provided by Jenny Unsworth. Jenny who also helped organise the event not only gave an informative commentary on each of the costumes from the various decades of the Tudor period but also made each of them herself. Her costumes have been used at various events for the National Trust and she tries to keep them as authentic as possible by looking at paintings from the period to get the details right. Friends, neighbours and relatives all joined her as models to provide the perfect Tudor fashion show. Mayor, Mike Benson and his family were also clothed by Jenny in Tudor costumes and Dot Flint provided a meal based on some of the food eaten by the people of the time with table decorations and banners to change the ballroom at the town hall into a banqueting hall fit for a Tudor King and Queen. The whole event raised over £500 for the Mayor's Charity with the Mayor thanking everyone who contributed to the appeal with special praise going to Dot Flint and Jenny Unsworth without whom it would not have worked so well.

The next event for the Mayor's Charity was an Afternoon Cream Tea at the Town Hall on the 22 March between 3pm to 5.30pm.

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## **22 March 2014**

### **CREAM TEA AT THE TOWN HALL**

The Cream Tea Event at Sandbach Town Hall on Saturday 22 March was a successful event to raise funds for the Mayor's Charity Fund which this year goes to the Air Ambulance and Shipton Explorer Scouts (Sandbach). The event raised over £750 for the Charity and over 100 people attended the afternoon event with cakes provided by Dot Flint, Gill Merry, Gail Wait, Mary Moran, Sheila Higgins and Kathie Benson. There was also music provided by young musicians who had been involved with the Sandbach Concert Series. Musicians at the event were Billy Proctor (Classical Guitar from Congleton High School); Jamie Gallagher (Clarinet from Haslington Primary School); Adam Pointon

(Keyboard from Mablins Lane Primary School Crewe); Ellen Pointon (Saxophone and Guitar from Sandbach High School); Clare Madely (Flute from South Cheshire College) and a Flute Trio of William Roberts, Daniel Turnbull and Joe Tarry.

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**11 April 2014**

**MAYOR'S BALL**

Mayor Mike Benson and his consort Mrs Kathie Benson were hosts at the annual Mayor's Ball in the Town Hall on Friday the 11 April. With dignitaries from around Cheshire and invited guests, the event was the last chance to raise funds for this year's Mayoral Charities the North West Air Ambulance and the Shipton Explorer Scout Unit (Based in Sandbach).

During the evening the diners and dancers enjoyed local musicians "Out of the Blues" and music for dancing was provided by "Dance Bespoke".

A fine menu was provided in a three course meal including homemade carrot and coriander soup followed by Scottish Salmon in white wine sauce and for desert a raspberry cheesecake.

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**3 May 2014**

**MAYOR MAKING AT TOWN HALL**

Sandbach appointed its new Mayor at an open AGM of Sandbach Town Council on Sunday the 18 May 2014 when members of the public were allowed to attend to see Elsie Alcock appointed for the first time as Mayor of the Town. She has been the Chairman of the Council in 2002-3 and 2009 -10 with her new Deputy Mayor being Gill Merry who along with Elsie has made a large contribution to the area as part of many groups over the years.

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**29 June 2014**

**FREEDOM OF SANDBACH AWARDED TO MERCIAN REGIMENT**

On Armed Forces Day the 26 June 2014 the Mercian Regiment was awarded the Freedom of Sandbach Town by Sandbach Town Council in a stunning ceremony in the town. Thousands of people turned out to see the Royal British Legion, local Military and Scouting Groups along with troops from the (1 Mercian) First Battalion of the Mercian Regiment who represented the 3 Battalions of the Mercian's who have just been renamed after the Counties they now represent.

Second in Command, Major Rob Prentice from the regiment in his early life grew up in the town of Sandbach, going to St Winifred's Church and he was also educated at Elworth Primary School. He along with many local soldiers from Crewe and Congleton brought with them their families to see them marching through the town from Westfield's to the Market Square and then onto a service at St Mary's before the Regiment made use of their Freedom by marching from the Church to Scotch Common and round the car park to outside the Town Hall car park ready for a reception at the Town Hall to celebrate the occasion.

Organised by the British Legion from an idea suggested by Mrs Marjorie Newton the event was a great success as the 6<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces day marched through Sandbach with the music of the Silk Band from Macclesfield leading the procession and who played the Regimental March on the square as well as providing some of the music in the church along with Kevin Birch the organist at St Mary's. The Revd. Thomas Shepherd led the service with readings from Lt Col Mark Ellwood of the First Mercian, the High Sheriff of Cheshire Mrs Susan Sellers, Regimental Sergeant-Major WOI Richard Page and Mrs Marjorie Newton the Chairman of the Sandbach Branch of the Royal British Legion.

On the Market Square Sandbach Town Council Mayor Elsie Alcock had handed over the freedom to Lt Col Mark Ellwood MBE of the regiment with the High Sheriff of Cheshire, Mrs Susan Sellers, MP Fiona Bruce and representatives of the Royal British Legion in attendance.

The event then moved to the Town Hall for a reception.

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In the 1930's the Town Hall had staged a Pantomime by local groups. On Monday the 29 December 2014, Talegate Theatre came to town with the first of a number of Pantomimes with "CINDERELLA" being the first of these productions.

**PANTO**

Mon 29 Dec 2014 "CINDERELLA"

Mon 28 Dec 2015 "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"

Thurs 29 Dec 2016 "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"

Thurs 28 Dec 2017 "DICK WHITTINGTON"

Thurs 27 Dec 2018 "SLEEPING BEAUTY".

Fri 27 Dec 2019 "ALADDIN".  
2020 Cancelled due to Coronavirus.

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**18 April 2015**

**YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR**

On the Saturday of the Sandbach Transport Festival (18<sup>th</sup> April 2015) there was an added bonus. A show of musical excellence that rivalled the entertainment provided on the square. It was the first "Young Musician of the Year" competition held by the Sandbach Concert Series organisers who this year have decided to hold an event to showcase local talent of all ages with ten players in the Senior Section and five in the Junior Section. All the players have featured in the Concert Series during the year and have come from local schools to compete for prizes which were judged by professional musicians Sophie Rosa and Sally Wigan who like the competitors have featured in the concerts at St Mary's Church Hall.

Audiences were amazed at the high standard of performance and it was a difficult decision that the judges had to make with prizes being awarded to Billy Proctor on Guitar who came third with a £25 prize, Matthew Brett who was second on percussion winning £50 and the overall winner in first place was Alex Flanders on Trumpet who picked up £100 and the title of the first Sandbach Young Musician of the Year.

There was also a special prize donated by international conductor Bramwell Tovey who on the 25 January 2015 had given an interview to John Barber of Fodens Band as a special event for the Concert Series which is now available to view on the Brass Band website '4 bars rest'. When he heard about the competition he decided to donate his fee for the January event to provide a special prize for the player who in the eyes of the judges was of special merit. The first award was given to Richard Rhodes who played the Bass Tuba.

The prizes were handed out by Sandbach Transport Festival Organisers and Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Sandbach, Elsie and Graham Alcock along with MP Fiona Bruce.

This became an annual event only missing 2020 when Covid 19 cancelled all events in the town.

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**22 July 2015**

**SMART MOTORWAY IN SANDBACH EXHIBITION**

On Wednesday the 22 July 2015, Highways England (The old Highways Agency) hosted an exhibition at Sandbach Town Hall to show the proposed alterations to the M6 between junctions 16 and 19 with a new 'smart Motorway' scheme.

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**3 October 2015**

**TEA WITH THE MAYOR**

Started three years ago the annual Cream Tea with the Mayor event has been a great success raising funds for the Mayor's Charity and this year is no exception. Gill Merry the Town's Mayor held her event in Sandbach Town Hall on the 3 October with many people from the local community coming along to partake in the scones, carrot cake, cream cakes and tea served by a number of volunteers and Councillors including Carolyn Lowe and on the door Mike Benson.

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**16 October 2015**

**UNBORN ACTS AT TOWN HALL**

The idea of Richard Husdan the new conference and events manager at Sandbach Town Hall, "Unborn" is a chance for new bands and singers to be seen by a wider audience and in the future hopefully some talent scouts are in the audience to discover them. On Friday the 16 October 2015 the first event in town hall took place with help from John Barber (Love Music Trust and Sandbach School) and Sandbach School who provided the bands for the evening. Eric Ball played some of his own songs plus cover versions while Ollie and Maliek filled in the middle slot plus joining other friends to play in the band Remedies who ended the evening with a loud 'set' of music including new tunes and favourite covers.

Richard had tried the event out when he was working at the Corn Hall in the Cotswolds with great success and asked Sandbach Town Council if they would like to run a similar event in the Town. Keen to help local people the Council agreed to allow him to run the event at the town hall with minimum cost and gaining what expenses were spent back by charging £4 for a ticket to see the bands.

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**27 January 2016**



Cheshire East has celebrated Holocaust Memorial Day since 2013. On the 27 January 2016, Cheshire East Council invited members of the public to attend the event.

Cheshire East Mayor Hilda Gaddum  
Deputy Leader of Cheshire East David Brown  
Sandbach Mayor Gill Merry  
Musical Performance Toby Brady (11 Year Pupil from Sandbach Boys School)  
Rabbi Atlas gave the Address

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### 9- 14 May 2016

#### SANDBACH ARTS FESTIVAL

In 2016, between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May Sandbach Town Hall was busy with an event that we hadn't seen in the town for a number of years.

Back in 1969, Sandbach had its first advertised "Art's Festival" sometime during March or April. By 1992 when the next Festival was organised by "Balcony Arts" it featured celebrity names Tom Robinson, Dave Gorman and Manchester Camerata during the 3 days of the event and in 1993 Lindisfarne and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra provided the entertainment along with local artists followed in 1996 by performances by The Manfreds, Fairport Convention (Acoustic), Mark Lamarr (Comedian / TV Presenter), Nigel Planer (Young Ones), George Melly with John Chilton's Feetwalmers, John Shuttleworth, Snowy White (Singer) and Circle Sensible all taking part.

In 2016, Richard Husdan the Conference and Events Manager at Sandbach Town Hall put together a line-up of different events over the week to celebrate, "Sandbach Arts Week". The week started with an "Authors and Awards" event which was a co-production with Sandbach Library. Five writers performed at the Town Hall on the Monday with Catherine Green (Vampire Romance), Gill Hoffs (Writer and Broadcaster), Charles Heathcote ("Our Doris" Books), Margaret Holdbrook (Poet and Writer) and Elizabeth Morgan (Erotic Romances by local writer whose real name is Laura Surgenor), talking to about 25 readers who chatted to the authors at the event and afterwards when they sold and signed their books.

On Tuesday 120 people attended a showing of the film, "The Danish Girl" which was put on with the help of the Sandbach Community Cinema group and was very different from the usual popular films that they stage at the Town Hall each month, with a few of the viewers slightly offended by some of the content of the film.

On the Wednesday there was a "Baby Sensory event" and the following day 70 people attended an event by the Street Dance Academy as they premiered their production of "Borough 10 the Revolution", before they took it to London.

The week ended on the Saturday was the "Little Cheshire Fair", a vintage craft event with over 400 people coming through the door of the Town Hall.

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### 3 July 2016

#### DENNIS ROBINSON GIVEN FREEDOM OF SANDBACH

Dennis Robinson has received the greatest honour a town can give to one of its Citizens "The Freedom of Sandbach" for his many years of contributions to the life of this Market Town and in particular for his work as Town Crier.

The original competition to find a Town Crier for Sandbach took place in the Market Square in April 1978 some 150 years since the town had a Town Crier. Organised by Councillor's Bob Holmes (Sandbach Town Council) and Mrs Eileen Henshall (Congleton Borough Council) the competition was won by 45 year old Don Burgess a wages boss at Fodens Motor Works Ltd. However, he was unable to commit to the job and soon it fell upon neighbouring Crier from Crewe Tom Clarkson to officiate at various events depending on his commitments in his home town.

In 1983 Dennis Robinson was asked to take on the role and so the job was passed to him by Lawrence Yarwood (Mayor) with Crewe Town Crier Tom Clarkson in attendance. Since then he has never refused to do a "Shout" to publicise an event in the town even when he was Mayor of Sandbach he continued to combine the two roles. It is because of his commitment to the Town and the immense pleasure he has bestowed upon the people of Sandbach in this role that he was given the "Freedom of Sandbach" at a ceremony on the 3 July 2016 which was part of the Civic Parade and Service. Carolyn Lowe led the tributes to Dennis with a look back at his life in Sandbach.

From the 1980's Dennis was a keen member of the Christmas Lights and Transport Festival Committees. Ruth Robinson, his late wife supported Dennis in his role and during the Transport Festival helped him arrange the Town Criers Competition as well as providing the food for the participants over the weekend.

He has also been a trustee of the Sandbach Literary Institute and continues to serve on the board of the Alms Houses. He is a keen member of the Sandbach Heath Methodist Church congregation and has used his tradesman's skills to maintain the fabric of the building as well as helping to raise funds and has also run the Sunday School. Carolyn Lowe said "Dennis was an extremely worthy recipient of the Freedom of Sandbach" and then presented him with a series of pictures in a frame celebrating his life as the Town Crier with one picture of him in his Red Coat another in his new Green Coat and the middle picture is of him becoming Crier in 1983. Bill Scragg a former Councillor and colleague of Dennis's was then called upon to say a few words. He started by saying Carolyn had stolen his thunder as she had mentioned a lot of what he was going to say but was then able to add other stories about his friend Dennis.

"Dennis has been up and down the country representing Sandbach in various Town Crier Competitions and has even been to the South of France to represent Manchester in their Olympic Bid. Bill then went on to talk about the Sandbach Heath Christmas party (At the Methodist Church) which was something to behold as you were co-opted into doing various songs including 'Old Tom Cobley and All' as part of the entertainment".

Mayor of Sandbach, Keith Haines then officially handed Dennis the scroll for the Freedom of Sandbach and congratulated him on the award to the sound of applause.

Dennis then made a speech, thanking Keith for allowing him to "share the event at Sandbach Town Hall" which held so many memories. He was now standing on this new floor which then reminded Dennis of the previous one when he stood on the old floor having paid 2/6 to get in for the Saturday Dance. Born in the cottage next to the Cricketers Arms it was at the age of 18 months that he and his parents moved back to Sandbach Heath where the Heathcote and Robinson family were.

Devout Christians the family went to Church each week at which Mr William Street was also a member of the Sandbach Heath congregation. It was he who built the Picture Palace in the town as well as being the Sunday School superintendent when Dennis was a child. Mr Street was an elderly gentleman by the time Dennis knew him and had a beard. Dennis's father was an apprentice with Mr Street when they built the Cinema and when they were knocking it down he wasn't too well and asked Dennis (His son) if he could get a brick from the demolished building to remind his of what he and Mr Street had built for the town.

Dennis then went on to talk about what the Freedom of Sandbach entitled him to do. Drive Sheep or Geese through the Town and also banging a drum while doing this. He recalled that he had one of the original Foden's Band Drums with only one side with a skin on it and thought it would be a good idea to use this when he went through the town with his sheep (Loaned by a local farmer). He then picked up on what Bill Scragg had said about the Christmas party at which Dennis was always the first to be shoved out with his big drum which he used to beat out the time for pianist Betty Street before the rest of the company joined them on stage for a song or two.

Carolyn then made the toast to Dennis Robinson followed by a wonderful buffet and many people congratulating him on this achievement.

A feature in the Council's magazine highlighted some of the events Dennis has been involved with. In 1987 Dennis Robinson became the National Champion at Hastings and also won First Prize at the competition in Clitheroe. In May 1993 Dennis was asked by City Crier Doug Brittain to represent Manchester in Monte Carlo for their Olympic Bid as the City also wanted their Crier in Paris to promote their bid at the same time and he was unable to do both jobs. Within 30 minutes Dennis was packed and headed towards Manchester Airport where he boarded a flight to the South of France along with a number of Celebrities including Bobby Charlton and soon Dennis struck up a conversation with his wife Norma. Celebrity encounters continued in the four-day event with an event at a Sporting club at which Shirley Bassey sang and he was seated on the neighbouring table to Princess Anne at a banquet.

In 1999 Dennis won the Shield at Newquay followed in 2002 by wining the Cup and Shield at Llandinrod Wells and in 2003 he was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Dressed Crier in the World Championships.

In 2015 Dennis was seen in Sandbach in a new Green uniform which had been specially made for him and was a change from the usual red uniforms he had worn since taking office.

With these awards and his time on Sandbach Town Council as well as many other committees Dennis Robinson was justly given the "Freedom of Sandbach" on the 3 July 2016.

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## 8 July 2016

### BBC BROADCAST ANY QUESTIONS "LIVE"

On the 8 July 2016 the BBC Political Debate show on Radio 4, "ANY QUESTIONS" broadcast live from Sandbach Town Hall with Jonathan Dimbleby in the chair.

Due to be at a town in Northern Ireland the producers had a change of mind when the political situation in Northern Ireland at this moment in time made it difficult to talk about subjects that week so the “Any Questions” producers at BBC Radio 4 decided a new venue should be found to host the live programme on the 8 July 2016. Sandbach Town Hall was the perfect venue for the broadcast and Lisa Jenkinson the producer of the programme set about organising the event.

Jonathan Dimbleby as usual was in the chairman’s seat with Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron, Conservative Dominic Grieve, Labours Gisela Stuart and Daily Telegraph columnist Liam Hagan on the panel.

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**5 November 2016**

**WRITERS EVENT**

After the departure of Richard Husdan, a new Conference and Events Officer was appointed. Laura Surgenor who was also known as writer Elizabeth Morgan continued to stage events and after the success of the arts week writers’ event, she arranged for a few of her fellow writers to come to Sandbach for an event where the people of the town could talk to 21 authors from the area and beyond. Dianna Hardy probably came the furthest as she lives in Havant, South Hampshire, with most of the writers living within a 20-mile radius of Sandbach Town Centre including Catherine Green from Middlewich, Matt Clarke who brought a series of Comic books he has drawn and written, Jane Cooper on the other hand brought a children’s book called “The Dragon in the Drain” and Winterley writer John Paul Goss talked about, “The King of Ithaca” based in Serbia. Amazon best-selling author Caroline James brought her book “Coffee Tea, The Caribbean and me” and its sequel to the event on the 5 November 2016. Cover model Martin Nelson was also available to have his picture taken for a donation in aid of Charity.

The event was also held on Saturday the 23 September 2017, with authors Nikki Ashton, C.A. Bell, Jane Cooper, P R Ellis, Scarlet Flame, Catherine Green, Liz Hedgecock, Angela Marie James, Glen Martin James, Lizzie James, R J F Holland, Victoria Johns, M L Kacy, D A Lascelles, Elizabeth Morgan, Laura Morgan, Claire Plaisted, Bella Sattarra, R A Smith, T L Wainwright and Jim Webster. A third event was held on the 18 August 2018 with writers Sarah Lysaght (“37 Downing Street” / “Loyalty on the Home Sweet Home Front” / “The Manchester Bradshaw’s”). Susi Osborne (“The Ripples of Life” (2008), “Grace and Disgrace” and “Secrets, Lies and Butterflies” (2013)) along with (Nigel) N J Cartner, (“Lost in Manchester found in Vegas”). K Spencer (“Angel” (2016), Princess (2017)). Lucy Felthouse (Erotic Romantic novels), Scribbelious (various books), Paul Bernardi (Historic Suspense Novels, “To the Devil his Due” and “Thurkill’s Revenge”), (Tracy) T N Traynor (Mystical Quest Novel Series, “Oracle’s Quest”, (Charlotte) C A Keith (Ghostly Writes Anthology), Claire Plaisted (Female secret investigator and also featured in the Ghostly Writes Anthology of short stories), and Elizabeth Morgan (Urban Fantasy and Erotic Horror).

*(Richard would return in another role within the Council)*

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**19 November 2016**

Royal British Legion Dance with the Roy Peters Sound.

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**27 January 2017**

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY ON BBC RADIO STOKE**

Cheshire East has celebrated Holocaust Memorial Day since 2013 and in 2014, the first event had taken part at the town hall. On the 27 January 2017, Cheshire East Council invited members of the public and BBC Radio Stoke along to help mark the event.

The event was opened by Cheshire East Mayor Olivia Hunter who gave a brief introduction to the reasons for the Memorial Day before introducing Sandbach Town Council Mayor Keith Haines who read out some accounts from Jews who had survived the holocaust.

Retired Dentist and Survivor from Austria, Peter Kurer then spoke about the debt that he owed to the Quakers who during the Second World War petitioned parliament to allow the children of Jewish parents to come to Britain before Hitler imposed his Anti-Jewish laws. They also helped to raise funds for the £50’s needed to bring them into the country and adoption facilities in what is known as the Kinder Transport. Nine members of Peter’s family were saved in this way and he has championed the work of the Quakers ever since. His inspirational talk was followed by a Soprano Cornet performance of “On with the Motley” by Sandbach School pupil William Dakin.

Chief Executive of Cheshire East, Mike Suarez spoke about “How Life Can Go On after the Holocaust”, before the congregation were invited to light a candle in remembrance followed by the Rev Thomas Shepherd who gave a reading, prayer and period of silence to end the event.

The event was recorded by BBC Radio Stoke for broadcast in an edited format on the following Sunday during their, "In Praise of God" slot.

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**18 February 2017**

**MAYORS BALL TURNS INTO VARIETY SHOW AND BUFFET**

Sandbach Mayor Keith Haines decided to change the traditional Mayor's Ball into something that reflects his own life and interests. This also included asking his old friend, Crewe born comedian Don Reid who lived and worked for many years in Sandbach to act as MC for the evening, during which he reflected on his time in the town including working in the old Gas Showroom on Crewe Road. Having been in a singing trio of Eric Bailey, Keith Haines and Don Reid it was one night when the Guitar and PA Amp broke down that Don decided to start telling jokes to the audience to fill the time while Keith fixed the equipment starting him on the road to a new job that takes him round the world telling jokes on Cruises, in clubs and even on TV. During the event at the Town Hall on the 18 February 2016 all three were reunited for the first time in many years with Don and Keith raising funds for the Mayor's Charity along with singing duo "Bakerfield" and Rockabilly trio "VaVoom" who provided the after-buffet entertainment at which Mayor's from Cheshire East, Middlewich, Congleton, Knutsford and Macclesfield danced the night away with moves that put the public of Sandbach to shame. Before the dancing there was a raffle and auction where a Stoke City, Shirt was sold for over £70 helping the fund towards local Youth Charities and the Stepping Hill Hospital.

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**12 March 2017**

**WEDDING FAIR AT TOWN HALL**

Sandbach held another wedding fair at the Town Hall with various representatives showing different aspects of what is needed for a wedding. Stalls included photographers, flowers, makeup and of course dresses and suits.

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**15 April 2017**

**CARNEY ACADEMY OPEN DAY FOR YOUNG PERFORMERS**

Freelance TV Director Ruth Carney brought her experience of the entertainment world to Sandbach with her "Carney Academy" at the Town Hall. Ruth and three experienced tutors held an open day at the venue on the 15 April 2017 for prospective students who would like to lean about acting, dancing and singing.

Starting on May 6<sup>th</sup> for youngsters between the ages of 4 and 19 Ruth hopes to have lessons on a weekly basis which Richard Husdan of the Town Hall is looking forward to staging in the multi-purpose venue.

Originally from Talk Pitts in Staffordshire, Ruth then went to Sheffield where she was the Associate Director of the Theatres there and now has moved back to Sandbach with her husband and has decided to set up a school in the town having previously started a group in Sheffield seven years ago and she hopes for the same success in Sandbach that she had originally.

Ruth has teachers from Uttoxeter, Middlewich and Stockport and at the open day attracted people from Congleton, Crewe, Middlewich, Sandbach and has chosen the Town Hall to house the event as it is central to the South Cheshire area and also the town with easy access for students. The course is designed for amateur and hopeful professionals who would like to get into, "The Business" and with Ruth and her teachers experience they can be guided into this world of entertainment, something she herself found difficult herself as her parents didn't have that background to tell her what to do.

Classes will start on Saturdays at 9am to 10am for 4-7 Year Olds. 10am to 1pm for 8-11 Year Olds / 12- 14 Year Olds / 15- 19 Year Olds with a chance to do all three disciplines each week.

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**29 April 2017**

**STEAM PUNK COMES TO SANDBACH**

With successful festivals in Crewe and around the Country, "Steam Punk" has come to Sandbach for a successful market and show in the town. Held on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 the Market was laid out in the Town Hall with about twenty stalls selling items with a slightly different style from Cybermen heads to Si-fi guns (Not working), walking sticks, Victorian clothing and items made out of scrap metal.

David Smith one of the organisers of the festival explained that Steam Punk was a wide-ranging genre loosely based on Victorian Science Fiction and Fantasy, like the books of H G Wells and Jules Verne and is an excuse to dress up and have fun. The term was coined 30 years ago but was preceded by the style which was based on an offshoot of Victorian re-enactment and Goth clothes with the twist of "What the Victorian Era Might have been like had it continued and had the technology stayed in that

era with things powered by Steam and clockwork mechanisms”. Unlike re-enactment the dress code is not that strict and so anything is acceptable with people taking ideas from each other and from films like ‘League of Extraordinary Gentlemen’ or Will Smith’s ‘Wild, Wild West’ which both feature the clothing of the style. Waistcoats, Pocket Watches, Canes and Goggles seem popular with the gentlemen while Victorian clothing and corsets is a feature for the ladies. The Goggles seem to dominate the style as there is an obsession with the thought of going to the moon or general travel in an airship which is featured in a lot of the modern novels in the Steam Punk range.

A concert at St Mary’s Church Hall on the Saturday Evening included the Town Jester of Conway as MC with headline act, ‘Victor and the Bully’ (Jolly Dance Tunes with a Macabre theme) who after Sandbach performed at the Steam Punk World Fair in Piscataway, New Jersey in the USA the biggest festival of its kind.

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**21 May 2017**

**YOUTH MARKET AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL**

An overwhelming opinion at a consultation of what to do with the town hall in Sandbach was to make more use of the space on all seven days. Town Hall staff staged a variety of events since then on a Sunday and on the 21 Mar 2017, there was a Youth Market in the Market Hall showing off the talent and entrepreneurial skills of the younger generation. Stall holders at the event were Hayley Emma Art who displayed paintings of well-known people as well as her Henna business, Tomos Price-Jones sold his computer games, George Smith from Fleetwood came down to Sandbach with his father as he does every Saturday to sell eggs on the Market. Matt Clarke sold his own science fiction books and Christian Turner showed off pictures he had painted with views of Sandbach among his work. Laura Surgenor (Writer Elizabeth Morgan) from the town hall kept an eye on the event along with selling her books and jewellery next to Katherine Buckley’s food, drink and small notices with various sayings on them including, “There is always time for tea, and there is always room for cake”. There was in Sandbach Town Hall, time for the youth and room to encourage them to start their own business.

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**24 June 2017**

**HARRY POTTER CELEBRATES 20 YEARS**

Yes, it was 20 years since the first book in the Harry Potter Series reached the shelves of the nation and on Saturday the 24 June 2017, Sandbach celebrated this milestone with a party at the Town Hall hosted by Laura Surgenor the conference and events officer at Sandbach Town Council. With the hall divided into the various houses of Hogwarts School there was a Harry Potter Quiz, food and all the children dressed up as characters from the film with most appearing as Harry Potter himself and at least one as Voldemort. It was also such an exciting event that one child celebrated his birthday at the town hall surrounded by his friends as they watched the first instalment of the film series “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” on the big screen.

The first book was released on the 26 June 1997 and the series of novels have since sold over 500 million copies in 73 different languages by 2013.

In 1990, J K Rowling was travelling on a four-hour delayed train from Manchester to London when the idea for Harry Potter came into her head. The writer has never said which station she was close to when the idea came to her but one of those could have been Sandbach or Crewe.

In 1995 the first book was finished and was sent off to various publishers who rejected the book, however the second agent (Christopher Little) to receive the first instalment offered to represent J K Rowling and offered the book to Bloomsbury who took up the option for the series and the rest is history.

In 1998, J K Rowling sold the rights to Warner Brothers to make the stories into films with the first episode being released on the 14 November 2001 with Daniel Radcliffe as Harry.

The seventh and final book in the series “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” was published on the 21 July 2007, selling 11 million copies in the first 24 hours around the world. This was not however the end of the stories as a play based on an idea by JK was staged in 2016 at the Palace Theatre, London and called “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child”. It was set 19 years after the final book’s last chapter and a book based on the play was released making nine stories about Harry Potter.

Costumes, memorabilia, books about the series, DVD’s, Blue Ray, Playstation games, models, Lego and the film experience by Warner Brothers continue to keep interest in Harry Potter going hopefully for another 20 years.

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**1 September 2017**

**MOONLIGHT MARKET**



Sandbach held its first Moonlight Market on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. A joint venture between the Town Council and traders from the Indoor Market the event attracted hundreds of people who enjoyed a variety of food stalls along with music by Eddie Ogle who stepped in at the last minute to busk at the event at the back of the town hall. Inside the hall itself regular traders were joined by a mixture of stalls selling crafts, food and other items.

The moon itself could be seen in the twilight evening as the sun set over the town as traders packed away at 8pm having enjoyed a lot of interest in this event which started at 5pm in the afternoon.

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### **23 September 2017**

#### **AUTHOR SIGNING EVENT ANOTHER SUCCESS**

On the 23 September 2017, the second 'Author Signing Event' at Sandbach Town Hall was attended by more visitors than last year's inaugural event run by Laura Surgenor (Writer Elizabeth Morgan) the conference and events manager of Sandbach Town Council. Some of the twenty-one writers had returned to Sandbach after last year's event. This year's authors attending the event were, Nikki Ashton, C.A. Bell, Jane Cooper, P R Ellis, Scarlet Flame, Catherine Green, Liz Hedgecock, Angela Marie James, Glen Martin James, Lizzie James, R J F Holland, Victoria Johns, M L Kacy, D A Lascelles, Elizabeth Morgan, Laura Morgan, Claire Plaisted, Bella Sattarra, R A Smith, T L Wainwright and Jim Webster.

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### **13 November 2017**

#### **TOWN HALL TURNS PURPLE**

Sandbach Town Hall turned Purple on the 13 November 2017 in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month as part of a Nation campaign to bring the cancer to be noticed via the lighting up of a number of prominent buildings around the Country with Crewe's Municipal Building was also being lit up for the awareness month. Local fundraising organiser Jill Murray persuaded Sandbach Town Council to put filters on their lights to change its colour and thanked the Council and Staff at the Town Hall for making the changes which were on display until the 30 November 2017 and made a welcome addition to the Sandbach Christmas Lights from the 25 November.

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### **23 November 2017**

#### **MARKET HALL CONSULTATION FOR PLANS**

Sandbach Town Council consulted with Market Traders and interested bodies as to what to do with the indoor market after aborted plans to put in a second floor were unanimously condemned by the public. On Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Councillors were given information about the proposals which were then put to the public in two consultation events at the Town Hall on the following Wednesday and Thursday.

David Trowler Associates have drawn up some plans with colour schemes in Mallard or Chalke Green which proposed that the current market stalls should be refitted with more solid bases that would be easier to clean. The side stalls will also be refitted with shutters that have images on them associated with Sandbach, possibly from old postcards and pictures so the hall continues to have something on the walls even if the stalls are not open for other events. The circular windows along the walls will be fitted with clear glass to let in more light and will be illuminated with bulbs that can change colour to make them a feature at night. New signage on the outside will be illuminated with traders in the side stalls having their names above their pitch that will tell customers the stall holders name and business. LED lighting will be used to make the building more economic while the outside toilets will be altered to make way for storage space for the moveable stalls used on the Saturday Outside Market and better Baby Changing facilities in the disabled and ladies' toilets will be made more available. The roof itself will be changed to a textured glass without wires which should let in more light that the current glass giving it a more spacious look.

Alterations will also be made to the exits with automatic hinged doors opening into a small lobby which should stop the heat escaping from the building.

The exterior and interior brickwork will also be looked at with running repairs to the structure of the building at a cost of 46,000 that would have had to be paid for even if the scheme was not adopted as bricks and other parts of the building are already in need of repair.

The total cost of the proposed scheme will be £175,000 including VAT and the repair costs, according to Sandbach Town Council and Mayor Martin Forster who was one of a number of Councillors who explained the proposals to Stall Holders and the public at the consultation meetings.

The Council hope these proposals will breathe back life into the market and make the facilities more available for events from Monday to Sunday inclusive.

Proposed dates for the alterations started with the proposals and on the 27 November and continued with consultations with planners and conservationists. Next would be asking for tenders to be put in for the awarding of the contract on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and a proposed starting date for work in February 2018 and a proposed finishing date in April. Those attending the exhibitions seemed to support the scheme with some minor alterations and additions put forward, which Councillors agreed to look into.

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**26 January 2018**

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

Cheshire East Council held its annual Holocaust Memorial Day Service on Friday the 26 January 2018 a day earlier than the actual Holocaust Memorial Day so Council workers, Mayors from around the area and children from three East Cheshire Schools could take part in the days events.

The proceedings were presented by the Mayor of Cheshire East Cllr Arthur Moran who said that one of the first to liberate a concentration camp was a tank driver from Crewe (John Cole who was in the first tank to liberate the Bergen-Bensen Camp). Cllr Moran then introduced Sandbach Mayor Martin Forster who read various poems about the Holocaust followed by a clarinet solo by Sandbach School pupil, Mark Wheeler who played the theme to Schindler's List (John Williams). Music was also provided by the Knutsford Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Form Vocal Group who sang two beautiful versions of the songs 'Tears in Heaven' (Eric Clapton) and John Lennon's, 'Imagine'.

Now in its fifth year the service has for the last two years included the introduction of memories by people caught up in the events of the Holocaust. Last year retired dentist and survivor from Austria, Peter Kurer spoke about the debt that he owed to the Quakers who had petitioned parliament to allow the children of Jewish parents to come to England thus saving nine members of his family. This year it was the turn of sisters Gisela Feldman and Sonia Sternberg who with their mother managed to get on the ship the St Louis which set sail on the 13 May 1939, with 937 Jews and travelled from Hamburg to Cuba, but were turned away as Visas issued to the Polish / German Jews were withdrawn before they arrived and so they were eventually turned back only to land in London where they spent the rest of the war.

Mark Palethorpe from Cheshire East invited the audience to hold a two-minute silence after which the congregation were asked to light candles for those who hadn't survived the Holocaust followed by prayers from the vicar of St Mary's, Sandbach the Rev. Thomas Shepard.

Giesla and Sonia recounted their lives in Germany just before leaving as well as the journey to a new life.

Giesla was born in 1923 of Polish parents with the family moving to Germany where she and her younger sister were the only Jewish girls in their school, a place without discrimination where they enjoyed the usual school life enjoying making friends, invitations to birthday parties as well as taking part in games with the other students. When Hitler came into power in German after he became Chancellor in January 1933 making himself the leader of a one-party country there were marches in the street on the 1<sup>st</sup> May with workers on one side and the SS Marching on the opposite side of the road. As things progressed there were a number of people shot and the bodies were dragged into the street in full view of the young girls. As a 10-year-old Giesla knew that life would never be the same again. Brown shirts as they were known stood outside Jewish shops trying to persuade Germans not to buy from them, which was in general ignored by regular customers. However, as time went on people started to become more afraid of these supporters of Hitler who would daub words like "Jew Supporter" on the buildings of people who had purchased goods from the Jewish community with some of them being attacked in the streets. Fearing for their families, support suddenly disappeared and it became more and more difficult to run the family business as wholesalers refused to supply goods and on a number of occasions Giesla and Sonia's father was beaten up just for being Jewish.

At the age of 11 Giesla moved to a Jewish Grammar School where life was a little easier.

In October 1938, there was a knock on the family door and two men told her father to get dressed and bring his passport as he was being taken away with no explanation as to what was happening. Not knowing what was going on Giesla went into the kitchen to make some sandwiches for her father to take with him on what turned out to be a two-day journey which they found out later was because he was being deported back to Poland where he was born and so the food became very useful. Poland had decided that anyone who had a Polish Passport and had not been back to their country after a certain length of time would lose their nationality and so had no right to be in any country apart from Poland. With this position from the Polish Government, Germany decided to deport these unwanted citizens to Poland so they were not left with illegal immigrants. Germany at first only sent back the men of the

household as they didn't have enough trains to cater for whole families. With their father in Poland the family home soon came under threat from the German Government as a German family wanted their rooms. They were threatened with eviction but Giesla and Sonia's mother decided to fight the decision and went to court where she won a stay of eviction for three months, a period of time the Judge gave them to clear out the house of all their belongings. This move by Germany to get rid of its Jewish population by eviction started to show that something had to be done by the family before it became worse and so Giesla and Sonia's mother applied to the Cuban Embassy for a Visa to get as far away from Germany as possible. She was successful, in her application for herself, Giesla and Sonia her husband who in theory was able to come back from Poland as long as it was only in transit and this is where things started to go wrong for the "family".

Germany as usual was a very organised country but Poland was not as efficient and through a mix-up Giesla and Sonia's father was not given his Visa as his brother was issued with his papers and sent back to Germany rather than their father leaving him to make his own way on a later ship with a new set of papers his wife had secured for him two weeks later.

The family finally left for the port after a mix-up with their own Visas on a Friday to board the ship which is not usual for Jews as they shouldn't travel on a Friday. They were seen off by friends of the family who knew this would be the last time that they would see them as they went to their new country. They boarded the German ship the St Louis which set sail on Saturday the 13 May 1939, with 937 Jews travelling from Hamburg to Cuba.

Sonia said that the Captain was wonderful towards the passengers even allowing the Jewish women to light candles on a Friday.

They eventually reached Havana Harbour in Cuba on the 27 May 1939, but as they tried to dock they were told that they couldn't land and had to wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow turned out to be seven days later despite Captain Gustav Schroeder, speaking directly to the Government of Cuba pleading for them to let in his passengers. One man who Sonia thought had been in a concentration camp before he left Germany tried to commit suicide by jumping off the ship into the water. He had been released by the Germans only because he could prove he had somewhere outside of Germany to go to with his wife, but as they arrived in Cuba the Cuban immigration department would only allow him to enter their country as he had a valid US Visa but his wife had to stay on board as she was not welcome. After being pulled from the water he was evacuated to a Havana Hospital for treatment but it is not clear what happened to his wife at this time.

After seven days being refused entry to Cuba on the 2 June 1939 the Captain turned the ship towards America and sailed along the Florida coast towards Miami but due to the US Immigration and Nationality Act of 1924 limiting the number of immigrants to the USA in each year they were refused entry despite their being a large amount of media coverage and various passengers sending cables (Electronic Mail) to President Franklin D Roosevelt himself. Another possibility was Canada who again like the US they refused entry for the Jews. An American diplomat did however talk to a number of European Countries about the passengers and four Countries agreed to take them. The Captain turned the ship towards the East with France taking 224 passengers (a temporary refuge as Germany Invaded their Country), Holland (181 Passengers), Belgium (214 Passengers) and Great Britain who took 228 passengers with all but one of them surviving in the UK during the war (The one killed was in an air raid in 1940).

However, with the publicity about the ship in the papers their father never made it to Cuba or Britain as the ship he was on only reached Antwerp before the Captain heard the news that the St Louis had been refused to land in Cuba and he turned the ship back to Germany. From Germany Gisela and Sonia's father was sent back to Poland just before war broke out and the family never saw him again. What happened to him we may never know as he seemed to just disappear from the records. German Jews were catalogued and their records are kept but the Jews records in Poland were not as well documented and so there doesn't seem to be a record of Sonia and Gisela's father being killed or dying in an air raid or being taken prisoner and sent to a concentration camp.

When Sonia, Gisela and their mother arrived in London they were met by the sight of bunting at the railway station which was not for them but the King and Queen had been abroad and were coming back on the same day.

Gisela was sent to do domestic work while Sonia and her mother found a room in North London where after the first night Sonia found she had blotches all over herself from Bed Bugs. The following day they found a Jewish lady who took them both in. Gisela went on to make uniforms when the War broke out and now both have families in Britain and are able to relate their story to a receptive audience at the Holocaust Memorial Day Event at Sandbach Town Hall.

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**27 March 2018**

FODEN’S BAND LAUNCH HISTORY WEBSITE

Foden’s Band held a special concert to launch their new website which will show off their 118-year history. The performance at Sandbach Town Hall on the 27 March 2018 was watched over by William Foden’s bust which had been saved from a fire at the band-room a couple of years ago and had been restored as part of a project to preserve the bands past.

With special guests including the Mayor of Sandbach, Martin Forster and members of the public there was an opportunity to see and exhibition of artefacts donated to the band for its archive, various cups and trophies plus a medal collection loaned by Allan Littlemore.

The evening included interval music from the 78 collections of the band digitally remastered for the archive.

Interval food was also provided by Daniel Williams of Godfrey Williams and Son.

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**24 May 2018**

SANDBACH MARKET HALL RENOVATIONS BEGIN

After many years of discussions, the improvements to the Sandbach Market Hall have begun. A disastrous scheme and questionnaire in May 2016 to put in a floor above the market stalls for office space for the Town Council was put to rest with the public and stall holders getting together to put forward plans for an improved look to the market to increase footfall which were approved by Sandbach Town Council with a set of designs being submitted in October 2017 by architects David Trowler Associates and a presentation to the public in the Town Hall by Councillors.

Work started on the outside of the building during the beginning of May with Scaffolding being placed inside the Market Hall on the 20 May 2018 allowing work to start painting the ceiling and alter the electrics above the stalls.

Repairs to the tiled flooring took place from the 16 – 18 May 2018, with Baby Changing facilities and Toilet improvements being made outside the main hall.

Alterations to the Market will continue from the 7 May 2018 to the 5 July 2018 (44 Days) with the installation of new glass canopies on top of the side stalls from the 16<sup>th</sup> June to the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018, New signage will be added from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and the lobbies next to the doors will be improved between the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with new picture shutters being added to the side stalls that will include scenes of old Sandbach supplied by local historians.

The Indoor Market will be closed on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 with stalls moving outside on these days to continue trading during the period of closure but will also be open during the rest of the period on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Work should be completed with a hand over hopefully on the 6 – 7 July 2018 and then a new era will begin for this historic building.

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**26 July 2018**

OFFICIAL OPENING AFTER CONTROVERSIAL PLANS FOR TOWN HALL

In March 2016, the Sandbach Town Council had proposed a redevelopment of the Market Hall with the installation of a second floor which would house the offices of the Council that would then move from the Literary Institute. The plans involved spending vast sums of money to alter the fabric of the GRADE 2 listed building with the proposed closure of the area for a number of months while building work took place.

Market stall holders and members of the public were up in arms about the proposals and meetings were held with heated discussions until a compromise was made that only an improvement of the building and stalls would be made along with the dropping of the idea for a second floor and offices.

Plans were put forward for the improved look to the market in October 2017 by architects David Trowler Associates and work started on the outside of the building during the beginning of May with Scaffolding being placed inside the Market Hall on the 20 May 2018, allowing work to start painting the ceiling and to alter the electrics above the stalls. Repairs to the tiled flooring took place from the 16 – 18 May 2018, with Baby Changing facilities and Toilet improvements being made outside the main hall as the Market continued to trade from the 7 May 2018 to the 5 July 2018 (44 Days). A new glass canopy on top of the side stalls was installed from the 16<sup>th</sup> June to the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018. New signage added from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and the lobbies next to the doors were improved between the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with new picture shutters being added to the side stalls that included scenes of old Sandbach supplied by local historians, from the Minshull family archive. Work was completed with a hand over between the 6 – 7 July 2018 and a new era began for this historic building.

On Thursday the 26 July 2018, Sandbach Town Council held the official opening of the renovated Market Hall at 2pm with various events taking place on the following Thursdays to help promote the new building improvements.

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26 July 2018

#### SANDBACH MARKET HALL OFFICIALLY OPENED

Improvements to the Sandbach Market Hall have finished after work started at the end of May to make the building into something that the people of Sandbach could be proud of and hopefully improve the footfall of the market to bring back the numbers of visitors it used to enjoy. The added publicity surrounding the renovations have certainly helped with the shoppers visiting the market and with a plan that includes special events it looks as though the market is starting to get back on its feet.

Culminating in an opening ceremony on the 26 July 2018, when Sandbach Mayor Richard Hovey cut the green ribbon, a colour that matches the paintwork of the new look stalls around the sides of the hall, the event attracted a large crowd of people connected to and interested in the final results.

The day also included a visit from “Punch and Judy” (Ian Davis from Staffordshire), Elsa (Frozen Character) and Spiderman (Crime Fighter) along with street magician Ian, who all entertained the children who were off from school and the adults coming to the market.

Architects David Trowler Associates oversaw the painting of the ceiling, new electrics, lighting above each stall new facades for the stalls, signage and new sliding doors which in winter will keep the building a lot warmer than it has been in the past. Councillors and Staff at Sandbach Town Council have also kept a close eye on the project which has been a collaboration between them and the Market traders who wanted the improvements to the Market to help restore it back to the vibrant facility it once was for the town.

Each of the shutters on the stalls has a picture from Sandbach’s Past supplied by the Minshull Archive. Managed by Stephen Minshull who has taken over his father’s archive of pictures of the town the archive consists of images taken from old postcards and photographs (On Slides) that his father John Minshull captured of the streets and shops of the town from the 1960’s until his death 20 years ago in 1998. Stephen has digitised the archive of about 6,000 images and picked the best ones that reflected the town’s history along with a journey from the Wheat Sheaf down Hightown and around the town via its historic buildings, with the foyer shops decorated with images from the town’s former industries of Fodens, ERF and the Silk Mills. Stephen then had to upgrade the images from 35mm film to a very high quality digital image that could be enlarged to fill the shutters. These were then made into plastic transfers which were added to the shutters and can now be seen when the market closes or on dates when the hall is open for other events like the record and craft fairs.

A few minor alterations will finish off the project, which most people who saw it on the opening day and surrounding market days says is a great improvement and will be an asset to the town.

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**18 August 2018**

#### STORMTROOPERS INVADE SANDBACH MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF THE INHABITANTS

The latest event to draw the public to see the new look Market Hall in Sandbach on Saturday the 18 August 2018, included an invasion of the town by Imperial Stormtroopers from the Star Wars film series, much to the delight of the inhabitants. I’m not sure who was more excited the young children or the older adults who all wanted to have their pictures taken with the armoured men and other characters from the films.

Members of the ‘Staffs Imperial Stormtroopers’, are a non-profit-making group who dress up in characters from the film to take part in various events including this weekend when they were raising funds for the Donna Louise Trust (Children’s Hospice in Stoke on Trent), a charity close to their hearts and for whom they recently attended a ‘Superheroes Picnic’, at Dorfold Park near Nantwich. Mainly publicising the film series, they have been in great demand at Comic Conventions like the Nantwich Comic Con on the 9 June 2018 and at the opening screening of the new films including “Solo: A Star Wars Story” at Cineworld in Stoke on Trent.

On a sunny day in Sandbach their planned 60 minutes soon turned into a three hour walk around the town posing for pictures at every opportunity allowing children and adults to play with their blasters and pose in true Star Wars style with everyone knowing exactly what to do.

John Beddows of Sandbach Market said that “It was a fab day in Sandbach, the team were brilliant and made it a really great day. You can tell they love what they do especially with the children. There will be another invite to Sandbach very soon”.

The next events at Sandbach Market were a ‘Face Painting Event’ on Thursday the 23 August and a ‘Cheshire Police and Sandbach Air Cadets’ event plus extras on the 30 August.



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## 18 August 2018

### AUTHORS SIGNING EVENT AT TOWN HALL

Eleven writers attended an author signing event in Sandbach on Saturday the 18 August 2018. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> event held at Sandbach Town Hall and organised by Sandbach Town Hall's Conference and events officer, Laura Surgenor (Writer Elizabeth Morgan) who was the only face from the previous events to appear this year.

Like the previous occasions it was a great opportunity to talk to local writers and to find out about the wide variety of subjects covered in the new self-publishing world.

Writers came from all over the North West including our own home town.

Sarah Lysaght who has lived in Sandbach for over 20 years is the writer of three books, "37 Downing Street" which is based on her own family tree and was published in 2012 is about a bricklayer turned fishmonger in Farnham and chronicles the family from the time of Queen Victoria to the 1930's through tragedy and pain with an unexpected ending. Based on her own family history, which Sarah has been researching for the last 20 years the saga continues into her second book "Loyalty on the Home Sweet Home Front" which looks at the life of George who in 1944 is suddenly taken ill and starts to reminisce about his life including his time in the Boer War and the Army Canteen as a NAFFI inspector.

Sarah's third book "The Manchester Bradshaw's" is another book based on family history but this time it is her husband's family connection that is featured with over five generations of exceptional men she explores their lives mixes with a hint of fiction that is seen in all her novels.

Published and available on Amazon this was the first time Sarah had been involved with a publicity event for her books which she wrote as a hobby rather than as a commercial undertaking and through word of mouth has managed to gain a good recommendation with between 4 and 5 stars on Amazon.

Susi Osborne lives in Cheshire with her Scottish husband and actress daughter. This former library assistant has been writing for about 12 years and writes contemporary fiction starting with "The Ripples of Life" (2008), "Grace and Disgrace" and "Secrets, Lies and Butterflies" (2013) which are all linked together and are about family dramas with plenty of humour. Her forth book "Angelica Stone" (2017) is very much a book about the lives of the homeless and mental illness and was researched by Susi meeting those without a home on the streets as well as her experience with her own mothers Alzheimer's and the incidents she had looking after her. Looking after her mother also gave Susi the opportunity to start writing as she had time to sit down and think as well as it being a time when her children had left home so she could spend a couple of hours a day writing her novels without being disturbed.

(Nigel) N J Cartner, writes about a trip to Las Vegas, when the main character Ricky Lever comes to a crossroads in his life. "Lost in Manchester found in Vegas" shows how sin city can influence a man in life after he has split from his girlfriend and lost his job at the same time with this theme planned to continue in N J Cartners next instalment which he is writing at the moment. Having written reviews for fanzines and some community radio experience, Nigel decided it was time for his first novel and sat down to write about his experience in the USA with added musical references including songs that have played a big part in his life and the back of the book he has compiled a discography of the music featured in the book itself so you can play the tunes as you read the book to give it a film like quality which has influenced his writing.

K Spencer has three books out with the central character of Canyon Devils MCand who appears in "Angel" (2016), Princess (2017) and the latest instalment "Sparky's Treasure" which was published on the 8 August 2018.

Other authors at the event were Lucy Felthouse (Erotic Romantic novels), Scribbelious (various books), Paul Bernardi (Historic Suspense Novels, "To the Devil his Due" and "Thurkill's Revenge"), (Tracy) T N Traynor (Mystical Quest Novel Series, "Oracle's Quest", (Charlotte) C A Keith (Ghostly Writes Anthology), Claire Plaisted (Female secret investigator and also featured in the Ghostly Writes Anthology of short stories), and Elizabeth Morgan (Urban Fantasy and Erotic Horror).

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## 2 December 2018

### POP MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL

Sandbach was privileged to have an exhibition of memorabilia connected to two of what will be the biggest grossing films of 2018 and 2019, the Queen film "Bohemian Rhapsody" and the new Elton

John movie, "Rocket man" which is to be released in May 2019. Chris Hewitt who lives in the Northwich area has the biggest collection of studio equipment and tour memorabilia in the Country and was asked by John Beddows who runs the monthly record fairs in the Market Hall to bring some of his private museum to Sandbach to show to visitors of the Record Fair as well as interested enthusiasts of the artists, The Beatles, David Bowie and Queen, all of whom had used bits of the equipment on display at the 2 December fair.

Chris's interest in music started on Oldham Market when he purchased records from a stall there. He then went on to act as a transporter for equipment and started to work on gigs with the "Strawbs", "Mr Fox" and others with Mick Spratt who was in charge of setting up sound systems.

After a brief time in London he met a man from Stoke on Trent who offered him a job mixing live for "East of Eden" and worked with "Ian Dury" and Lemmy from Hawkwind and Motorhead who was born in Stoke on Trent and used to borrow a lot of equipment, with one of Chris's first jobs being to retrieve items from the rock star.

In 1972, Chris helped set up the Rochdale Festival followed by working with a group called "Tractor" who rehearsed from 1968 in a building at 58, Market Street, Heywood which is where they went on to set up a studio. Between 1973 and 1976 the building became the "Tractor Sound Studio", which was partly funded by the late John Peel and was run by Chris Hewitt with Steve Clayton, Jim Milne and Alan Burgess.

Later Chris would open his own studio in Rochdale along with Peter Hook from "Joy Division" and "New Order".

Peter Hook is also responsible for this collection as in 2010 Chris was asked to help put together a recreation of an old Joy Division gig for an exhibition. As he searched for an amp that could have been used at the time by the band he discovered one in America, which he later found out had belonged to George Harrison.

Having kept his own equipment from the 1970's this became the seed of the collection he has today. Equipment on display in Sandbach included a mixer and speakers from the Beatles time in the Abbey Road Studio. These items were acquired separately by Chris but all feature on the same picture which was displayed next to the exhibit. Another Beatles connected item was the sound compressor from John Lennon's "Ascot Sound Studio" at his Tattenhurst Park residence which was sold in an auction of items after Ringo Star had acquired the house and studio from John when he moved to America and Ringo was selling off items he didn't want to keep when he eventually sold the house. The compressor was used by John when he made his second solo album "Imagine" and was seen recently on television in documentary footage filmed during the recording of the record.

With such a great collection it is no wonder that Chris is called upon to supply film and television companies with authentic equipment for productions. Unfortunately, once Chris has set up the equipment on site he is then not allowed to watch the filming of the scenes and only discovers what they had done when he receives a picture from the set or sees the finished results.

A mixer used in the Bohemian Rhapsody film's "Live Aid" sequence was on display in the foyer of the record fair at the Market Hall. David Bowie and guitarist Mick Ronson were represented by a rehearsal mixer they used while putting together the "Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars" album. Pink Floyd plus Emerson, Lake and Palmer, were also featured in the exhibition at Sandbach with microphones, speakers, mixers and various items from studio's and stages around the world taking up the Town Hall upstairs.

For those who have an interest in the history of Pop Music this was a great opportunity to get close to iconic pieces of equipment.

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## **8 March 2019**

### **STRICTLY FLOWERS AT TOWN HALL**

On the 8 March 2019, the Elworth Flower Club held its second "Strictly Flowers and Dance" event at Sandbach Town Hall. The event in aid of Cancer Research raised a large sum of money for the charity and featured flower arrangers Mark Entwistle and Jacqui Owen along with dancers Mark and Kay Farrugia, Andrew and Carol Middleton, Helen Morris and her team from Synchronicity Dance.

Organised by Bernard Preston with help from his wife Irene and members of the flower club the event was a great success with some wonderful displays of arrangements on stage and a variety of dancing worthy of the original Come Dancing.

Formed in 1957 they first met at the School Hall of Elworth Church of England Primary School but moved to Bradwall Village Hall in the 1990's (Pre 1996).

The Elworth Flower club presented a cheque to The Sandbach Talking Newspaper and Reg Spencer of Hospital Radio for £100 after their annual Flower demonstration at Sandbach Town Hall.

- Tues 29 Apr 1997 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall  
(1<sup>st</sup> with Stewart Green on Sound)
  
- Tues 9 Dec 2003 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall
- Tues 7 Dec 2004 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.
- Mon 5 Dec 2005 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Dawn Weaver
- Mon 4 Dec 2006 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Joan Hardwick with Colin Hardwick
- Tues 4 Sept 2007 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY EVENT  
at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Music and Flowers - With Patti Dawson and Kate Russell  
And music by young performers called Fire and Singer Arthur Talbot
- Tues 4 Dec 2007 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Neil Whittaker
- Tues 9 Dec 2008 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Lois Gill and the Saxon Singers
- Tues 8 Dec 2009 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Dawn Weaver and th Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Tues 7 Dec 2010 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Don Billington and Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Tues 6 Dec 2011 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Kathleen Williams and Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Tues 11 Dec 2012 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Beryl Cotton and Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Tues 10 Dec 2013 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Wesley Centre (TOWN HALL CLOSED).  
With Anthony Williams and Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Tues 9 Dec 2014 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Jonathon Mosley and Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Tues 8 Dec 2015 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Diane Fair with Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Tues 6 Dec 2016 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Neil Whittakar with Sandbach Ladies Choir
- Fri 10 Mar 2017 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Demonstration "Strictly Flowers"  
With Arthur McDonald, Mark Entwistle with Dancers Helen and Matt
- Tues 5 Dec 2017 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Laura Leong and Sandbach High School Choir
- Tues 4 Dec 2018 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Jonathon Moseley and Sandbach High School Choir
- Fri 8 Mar 2019 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Demonstration "STRICTLY FLOWERS AND DANCE"  
With Mark Entwistle and Jacqui Owen (Salsa Dancers)  
In Aid of Sandbach Cancer Research UK Committee
- 10 Dec 2019 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Mark Entwistle and Sandbach High School Chamber Choir
- 2020 / 2021 NO EVENT DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.

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**25 May 2019**

**MARVEL COMIC CHARACTERS COME TO SANDBACH**

With Superhero's from Spiderman to the latest Guardians of the Galaxy and Avengers there had been an increase in popularity of these characters both on the small screen and on the large cinema screen with children of all ages wanting to don the costume and appear with their favourite hero. Sandbach Indoor Market is staging a number of events over the year to increase awareness of what it has to offer and on Saturday the 25 May 2019 they invited some of these Superheroes and Villains to the town to be photographed with members of the public or for them to shake the hands of the their favourite

character, which for some was a bit much as they became shy in the presence of Superman or Captain America.

Two of those taking part were Andy Ford and Natalie Orry (Six Towns Radio) who are based in Stoke on Trent and are part of the Staffs Imperial Stormtroopers whodress as Star Wars, Marvel, DC and Power Rangers characters to appear at events where they entertain the public and raise money for local charities including a collection for the “Doug Mac”, which was the charity they were collecting for as they wandered around Sandbach Town Hall and the Indoor Market on Saturday. The group have also raised money for the Peter Pan Centre, Air Ambulance, the Donna Louise Trust and they have recently run the Donna Louise Five K (Kilometres) Fun Run at Trentham Gardens in costumes.

The days event was organised by Record Stall holder and new Sandbach Town Councillor, John Beddows who arranged for the group to make their third visit to the town on Saturday as they had previously turned up as Stormtroopers from Star Wars earlier in the year and in August 2018. Like their previous visits they were very popular with the children of South Cheshire with visitors coming from Alsager and Crewe among those wanting pictures with their favourite comic book heroes. Many of the children dressed up as Marvel characters themselves with one young lady from Lancashire dressing as the new Wonder Woman while others donned Spiderman suits and rival Batman (DC Comics).

Andy also appears as a Stormtrooper, Captain America, Power Ranger and will soon be seen as a Ghostbuster.

Natalie also has a number of characters including Princess Leia (Star Wars), Bat Girl, Pink Ranger and Lady Gamora (Guardians of the Galaxy) with costumes either manufactured by the wearer from off the shelf clothing or from a kit with parts sourced from various suppliers which gives a better-quality costume to fit the person. Andy said that his stormtrooper costume took three months to put together to make sure the strapping was fitted properly for himself and didn't leave him bleeding as the hard-plastic suit cuts into him. With costumes sometimes costing about £950 to put together the group assured us that they didn't take any payments for appearances and all the collection money went to the charity concerned.

Characters who appeared at Sandbach included Captain Marvel (Fiona), Bucky Barnes (Andy), Black Widow (Nat / Natalie), Magneto (Seb), Spiderman (Colin), Captain America (Andy Ford) and Lady Gamora (Natalie Orry)

Marvel Comics started on the 12 January 1939 as Timely Comics and then on the 16 April 1947 it was renamed Magazine Management with the titles changing to Atlas Comics. The company became Marvel Comics on the 19 February 1961 and was acquired by the Walt Disney Company on the 31 August 2009 which has now seen an increase in the amount of films featuring the characters created by the late Stan Lee (Died on the 12 November 2018) who has appeared like Alfred Hitchcock in most, if not all the TV Series and films connected to his creations. Other superheroes and villains from the comics were co-created by Steve Ditko (Spiderman) and Jack Kirby (The Hulk) who have drawn and produced thousands of publications with stories that include hundreds of characters that span what is now known as the Marvel Universe including the Fantastic Four, X Men, Agents of Shield, Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, Spiderman (August 1962) Agent Carter / Captain America (March 1941), Thor, Black Panther and Deadpool with their alter egos and arch nemesis.

With the success of Saturdays event I am sure the Staffs Imperial Stormtroopers Inc. will be back soon with more characters to raise funds for charity and help promote Sandbach Indoor Market which is open on Thursdays and Saturdays with some Fridays during the year as well as special events on Wednesdays and Sundays in the Market area.

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### **25 July 2019 Sandbach Chronicle.**

Plans had been submitted to refurbish the facilities within the Town Hall for the staff with the addition of an office in an area between the market hall and what was the office at the end of a small passage just off the main entrance. The budget for the project was £50,000 and was planned to replace facilities currently at the Literary Institute.

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### **15 November 2019**

Sandbach Town Council for many years has put on a Christmas Market around the town and also within the Market Hall and Town Hall Ballroom. Godfrey Williams and Son staged a Taste of Christmas event each year to publicise its producers and now a local group from the Rugby Club caterers staged the first of what they hoped would be a regular event of “A Taste of Sandbach” with

caterers from the various restaurants bringing a taste of what they produce to the Market Hall for an alfresco event.

**6 December 2019**

The annual Christmas Market.

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**March 2020**

In March 2020 like so many venues around the country the Town Hall was closed due to the Coronavirus / Covid 19 pandemic and would not open to events including its 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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**September 2020**

Sandbach School used the Ballroom at the Town Hall as a new sixth form classroom while major redevelopment work was taking place at the school. The works should have been finished by the time the new school term started but was overrunning and so the head of the school contacted the Town Council to see if the Town Hall would be available as a temporary schoolroom.

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(3<sup>rd</sup> Town Hall April 2004)

- Bowling (Indoor)
- Dancing Classes
- Drama Classes
- Elworth Flower Club Christmas Demonstration.
- Royal British Legion Annual Dance
- Sandbach Voices
- Wedding Fair
- Wedding Venue

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## #Sandbach Town Hall SHOWS.

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### LOCAL NEWS

1 November 1890 Crewe Chronicle Page 8 / (Wed) 29 October 1890 Crewe Guardian Page 5 (Feature)  
The Sandbach Town Hall was opened last Tuesday.

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## #1891 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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On the 28 January 1891 the Annual County Ball was held at the Town Hall in Sandbach.

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## #1892 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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## #1893 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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## #1894 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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5 Jan 1894 (Fri) Major and Mrs Kennedy and Party, gave a benefit performance for the relief fund at the Town Hall.

Incl; "A Joint household"

with Miss Kennedy as Mrs Smithers.

Miss B Smith as Mrs Tallett.

"Lady Barbara's Birthday"

With Mr E Armitstead as Lord Verifyne

Mr Fraser as Sir Thomas Gay

Miss J Baird Smith as Lady Barbara Brilliant

Miss Baird Smith as Dorothy Daylight.

Miss Kennedy as Finniker

Mr C Kennedy as servant to Sir Thomas Gay.

"Woman's wrongs",

With Mr Fraser as Harold Woodleaf

Miss J Baird Smith as Camelia Buskint.

with Mr Ford's string band.

6 Feb 1894 THE SCREW LOOSE (Comedy) **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.**

by Mark Melford

Incl; Mr Harry Hildyard as Sir Willifer Alladay

Miss L Saxon as Lady Alladay

Mr Nock as Mr Strummitt

Mr Nixon as Major Abbott

Mr Hodgson as Mr Peckham

Mr Nicholson as Dr Pounds

Mr J Nield as Dr Pottle

Miss Whittaker as Miss Arabella Bestt

Mr Norman Hague as a Peeler

Mr A Larder as a Butler

Miss Walton as Housekeeper at Alladam Hall

Mrs Nock as Lady Alladay's Maid

Mrs Strummitt as Mrs Williams

Scenery Painted by Mr S Ford

Perruquier Mr W Ellis of Crewe.

Orchestra Conducted by Mr S Ford

(Announced 10 Feb as Mr S Lord changed for Mr S Ford for the 14 Feb advert)

**In aid of the Audley distress fund.**

7 March 1894 THE SCREW LOOSE (Comedy) **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.**

by Mark Melford

Followed by TURN HIM OUT

**Feature Page 4, 3 Mar (Sat) Crewe Guardian (+ advert Page 1)**

**Review Page 5, 10 Mar (Sat) Crewe Guardian**

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## #1895 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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8 Feb 1895 Concert in aid of the 'Audley Distress Fund'

by the **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.**

with Mr Ford's band.

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**#1896 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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18 Feb 1896 THE NEW SECRETARY Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.  
Incl: Mr H Ferrand as the New Secretary  
Mr Pearson as Harry Marsland  
Mr Foden as Mr Gibson  
Mr H Gee as "Dick Ratterpole"  
Mr Nock as Mr Ratterpole  
Mrs Nock and Miss Walton.  
Mr Ford's band  
Messrs C Wardle and F Allen were stage managers.

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**#1897 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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12 Mar 1897 (Fri) CONCERT in Aid of the Lord Mayor's "Indian Famine Fund".  
Reserved seats 2/-

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**#1898 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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28 Feb 1898 A School Concert, the second of a 'National Schools Concert',  
Including "The Fickle Fortune" written and composed by J.E. Grieve

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**#1899 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1900 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1901 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1902 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1903 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1904 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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March 1904 POOR OLD PERKINS Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.  
by Percival Sykes  
Tickets from Mr A B Thorne.  
The Orchestra was led by Arthur Ford

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**#1905 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1906 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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SANDBACH ENTERTAINMENT

17 February 1906 Crewe Guardian Page 4.

23 Feb 1906 MR F.R. BENSON'S SHAKESPEARIAN COMPANY  
The company were performing at Sandbach on this date.

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**#1907 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1908 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1909 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1910 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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19 Apr 1910 THE BOOTS AT THE SWAN Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.

With THE AREA BELLE

Reserved Seats 2s / Second Seats 1s / Gallery 6d

A Plan of the Hall is available at EACHUS & SON

Incl; Miss E Furnival

Mr E Shaw

Miss Walton

Mr F Long

“The Boots at the Swan” by Charles Selby (1802- 1863)

Mr A Long as Mr Henry Higgins

Miss A Sherratt as Emily Trevor

Miss E Walton as Miss Celia Moonshine.

Mr S Shaw as Jacob Earwig

Mr E Poole as Peter Pippin

Mr F Long as Frank Friskey

Miss E Furnival as Sally Smith

Miss M Nock as Betty Jenkins

“The Area Belle”

by William Brough (1826 - 1870) and Andrew Halliday (1831 -1877)

Mr A H Pool as "Pitcher in the Police”

Mr M Cooper as "Tosser in the Grenadiers"

Miss E Furnell as Penelope

Mr R.A. Sant as "Walker Chalk"

Miss A Scarratt as Mrs Croaker the "Misses"

The Band was composed of Mr Higgins and Mr Walker, 1st Violins,  
Miss J Dickenson & Miss N Bird enough, 2nd Violins,  
Mr G E Dickenson, Viola, Mr Cope, Cello, Mr Jenkins, Double Bass,  
and Mr W H Dickinson, Piano.  
Mr A H Pool and Mr E Boycott, Stage managers  
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**#1911 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1912 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1913 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1914 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1915 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**3 Feb 1915**

The Crewe Parliamentary Division Recruiting Committee applied to the Sandbach Urban District Council on the 21 Jan 1915 to hold a recruiting meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1915 at the Town Hall (Free of Charge).

**Sept 1915**

A detachment of the 3/7<sup>th</sup> Territorial Battalion Cheshire Regiment under Major Taylor visited Congleton on the Monday in connection with a Recruiting Rally of the Western Command after marching from Macclesfield.  
On the Tuesday morning (28 Sept 1915) they visited Sandbach and were given a "Grand Military Smoking Concert" in their honour at the Town Hall in the presence of the Mayor of the Town. There will also be a boxing competition and local personality Ex-Sergeant, now Pioneer Noah Kennerly, of the Cheshire Regiment depot, appeared in new patriotic sketches.

**8 Dec 1915**

On Wednesday the 8 December 1915 the Headmaster of Sandbach School, Sidney Wallace Finn MA was officially appointed "Attesting Officer" under Lord Derby's Scheme to recruit soldiers in the area.

**Dec 1915**

Khaki Armllets were distributed to the men of Sandbach who had attested under Lord Derby's Scheme in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening.  
The Town Hall was full of those who waited their turn to receive the symbol of Patriotism.  
The first wave of recruits under the Derby scheme were encouraged to join up in December 1915 and had until the 29<sup>th</sup> January to report to their unit.  
If they needed more time before joining up, they had until the 30 December 1915 to lodge an appeal to be placed in a later group of recruits.

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**#1916 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1917 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1918 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**18 Jan 1918**

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1918 the Children of Sandbach School were taken by their teachers to a lecture and picture show in the afternoon by Mr Mock at the Town Hall on "War in the Air".

**23 Oct 1918**

On Wednesday afternoon (23<sup>rd</sup> October 1918) all the boys from the school and all other students from the town were taken to a Lantern Lecture at the Town Hall given by Mr Mock on the subject of "War on the Land".

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**#1919 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1920 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1921 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1922 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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(Wed) 27 Sept 1922 WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE

On Wednesday the 27 September 1922 the Sandbach British Legion held a Whist Drive and Dance at the Sandbach Town Hall with music provided by the British Legion Orchestra.

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**#1923 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1924 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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May 1924 THE SORCERER Performed by the Odd Rode AOS at the Sandbach Town Hall last week attaining a high standard following on from their last performance H M S Pinafore.

(The Stage 5 June 1924 Page 4)



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**#1925 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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1 Feb 1925 FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND for the Sandbach Widows and Orphans fund.  
It was organised by Mr Jones.  
Incl; Cleopatra  
The Acrobat (Bob Knott Trombone Solo)

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**#1926 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1927 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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11 Dec 1927 FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND  
for the British Legion Widow and Orphans Fund

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**#1928 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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June 1928 (Possible Date) ODD RODE AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY  
Presents H.M.S. PINAFORE  
By William S Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

11 Nov 1928 FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of British Legion (Paid Gratis)  
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(week before 5 June 1929) ODD RODE AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY  
Presents THE SORCERER  
By William S Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan  
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**#1929 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1930 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1931 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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Dec 1931 DICK WHITTINGTON (Community Pantomime)

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**#1932 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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Dec 1932 CINDERELLA (Community Pantomime)

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**#1933 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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Dec 1933           PUSS IN BOOTS (Community Pantomime)

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**#1934   SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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Dec 1934           LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD (Community Pantomime)  
(Performed either 1934 or 1938)

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**#1935   SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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24 Feb 1935       FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home  
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Dec 1935           BABES IN THE WOOD (Community Pantomime)  
(Lady Barlow played the Demon in a show written by Colonel Watts of  
Haslington Hall, Crewe)

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**#1936   SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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13 Nov 1936       GREAT TEMPERANCE RALLY  
Mr David Kirkwood MP and Mr Rhys J Davies MP  
Chairman Mr H Alcock JP  
Soprano Soloist Lilian Cooper

Dec 1936           ROBINSON CRUSOE (5 Nights) (Community Pantomime)

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**#1937   SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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10 Apr 1937       The Crewe Chronicle announced an event at the New Town Hall after its  
official opening in Sandbach.  
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**#1938   SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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27 Feb 1938       FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home  
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**#1939   SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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26 Nov 1939       FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Soldiers Comfort Fund  
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**#1940   SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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8 Mar 1940       RICHARD VALERY AND HIS FAMOUS BROADCASTING ORCHESTRA

From the New Central Pier Ballroom, Morecambe.  
Dance from 8pm to 2am  
TICKETS 2/6

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**#1941 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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- 18 May 1941 A Concert was given at the Sandbach Town Hall on Sunday 18 May 1941 by the Red Carnations Party and was enjoyed by a large audience in aid of the British Legion Concert Fund.  
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- 13 June 1941 WEETONANS BROADCASTING DANCE BAND OF THE R.A.F.  
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- 21 Nov 1941 FARMERS BALL  
MC's = Messrs W Owen, J Bennion and T Jefferson with the Vic Greer Band.  
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- 28 Nov 1941 DANCE in aid of the local "Comforts Fund" organised by the local branch Of the comforts committee and in aid of the Warship Week with help from the local Special Constables and ARP Centre telephonists.  
About 300 people were present. M.C.s for the evening was Messrs H Lea, G.M. Poole and W Smith with the group the Raffins Band playing the music.  
Lucky Spot prizes were presented by Mrs Woodcock and Mrs W Smith to Mrs Birtles and Mr H Platt, Miss G Brookes and Mr E Cooke.  
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- 30 Nov 1941 (Sun) FODEN'S BAND CONCERT In aid of Sandbach Warship Week (Paid Gratis)  
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- 9 Dec 1941 SANDBACH W.R.V.S. presented a series of films at 3pm showing the work of the organisation.  
Mrs Becke the County Organiser promised to attend the event.

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**#1942 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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- 26 Apr 1942 FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home  
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**#1943 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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- 24 Apr 1943 GRAND EXHIBITION AND DEMONSTRATION of Aircraft Equipment including a Dinghy, Mae West, Parachute Flare, Parachute, Flying Kit, Browning Gun and a Cannon.  
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**#1944 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1945 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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25 Mar 1945 FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND Concert  
in aid of the Sandbach and District Nursing Association.  
– Nursing Concert (Paid Gratis)  
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4 April 1945 The Sandbach Police organised a dance at the Town Hall on April 4<sup>th</sup> on  
behalf of the Police Benevolent Fund. The Billy Gibbons Band was  
engaged to provide the music.  
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**#1946 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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9-10 Apr 1946 WITHOUT THE PRINCE **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Philip King (*FIRST PRODUCTION BY THE NEW COMPANY*)  
Incl; Leonard Brindley as Rev. Simon Peters  
Jack Unsworth as Ezra Weatherhead  
Jack Sambrook as P.C. James Hawkins  
Phyllis Birch as Emma Weatherhead  
Richard Hawthorn as The stranger  
Harold Ashurst as Wyndham Johns  
Yvonne Pritchard as Madeline Lees  
Laura Scutcheon as Mrs Peters  
+ 5 others including Bessie Welsby, Edith Cooke, Robert Hovey,  
Norman Palmer, Joe Sambrook,  
Producers H. Gordon Poole and Enid Peters  
Stage Manager R.L. Hovey  
Furnishings by F. Ford  
Lighting by T Consterdine  
Radio Equipment by the Radio House  
Front of House staff included Muriel Farnworth -Smith  
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1946 NIGHT MUST FALL **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Emlyn Williams  
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**#1947 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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1947? ACACIA AVENUE **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Mabel and Denis Constandouros  
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19 Oct 1947 FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND in aid of Sandbach Nursing Home (Paid Gratis)  
Grand Concert with 316 Seats  
TICKETS 2/- and 1/-  
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Unkn FLASHBACK (A Review Date Unknown)  
**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Enid Peters  
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**#1948 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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13 - 16 April 1948      **STARDUST (a Review)**      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Enid Peters  
Incl;    Jill Jayes (Variety)  
         Jean Tandy (Queen of Ballet)  
         Betty Ryder (Sandbach's own Soprano)  
         Phyllis Birch (Comedienne)  
         W.H.Manley (BBC Light Baritone)  
         Doug Read (Lad from Liverpool)  
         Geoff Musker (Tango Specialist)  
         Bessie Welsby (Yvette)  
         W.P. Llewelyn as Bob the Cameraman  
         Ken Peters as Professor Keyhole  
         K Lewis (Film Director)  
         K Hulme (Film Producer)  
         G Moses (Eastern Slave)  
         D Burgess (Eastern Slave)  
         H Peters (Hind legs of Horse)  
Producer Ken D Peter  
Ass Producer Enid Peters  
Stage Manager F Birch  
Choreography by Jean Tandy  
Comedy Compiled by Doug Read  
Lighting and Scenic effects by Ken Peters and W.P. Llewelyn  
Scenic artist A Nash  
Wardrobe by Vera Warburton  
Props by H Peters and H.D. Chatton  
Publicity Manager K Lewis  
Electrical advisor G Mitchell  
**ORCHESTRA**  
Musical Scores and Director of Orch, by Roy Warburton  
L Johnson (Leader)  
L Cullen and C Katif (1st Violin)  
T Hewitt and G Brammer (2nd Violin)  
W.J. Tibbitt (Cello)  
S. Johnson (Woodwind)  
R Morris and L Hilton (Trumpets)  
R. Knott (Trombone)  
J Salmon (Timpani)  
**DANCERS**  
Brenda Williams / Rosemar Whiting / Joan Brereton / Doreen Fare /  
Doris Dean / Margaret Twemlow / Margaret Birch / Janet Warburton /  
Kathleen Richardson / Audrey Stokes / Joyce Tomkinson /  
Patricia Hawthorn / Pamela Neild / Jean Manley / Rosamund Harding /  
Ann Locke / Joan Trueman

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## **#1949    SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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24-26 March 1949      **TEN LITTLE NIGGERS**      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Agatha Christie  
Incl;    Vera Warburton as Mrs Rogers  
         Joan Brookes as Vera Claythorne  
         Wally Brooks Mr Lombard  
         Dennis Rosson as the Doctor  
         Tim Harper as



**Pic and Feature Page 1, 25 Mar 1949 Sandbach Chronicle.**

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19-21 October 1949

FULL HOUSE

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Ivor Novello

Incl; Yvonne Pritchard as Lola Leadenhall  
Marjorie Walker as Maud the Maid  
Phyllis Birch as Frayne Rodney  
Wally Brooks as John  
Richard Hawthorn as Archie Leadenhall  
Bessie Welsby as Lady April Hannington  
Kenneth Hulme as Charlie  
Dennis Rosson as Mr Rosenblatt  
John Wilson as Lord Hannington  
Tim Harper as Detective Inspector  
Kenneth Lewis as First Policeman  
Percy Cartlidge as Second Policeman

Producer H Frost

Lighting and Effects by D Chatton, L Chatton and Ken Peters

Music by Mr S Johnson

Stage Manager Ken Peters

ASM F Birch

Stage Carpenters H Peters and K Hulme

Props P Cartlidge

Publicity K Lewis

Make up Enid Peters

Prompt Joan Brooks

Chairman J.R. Sambrook

Secretaries Margaret Walker and Mrs Hickman

**Pic and Feature Page unkn , 21 Oct 1949 Sandbach Chronicle.**

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6 Nov 1949

FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND

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**#1950 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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24-25 January 1950

**BOBBY SETTLES DOWN (1 Act) Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Gertrude E Jennings

Incl; Yvonne Pritchard as Roberta (Bobbie)  
Betty Cubbon as Agnes Brompton  
Conrad Olive as George Phillips  
Margaret Birch as Grace the maid

Producer Irene Lea

as above

**THE LATE MISS CORDELL (1 Act)**

by Philip Johnson

Incl; Margaret Walker as Miss Simpson  
Alice Brindley as Miss Bowd  
Gloria Smith as Mrs Woolbrook  
Christine Foden as Mrs Sidbury  
Phyllis Hawthorn as Bessie  
David Chatton as Mr Budleigh

Producer Enid Peters

as above

**THE HARUM (1 Act)**

by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham

Incl; Dennis Rosson as Capt Ned Throughberry  
Ken Hulme as Alf Portal  
Edith Cooke as Beulah Burrage

Bessie Welsby as Daisy Burrage  
Madge Cartlidge as Martha Springett  
Enid Peters as Susan Phillip  
Phyllis Hawthorn as Maria

Producer Phyllis Birch

ALL THREE PRODUCTIONS

Stage manager Ken Peters  
ASM Percy Cartlidge  
Lights D Chatton and L Chatton  
Stage Carpenters H Peters and K Hulme  
Publicity C.J. Massey  
Chairman J.R. Sambrooke

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22-24 March 1950

REBECCA **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Daphne Du Maurier

Incl; Conrad Olive as Firth  
Alice Brindley as Mrs Danvers  
Phyllis Hawthorn as Beatrice Lacy  
Harry Frost as Giles Lacy  
Walter Brooks as Frank Crawley  
Percy Cartlidge as Robert  
Madge Cartlidge as Maid  
Richard Hawthorn as Maxim de Winter  
Joan Brooks as Mrs de Winter  
Johnny Wilson as Jack Favell  
David Brindley as 2nd Footman  
Clifford Massey as Mr Coleman Fortesque  
Christine Foden as Mrs Coleman Fortesque  
Tim Harper as Colonel Julyan  
Dennis Rosson as William Tabb

Producer Phyllis Birch  
Ass Producer Enid Peters  
Stage Manager Ken Peters  
ASM's R Lowe and A Hulse  
Lights D and L Chatton  
Props Percy Cartlidge  
Backcloth painter Monica Ford  
Garden Scene Painter Derek Smith  
Prompt Vera Warburton  
Make up by Enid Peters and H Frost  
Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin  
Chairman W.J. Sambrooke

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GIVE ME YESTERDAY **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Edward Percy and Reginald Denham

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1 Oct 1950

Belmont Choir GRAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall

In Aid of Old Peoples Treats

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25-27 October 1950

JUST MARRIED **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Adelaide Matthews and Anne Nichols

Incl; Harold Peters as Johnny Walker  
Margaret Britain as Mrs Johnny Walker  
Derek Shaw as 1st Steward  
Muriel Farnworth-Smith as Victoire Bertin  
Robert Townsend as Ship's Officer

Dennis Rosson as Mr U. Makepeace Witter  
Edith Cooke as Mrs U. Makepeace Witter  
Margaret Turner as Mrs Jack Stanley  
Johnny Wilson as Jack Stanley  
Clifford Massey as Percy Jones  
Cecil Rigby as Robert Adams  
Elizabeth Jackson as Roberta Adams  
Conrad Olive as Taxie Driver and 2nd Steward

Producer Phyllis Birch  
Prompt Wera Warburton  
Stage Manager Ken Peters  
Lighting R Lowe and A Hulse  
Props Jean Broster  
Make up Enid Peters  
Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin  
Chairman Irene Lea  
Vice Chairman Harold Peters?  
Secretary Margaret Walker  
Treasurer A.L. Brindley

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## **#1951 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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24-26 January 1951

DEAR OCTOPUS

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Dodie Smith

Incl; Conrad Olive as Charles Randolph  
Christine Foden as Dora Randolph  
Jean Broster as Hilda Randolph  
Margery Dickenson as Margery Harvey  
June Beck as Cynthia Randolph  
Richard Hawthorn as Nicholas Randolph  
Paul Finlow as Hugh Randolph  
Mary Beard as Gwen Harvey  
Peter Birch as William Harvey  
Wendy Farnworth -Smith as Kathleen Kenton  
Alice Brindley as Belle Schlessinger  
Bessie Welsby as Edna Randolph  
Jennifer Barlow as Laurel Randolph  
Harold Ashurst as Kenneth Harvey  
Joan Brooks as Grace Fenning  
Joan Dean as Nanny Patching  
Mildred Cragg as Gertrude

Producer Phyllis Birch  
Stage Management Cecil Rigby / Bob Lowe /  
Johnny Wilson / **Ronnie Devlin**  
Lighting Laurence Chatton  
Make up Enid Peters  
Props Muriel Farnworth-Smith and Edith Cooke  
Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin  
Prompt Vera Warburton  
Chairman Irene Lea  
Hon Secretary Margaret Walker  
Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 26 Jan 1951 Sandbach Chronicle.**

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Apr 1951

**DOUBLE DOOR**

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Elizabeth Mc Fadden

Incl; Vera Warburton as Avery  
Conrad Olive as Telson  
Kathleen Snow as Louise  
Derek Shaw as William  
Doris Lester as Anne Darrow  
Margaret Walker as Caroline Van Bret  
Phyllis Birch as Victoria Van Bret  
Frank Barber as Chase  
Robert Townsend as Edward Mortimer  
Michael Finlow as Robert Van Bret  
Johnny Wilson as Dr Sully  
Leonard Fourte as Lambert

Producer Irene lea

Stage Management Ronnie Devlin / Derek Shaw / Robert Townsend /  
J Wilson / C Rigby / J Booth / N Smith / S Farr

Lighting Frank Thompson

Make up Enid Peters

Props Margaret Britain and Christine Foden

Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin

Prompt Emily Hancock

Chairman Irene Lea

Hon Secretary Margaret Walker

Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley

Publicity Muriel Farnworth -Smith

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20 April 1951

Belmont Choir CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Foden Motor Works Band Quartet (Not Full Band)  
Guest Singer Doris Gamble (Famous Soprano)

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21-23 November 1951

**SEE HOW THEY RUN**

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Philip King

Incl; Bunty Snow as Ida the Maid  
Bessie Welsby as Miss Skillon  
Michael Finlow as The Rev Lionel Toop  
June Beck as Penelope His wife  
Cecil Rigby as Lance Corporal Clive Winton  
Leonard Fourte as The Intruder  
Rev. Norman Betts as The Bishop of Lax  
Leonard Brindley as The Rev. Arthur Humphrey  
Dennis Rosson as Sergeant Towers

Producers Alice Brindley and Christine Foden

Stage Management Robert Townsend

Stage Team Richard Hawthorne / Robert Lowe / Derek Shaw /  
Derek Smith / Neil Smith / Johnny Wilson

Stage Carpenters Eli Dickenson and Denis Knight

Lighting Frank Thompson

Props Vera Warburton and Phyllis Birch

Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin

Prompt Muriel Farnworth- Smith

Chairman Irene Lea

Vice Chairman Phyllis Birch

Hon Secretary Margaret Walker

Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley

Publicity Jean M Broster

**Pic and Feature Page 1, 23 Nov 1951 Sandbach Chronicle**

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**#1952 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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24-27 January 1952

A MURDER HAS BEEN ARRANGED

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Emlyn Williams

Incl; Jean Broster as Miss Groze  
Robert Townsend as Cavendish  
Marjorie Dickenson as Mrs Wragg  
Ronald Henshall as Jimmy North  
Joan Brooks as Lady Jasper  
Alice Brindley as Mrs Arthur  
Cecil Rigby as Sir Charles Jasper  
Richard Hawthorne as Maurice Mullins  
Phyllis Birch as A Woman

Producer Alice Brindley

Stage Management Robert Townsend

Stage Crew Derek Shaw / Johnny Wilson / Michael Finlow / Paul Finlow /  
Bunty Snow / Jean Owston

Lighting Frank Thompson

Props Enid Ford and Margaret Brittain

Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin

Prompt June Beck

Chairman Irene Lea

Vice Chairman Phyllis Birch

Hon Secretary Margaret Walker

Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley

Publicity Irene Lea and Bunty Snow

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26-28 March 1952

A QUIET WEEKEND

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Esther Mc Cracken

Incl; Robert Townsend as Sam Pecker  
Margaret Britain as Mary Jarrow  
Jean Owston as Miranda Bute  
Joyce Warburton as Sally Spender  
Phyllis Birch as Mildred Royd  
Frank Barber as Arthur Royd  
Bessie Welsby as Bella Hitchins the Maid  
Emily Hancock as Marcia Brent  
Harold Ashurst as Adrian Barasford  
Paul Finlow as Jim Brent  
Edith Cooke as Ella Spender  
Michael Finlow as Denys Royds  
Muriel Farnworth-Smith as Rowena Marriott

Producer Irene Lea

Stage Management Robert Townsend

Stage Crew Robert Lowe / J Wilson / Derek Smith / R Hawthorn /  
Bunty Snow / J Warburton

Stage Carpenters D Knight and J Booth

Lighting Frank Thompson

Electricians Ken Critchley and Barry Edmondson

Props Christine Foden

Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin

Prompt Vera Warburton

Chairman Irene Lea

Vice Chairman Phyllis Birch

Hon Secretary Vera Warburton

Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley



Publicity Jean Broster and Bunty Snow  
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8-10 October 1952

**TONS OF MONEY Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Will Evans and Valentine

Incl; Robert Townsend as Spules  
Jean Owston as Simpson  
Margery Dickinson as Miss Benita Mullett  
June Beck as Louise Allington  
Frank Barker as Aubrey Henry Maitland Allington  
David Brindley as Giles  
Michael Finlow as James Chesterman  
Rosemary Foster as Jean Everard  
Leonard Fourte as Henery  
Ronald Henshall as George

Producer Alice Brindley  
Stage Management Robert Townsend  
ASM Robert Lowe  
Stage Carpenters Dennis Knight and Frank Moors  
Lighting Frank Thompson  
Electricians Ken Critchley and Barry Edmondson  
Props Muriel Farnworth -Smith and Jean M Broster  
Wardrobe Phyllis Birch  
Prompt Phyllis Birch  
Chairman Irene Lea  
Business Manager Michael Finlow  
Vice Chairman Christine Foden  
Secretary Emily Hancock  
Hon Treasurer A. L. Brindley  
Publicity Alice Brindley

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25 Oct 1952

TRAFALGAR NIGHT BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and Her Band

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9 Nov 1952

BELMONT CHOIR CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
"Grand Concert"

With Guest Frank Titterton (Tenor)  
Accompanist Irene Lea.

Pianoforte Audrey E Chilton  
Musical Director Mrs Jessie Rosson  
Accompanist Mr Derek B Jennings

20 Nov 1952

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION (Crewe and Sandbach Branch)

(Thurs)

ANNUAL DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band.

21 Nov 1952

ETTILEY HEATH RECREATION CLUB presents a

(Fri)

GRAND GALA BALL in Sandbach Town Hall

Dancing to Reg Bassett and his Orchestra  
Tickets 4/- advance or 4/6 on the door  
Available from J C Caldwell at 100 Elton Rd, Sandbach

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December 1952

**DOWN ON THE FARM (1 Act) Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Ivor Dean

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# #1953 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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13-15 January 1953

WORMS EYE VIEW

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by R.F. Delderfield

Incl; Rev. R.N. Betts as Pop  
Derek Shaw as The Duke  
William Middlebrook as Mark  
Enid Ford as Mrs Bounty  
Muriel M Smith as Thelma  
Dennis Rosson as Mr Bounty  
Robert Townsend as Sydney Spooner  
Johnny Wilson as Taffy  
Leonard Fourte as Porter  
Sonia Malpas as Bella  
H Cecil Rigby as S/Ldr Briary

Producer Rosemary Foster and Michael Finlow

Stage Management Robert Townsend

ASM Robert Lowe

Stage Crew Robert Townsend / Robert Lowe / Johnny Wilson /  
Leonard Fourte / Michael Finlow / Derek Shaw.

Lighting Frank Thompson

Electricians Ken Critchley and Barry Edmondson

Props Jean Owston and Muriel M Smith (See Above)

Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin

Prompt Emily Hancock

Chairman Irene Lea

Business Manager Michael Finlow

Vice Chairman Christine Foden

Secretary Emily Hancock

Hon Treasurer A. L. Brindley

Publicity Alice Brindley

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25-27 March 1953

SHOP AT SLY CORNER

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Edward Percy

Incl; John Dickenson as Decius Heiss  
Michael Finlow as Archie Fellows  
Rosemary Foster as Margaret Heiss  
Bunty Snow as Joan Deal  
Margaret Britain as Mathilde Heiss  
Bessie Welsby as Mrs Catt  
Derek Shaw as Robert Graham  
Malcolm Hollinshead as Corder Morris  
Anthony (Tony) Welsby as Steve Hubbard  
Ron Henshall as John Elliot

Producer Phyllis Birch

Stage Management Robert Townsend

ASM Robert Lowe

Stage Crew Robert Townsend / Robert Lowe / Johnny Wilson /  
Rosemary Foster / Michael Finlow / Derek Shaw.

Lighting Frank Thompson

Props Christine Foden

Wardrobe Ethel Goodwin

Prompt Vera Warburton

Chairman Irene Lea

Business Manager Michael Finlow  
Vice Chairman Christine Foden  
Secretary Emily Hancock  
Hon Treasurer A. L. Brindley  
**Feature Page 53, Unkn Sandbach Chronicle**

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31 May 1953 Belmont Choir GRAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Scott Joynt A.R.A.M.

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4 -6 October 1953 **WHEN WE ARE MARRIED Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by J.B. Priestley

Incl; Kathleen M. Wakefield as Ruby Birtles  
John N Betts as Gerald Forbes  
Margery Dickinson as Mrs Worthrop  
Cynthia Taylor as Nancy Holmes  
Derek Shaw as Fred Dyson  
Malcolm Hollinshead as Henry Ormonroyd  
Harold Ashurst as Alderman Joseph Helliwell  
Bessie Welsby as Maria Helliwell  
Dennis E Rosson as Councillor Albert Parker  
Robert Townsend as Herbert Soppitt  
Emily Hancock as Clara Soppitt  
Edith A Cooke as Annie Parker  
Muriel Farnworth Smith as Lottie Grady  
Johnny Wilson as Rev. Clement Mercer  
J.E. Foden as Mayor of Cleckewyke

Producer Irene Lea  
Stage Management Robert Townsend / Derek Shaw/ Johnny Wilson /  
Robert Lowe / Michael Finlow / Malcolm Hollinshead.

Lighting Frank Thompson  
Electrician Ken Critchley  
Props Christine Foden  
Wardrobe Irene Graham  
Prompt Vera Warburton  
Chairman Irene Lea

Hon Secretary Vera Warburton  
Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley  
Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith

**Feature Page Unknown, 9 Oct Sandbach Chronicle.**

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30 Nov 1953 SANDBACH AND MIDDLEWICH DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
FLANNEL DANCE at the Sandbach Town Hall.

With Cath Jones and her Band  
MC for the evening Mr John Platt

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18 Dec 1953 E.R.F. WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Music by Ken Griffiths and His Band from Stoke on Trent  
Over 250 people spent an enjoyable evening,  
The striking decorations in the hall had been arranged by Miss Cath Jones.

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## #1954 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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7 Jan 1954 MIDDLEWICH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY in the Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

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24-26 January 1954 **THE HOLLY AND THE IVY Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Wynyard Browne  
 Incl; R. Norton Betts as Rev. Martin Gregory  
 Jean Owston as Jenny (Elder Daughter)  
 Jo Kenny as Margaret (Younger Daughter)  
 Raymond Harrop as Mick (His Son)  
 Irene Graham as Aunt Lydia  
 Margeret Britain as Aunt Bridget  
 Johnny Wilson as Richard Wyndham  
 John Woodhouse as David Paterson.  
 Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Stage Management Robert Townsend / Derek Shaw / Johnny Wilson /  
 Robert Lowe / Michael Finlow / Jack Betts.  
 Lighting Frank Thompson  
 Electrician Ken Critchley  
 Props Edith Cooke, Marjorie Jackson, Christine Foden.  
 Wardrobe and Make Up Rosemary Foster  
 Prompt Bessie Welsby  
 Chairman Irene Lea  
 Hon Secretary Vera Warburton  
 Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley  
 Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith and Kathleen Wakefield  
**Pic and Feature Page Unknown, 29 Jan 1954 Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unknown, Unkn Crewe Chronicle.**

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5 Mar 1954 CHAIRMAN'S BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chairman's Ball of Congleton Borough Council on Friday Evening  
 When Mr John S Thorley (Chairman of CBC) and Mrs Thorley  
 welcomed guests from all over Cheshire.  
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24-26 March 1954 FOOLS RUSH IN **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Kenneth Horne  
 Incl; Sonia Malpas as Millicent (Barmaid)  
 Margaret Nield as Mrs Coot  
 Vera Warburton as Mrs Mandrake  
 June Beck as Angela  
 Rosemary Foster as Pam (Bride)  
 Malcolm Hollinshead as Charles  
 John Woodhouse as Paul  
 Derek Shaw as Joe

Producer Irene Lea  
 Stage Management Robert Townsend / Derek Shaw / Johnny Wilson /  
 Robert Lowe / Michael Finlow.

Lighting Frank Thompson  
 Electrician Ken Critchley  
 Props Muriel Farnworth Smith, Christine Foden.  
 Wardrobe C. Irene Graham  
 Prompt Marjorie Jackson  
 Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith

Pic and Feature Page 1, 26 March 1954 Sandbach Chronicle.

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6 - 8 October 1954 BLITHE SPIRIT **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Noel Coward  
 Incl; Kathleen M Wakefield as Edith (The Maid)  
 June Beck as Ruth  
 John Woodhouse as Charles  
 Robert Townsend as Dr Bradman  
 Emily Hancock as Mrs Bradman  
 Bessie Welsby as Madame Arcati

Jo Kenny as Elvira.  
 Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Stage Management Bruce Mottram  
 Stage Crew Bruce Mottram / Bob Lowe / Bob Townsend / Johnny Wilson /  
 Derek Shaw / James Bolton / Tony Welsby / M Glynn  
 Lighting Frank Thompson  
 Electrician Ken Critchley  
 Props Marjorie Jackson and Christine Foden  
 Wardrobe Cynthia S. Taylor  
 Prompt Vera Warburton  
 Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith and Kathleen M. Wakefield  
**Pic and Feature Page 1, 8 Oct 1954 Sandbach Chronicle.**  
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18 Nov 1954 NATIONAL FARMERS UNION (Crewe and Sandbach Branch)  
 ANNUAL DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band

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8-10 Dec 1954 FRESH FIELDS Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by Ivor Novello  
 Incl; Vera Warburton as Miss Swaine  
 Raymond Street as Ludlow  
 Muriel Farnworth Smith as Lady Lilian Bedworthy  
 Margaret Britain as Lady Mary Crabbe  
 Bruce Mottram as Tim Crabbe  
 Bessie Welsby as Mrs Pidgeon  
 Bunty Snow as Una Pidgeon  
 Malcolm Hollinshead as Tom Larcomb  
 Margery Dickinson as Lady Strawholme  
 Producer Irene Lea Assisted by Malcolm Hollinshead  
 Stage Management Bruce Mottram  
 Stage Crew Johnny Wilson / Robert Townsend / Derek Shaw /  
 Malcolm Hollinshead / Robert Lowe / R Smith.  
 Lighting Frank Thompson  
 Electrician Ken Critchley  
 Props Christine Foden and Rosemar Foster  
 Wardrobe Cynthia S. Taylor  
 Prompt Emily Hancock  
 Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Chairman Irene Lea  
 Vice Chairman as Christine Foden  
 Secretary Vera Warburton  
 Minute Secretary Kathleen M. Wakefield  
 Treasurer A.L. Brindley  
**Pic and Feature Page 1 and 7, 10 Dec Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, Unkn Crewe Chronicle.**

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## #1955 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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16-18 March 1955 THE HOUSE MASTER Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by Ian Hay  
 Incl; Raymond Street as Charles Donkin  
 Tony Wesby as "Bimbo" Faringdon  
 Malcolm Hollinshead as Victor Beamish  
 R.A. Smith as Frank Hasting



Margaret Nield as Ellen  
Margaret Britain as Barbara Fane  
Maureen A Kelly as "Button" Faringdon  
Cynthia S Taylor as Matron  
Michael J Warrington as "Old Crump"  
Kathleen M Wakefield as Rosemary Faringdon  
Sonia Malpas as Chris Faringdon  
Bruce Mottram as Philip de Pourville  
Peter H Birch as "Flosie" Nightingale  
Andrew Henderson as The Rev. Edmund Orington  
H Thomlinson as Sir Berkley Nightingale  
Michael R.E. Hovey as Travers  
Graham Mitchell as "Pop"

Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Stage Management Bruce Mottram  
Stage Crew Robert Townsend / Derek Shaw / Johnny Wilson /  
H Tomlinson / R Smith / Tony Wesby / P Birch / M Hovey /  
R Lowe

Lighting Frank Thompson  
Electrician Ken Critchley  
Props June Becke and Enid Ford  
Wardrobe Bunty Snow and Cynthia Taylor  
Make Up Bessie Welsby  
Sound Effects and Music Michael R.E. Hovey  
Prompt Bessie Welsby  
Chairman Irene Lea  
Vice Chairman Christine Foden  
General Secretary Vera Warburton  
Minute Secretary Kathleen M Wakefield  
Hon Treasurer A.L. Brindley

Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith and Kathleen M Wakefield  
**Pic and Feature Page 1 and 6, 18 Mar Sandbach Chronicle.**

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20 Oct 1955 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
FARM FORUM AND DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
Five of the Country's leading experts on farm management and  
agricultural policy answered questions from a 400 strong audience.  
The evening ended with a dance to Cath Jones and her Band

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24-28 Oct 1955 THE CHILTERN HUNDREDS **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by William Douglas Home

Incl; Malcolm Hollinshead as The Earl of Lister  
Margaret Britain as The Countess of Lister  
June Beck as June Farrell  
Sonia Malpas as Bessie  
Robert Townsend as Beecham  
John Woodhouse as Lord Pym  
Sheila McGilchrist as Lady Caroline Smith  
Unknown as Mr Cleghorn

Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Stage Manager Ken Fox  
Stage Crew K Fox / R Townsend / J Wilson / B Lowe / A Welsby / N Jones/  
L Williams / and members of the Elworth PTA

Lighting Frank Thompson and Ken Fox  
Electrician Ken Critchley  
Music and Sound Effects Michael Hovey  
Props Enid Ford and Bruce Mottram  
Wardrobe Cynthia S Taylor  
Chairman  
Vice Chairman

Hon Secretary  
Hon Treasurer  
Publicity Kathleen M Hovey and Margaret Nield  
**Pic and Feature Page 1, 28 Oct 1955 Sandbach Chronicle.**  
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24 Nov 1955 SANDBACH BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION  
DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
Music Cath Jones and her Band

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## #1956 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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27 Jan 1956 CHAIRMAN'S BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
Cllr Mr Ernest Condliffe (Chairman)  
Music by Cath Jones and Her Band

15-17 Feb 1956 THE BROWNING VERSION (1Act) **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Terrence Rattigan  
Incl; Tony Welsby as John Taplow  
Michael Hovey as Frank Hunter  
Bunty Snow as Millie Crocker-Harris  
Robert Townsend as Andrew Crocker-Harris  
H Tomlinson as Dr Frobisher  
Peter Birch as Peter Gilbert  
R Valerie Farmer as Mrs Gilbert  
Producer Malcolm Hollinshead  
Technical See below

as above THE BRIDE WORE AN OPEL RING (1 Act)  
by R.F. Delderfield  
Incl; Sonia Malpas as Heather Beckett  
Enid Ford as Mrs Phelps  
Bessie Welsby as Mrs Beckett  
Bruce Mottram as Henry Beckett  
Wendy Farnworth Smith as Rose Manders  
Derek Shaw as Ted Harvey  
Producer Derek Shaw  
Technical See Below

as above UNTO WHICH IT SHALL PLEASE GOD (1Act)  
by T.B. Morris  
Incl; Joan Boadle as Marion Powell  
Marjorie Dickinson as Gladys Long  
Sonia Malpas as Iris Boyd  
Linda Parkes as Beatrice Folkes  
Rose Mason as Florrie Buss  
Muriel Farnworth Smith as Diana Renton-Clark  
Doris Brereton as Prissie Withers  
Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith

Technical for all three Shows  
Stage Manager Ken Fox  
Stage Crew Tony Welsby / C.G. Hovey / Bruce Mottram / L Williams.  
Lighting Ken Critchley  
Music and Sound Effects Michael Hovey  
Make up Bessie Welsby  
Props June Beck  
Wardrobe Cynthia S Taylor  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Vice Chairman Malcolm Hollinshead  
Hon Secretary Kathleen M Hovey  
Hon Treasurer H Tomlinson

Publicity Kathleen M Hovey  
**Pic and Feature Page 1 and 6, 17 Feb 1956 Sandbach Chronicle.**

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25-27 April 1956 TO KILL A CAT **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Roland Pertwee and Harold Dearden

Incl; Kathleen Hovey as Ruth Henley  
Bruce Mottram as Dr Raikes  
Margaret Nield as Margaret Fenwick  
Valerie Farmer as Stella Martin  
Michael Hovey as Esmond Proust  
June Beck as Lilian Proust  
Harold Ashurst as Brand the Butler  
John Woodhouse as Jessop Crawley  
W.R. Duff as Mark Proust  
Malcolm Hollinshead as Whitton  
Toots as Himself (The cat)

Producer Irene Lea

Stage Management Ken Fox

Stage Crew G Hovey / Bruce Mottram / Michael Hovey / V Farmer /

Enid Ford / Sonia Malpas / Tony Welsby / Maureen Kelly

Lighting Ken Critchley

Music and Sound Effects Michael Hovey

Make up Bessie Welsby

Props Enid Ford and Sonia Malpas

Prompt Margaret Snow

Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith

Vice Chairman Malcolm Hollinshead

Hon Secretary Kathleen M Hovey

Hon Treasurer H Tomlinson

Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith

**Pic and Feature Page 1 and 6, 27 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**

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31 May 1956 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

FLANNEL DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall

With Cath Jones and Her Band

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3-5 Oct 1956 JOB FOR THE BOY **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Dennis Driscoll

Incl; Margaret Nield as Patience Lomax  
Joan Boadle as Maggie Lomax  
W Davies as Walter Lomax  
Ernest Worswick as Amos Entwhistle  
Thomas E Rager as Dwight Schuleman  
Michael Hovey as David  
Sonia Malpas as Lady Ariadne Crofield

Producer Phyllis Birch

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23 Oct 1956 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

DINNER AND DANCE

With Cath Jones and Her Band

13 years since the NFU Sandbach Branch was reformed. (1943)

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4 Nov 1956 Belmont Choir CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall

“Celebrity Concert” with Owen Brannigan (Sadlers Wells)

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9 Nov 1956 SANDBACH ROTARY CLUB ANNUAL PRESIDENTS BALL

(Fri) at Sandbach Town Hall

With Cath Jones and Her Band

14-16 Nov 1956 DIAL M FOR MURDER **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Frederick Knott  
 Incl; June Beck as Sheila Wendice  
 John Woodhouse as Tony Wendice  
 Bruce Mottram as Max Halliday  
 W.R. Duff as Captain Lesgate  
 Robert Townsend as Insp Hubbard  
 Producer Irene Lea  
 Stage Manager Ken Fox  
 Stage Crew M Hovey / G Hovey / J Woodhouse / Tony Welsby /  
 Bruce Mottram / Robert Townsend / Mrs Enid Ford  
 Lighting George Robinson  
 Music and Sound Effects Michael Hovey  
 Make up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow  
 Props Enid Ford and Margaret Neild  
 Prompt Bessie Welsby  
 Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Vice Chairman Irene Lea  
 Secretary Kathleen M Hovey  
 Treasurer H Tomlinson  
 Publicity R Valerie Farmer and Sonia Malpas  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 16 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

29 Nov 1956

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 CREWE AND SANDBACH BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION  
 ANNUAL BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band

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**#1957 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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20-22 March 1957

LOVE IN A MIST

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Kenneth Horne  
 Incl; Bessie Welsby as Mrs Evans  
 Derek Shaw as Nigel  
 Kathleen Hovey as Pat  
 N Victor Brown as Mr Evans  
 Robert Townsend as Howard  
 Maureen Kelly as Rose

Producer John Woodhouse  
 Stage Manager Ken Fox  
 Stage Crew G Hovey / J Woodhouse / Tony Welsby / Derek Shaw /  
 Bruce Mottram / F Moss / M Burns / N Victor Brown  
 Lighting George Robinson  
 Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey  
 Make up Bessie Welsby  
 Props Enid Ford and June Beck  
 Wardrobe Mrs R Mawdsley  
 Prompt Margaret Neild  
 Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Vice Chairman Irene Lea  
 Secretary Kathleen M Hovey  
 Treasurer H Tomlinson  
 Publicity R Valerie Farmer and Sonia Malpas

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 22 March Sandbach Chronicle.**

30 Oct 1957

FODENS MOTOR WORKS BAND Conductor Rex Mortimer

6 - 8 Nov 1957

BONAVENTURE

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Charlotte Hastings

Incl; Pamela Jackson as Nurse Phillips  
Wendy Farnworth Smith as Nurse Brent  
Joan Boadle as Sister Josephine  
Fred Moss as Willy Pentridge  
Bessie Welsby as Sister Mary Bonaventure  
William Davies as Dr Jeffreys  
Margery Dickinson as The Mother Superior  
"Bob" Kirkham as Melling  
June Beck as Sarah Carn  
Margaret Nield as Miss Pierce  
Enid M Ford as Martha Pentridge

Producer Phyllis Birch

Stage Manager Ken Fox

Stage Crew Bob Townsend / Derek Shaw / Anthony (Tony) Welby /  
Graham Hovey / F Brookes / Peter Birch.

Lighting George Robinson

Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey

Make up Bessie Welsby

Props Kathleen Hovey and Muriel Farnworth Smith

Prompt Vera Warburton

Publicity Reg Brookes and Sonia Malpas

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 1 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 7 Nov Sandbach Chronicle**

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14 Nov 1957 NATIONAL FARMERS UNION (Crewe and Sandbach Branch)  
ANNUAL DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

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15 Nov 1957 SANDBACH ROTARY CLUB CHARITY BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her band.  
MC for the evening was Mr John Hollinshead a Member of the County Council  
and a Past President of the Rotary Club. Unfortunately thick Fog prevented members  
from outside Sandbach Clubs attending.

17 Nov 1957 BELMONT CHOIR Annual Concert  
With Guest Artist, Constance Shacklock (Messo-Soprano)

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24 Nov 1957 GRAND CONCERT 8pm  
Constance Shacklock (Mezzo Soprano as seen on BBC and TV)  
Belmont Choir

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## **#1958 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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29-31 Jan 1958 AS LONG AS THEY'RE HAPPY Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Vernon Sylvaine

Incl; Maureen Kelly as Gwendoline  
Valerie Farmer as Linda  
Sonia Malpas as Patricia  
Monica Owen as Stella Bentley  
Robert Townsend as John Bentley  
Ian Hammonds as Bobby Denver  
Bill Davies as Hermann Schneider  
Howard Fox as Michael Kenley  
Freddie Moss as Peter Pember  
Bunty Snow as Pearl  
Joan Boadle as Corinne  
"Bob" Kirkham

Mr Skeffington as Himself  
Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith and Enid Hind  
Stage Manager Phyllis Birch  
Stage Crew B Davies / K Fox / G Hovey / Robert Townsend / B Kirkham /  
Tony Welsby / P Birch / D Shaw / J Brookes / F Moss /  
Ian Hammonds / H Jackson

Lighting Geoege Robinson  
Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey  
Make up Bessie Welsby and Ian Hammonds  
Props June Beck and Enid Ford  
Wardrobe Marjorie Collins  
Prompt Pam Jackson  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Kathleen M Hovey  
Treasurer H Tomlinson  
Publicity Reg Brookes and Sonia Malpas  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 6 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Feature Page Unkn, Unkn Crewe Chronicle.**

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7 Mar 1958 CHAIRMAN'S BALL of Congleton R D C  
At Sandbach Town Hall  
Music Cath Jones and her Band  
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26-28 March 1958 YOUNG WIVES TALE Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Ronald Jeans  
Incl; "Bob" Kirkham as Rodney Pennant  
Sonia Malpas as Sabina Pennant  
Enid Ford as Nurse Blott  
Pam Jackson as Eva Lester  
Janet Wood as German Woman  
Joan Boadle as Mary Banning  
Ian Hammonds as Bruce Banning  
Bill Davies as Victor Manifold  
Margaret Nield as Nurse Gallop  
Producer Vera Warburton  
Stage Manager Unknown  
Stage Crew Phyllis Birch / Bob Townsend / H Jackson / Graham Hovey /  
Tony Welsby / Derek Shaw / John Brookes / Ian Hammonds /  
Bill Davies and Peter Birch.  
Lighting George Robinson and John Turney?  
Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey  
Make up and Prompt Bunty Snow and Bessie Welsby  
Props Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Wardrobe M Collins and D Mawdesley  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Kathleen M Hovey  
Treasurer H Tomlinson  
Publicity Reg Brookes and Sonia Malpas  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 27 March Sandbach Chronicle.**

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15 July 1958 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
ST SWITHIN'S DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band  
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11 Sept 1958 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
HARVEST HOME DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band  
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15-17 Oct 1958 RELUCTANT HEROES Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Colin Morris



Incl; Reg Worthington as Morgan  
"Bob" Kirkham as Tone  
Bob Townsend as Gregory  
Victor Brown as Sergeant Bell  
Freddie Moss as Sergeant Mackenzie  
Derek Liquorish as Medical Orderly  
Valerie Farmer as Patricia Thompson  
Jennifer Hesketh as Penelope Raymond  
Bunty Snow as Gloria Dennis  
Raymond Harrop as Captain Percy  
Graham Hovey as A Soldier

Produced by Ian Hammonds  
Electricians George Robinson and John Tunney  
Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey  
Stage Management team Phillis Birch / Bob Townsend / Harold Jackson /  
Graham Hovey / John Brookes / Ian Hammonds / Derek Shaw /  
"Bob" Kirkham / Raymond Harrop / Victor Brown.

Make up Bessie Welsby and Wendy Farnworth Smith  
Props Harold and Pamela Jackson  
Wardrobe M Collins and D Mawdesley  
Prompt Joan Boadle  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Joan Boadle  
Treasurer H Tomlinson  
Publicity Reg Brooks and Wendy Farnworth Smith

**Pic and Feature Page 1 and 6, 16 Oct 1958 Sandbach Chronicle**

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Oct 1958 (Date Not Known in advert See below)

SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
GRAND AUTUMN BALL at Sandbach Town Hall 8pm to 1am  
With Cath Jones and her Band

25 Oct 1958 CATH JONES AND HER BAND (Dance) TICKETS 5/- 8pm start  
The Sandbach Music Studio (Record Store) owner had her own band which played on a regular basis for dances from the 1940's through to the 1980's at various locations including a regular booking at the Town Hall in Sandbach which included the Christmas Eve Dance. Cath always held a New Year's Eve Dance somewhere in the area. The band also played for a number of fundraising concerts both at the town hall and at other venues.

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11 Dec 1958 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
GRAND CHRISTMAS BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

26 Dec 1958 SANDBACH ND DISTRICT TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE  
(Fri) BOXING NIGHT CARNIVAL DANCE  
9pm to 2am  
Music by Jack Lawrence and his Mayfair Players  
Tickets 7/6 each from the Crewe Chronicle Office, Middlewich Road, Sandbach  
And committee members

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**#1959 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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28-30 January 1959 MURDER MISTAKEN Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Janet Green

Incl; Margery Dickinson as Emmie  
Elsie Nowill as Monica Bare  
Patrick J Slack as Philip Mortimer  
Ian Hammonds as Edward Bare  
Joan Boadle as Freda Jefferies  
June Beck as Charlotte Young

Producer Sonia Malpas  
 Electricians George Robinson and John Tunney  
 Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey  
 Stage Management team Bob Townsend / Harold Jackson / Tony Welsby /  
 Graham Hovey / John Brookes / Ian Hammonds /  
 Derek Liquorish / John Tunney / A William / P Slack  
 Make up Bessie Welsby  
 Props Derek Liquorish  
 Wardrobe M Collins  
 Prompt Enid Ford  
 Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Secretary Joan Boadle  
 Treasurer H Tomlinson  
 Publicity Reg Brooks and Wendy Farnworth Smith  
**Pic and Feature Page 6, 29 Jan 1959 Sandbach Chronicle.**

#####  
 12 Feb 1959      SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 GRAND ST VALENTINE'S DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band

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 8-10 April 1959      **SAILOR BEWARE**      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Philip King and Falkland L. Cary  
 Incl;    Enid Ford as Edie Hornett  
           Bessie Welsby as Emma  
           Joyce Hall as Mrs Lack  
           Bruce Mottram as Henry Hornett  
           Ian Hammonds as Albert Tufnell  
           Patrick Slack as Carnoustie Bligh  
           Sonia Malpas as Daphne Pink  
           Margaret Nield as Shirley Hornett  
           "Bob" Kirkham as The Rev Oliver Purefoy  
 Producer Robert Townsend  
 Electrician George Robinson  
 Stage Management Bob Townsend / Derek Shaw / Ian Hammonds /  
                           Tony Welsby / Bruce Mottram / P and J Slack / Derek Liquorish /  
                           Graham Hovey / D Farmer.  
 Make up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow  
 Props June Beck and Elsie Nowill  
 Wardrobe Marjorie Collins  
 Prompt Valerie Farmer  
 Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Secretary Joan Boadle  
 Treasurer H Tomlinson  
 Publicity Reg Brooks and Wendy Farnworth Smith  
**Pic and Feature Page Unknown, 10 Apr 1959 Sandbach Chronicle.**

#####  
 4 June 1959      SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 SUMMER DANCE At Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and Her Band

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 21-23 October 1959      **THE DEVIL WAS SICK**      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Kenneth Horne  
 Incl;    Bob Townsend as The Rev Arthur Sexton-Hifflish  
           Elsie Nowill as Emily Sexton-Hifflish  
           Bruce Mottram as Victor Sexton-Hifflish  
           Valerie Farmer as Violet  
           Jennifer Hesketh as Ann Brown  
           Peter Hulme as Martin York  
           Bessie Welsby as Matilda Hope  
           "Bob" Kirkham as Dr Frederick Silvaine

Producer Ian Hammonds assisted by Bunty Snow  
 Electrician George Robinson  
 Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey  
 Make Up Bessie Welsby, Bunty Snow and Ian Hammonds  
 Props Maureen Kelly, Cynthia Dutton and Alec Mellor  
 Wardrobe Rose Mason  
 Prompt Enid Ford  
 Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Secretary Joan Boadle  
 Treasurer H Tomlinson  
 Publicity Reg Brooks and Wendy Farnworth Smith  
**Pic and Feature Page 6, 23 October 1959 Sandbach Chronicle.**

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- 1 Nov 1959 BELMONT CHOIR ANNUAL CELEBRITY CONCERT  
 Special Guest Jacqueline Delman (Young Soprano)  
 With Beryl Dallen on Piano  
 (Crewe Chronicle - Saturday 07 November 1959 Page 19)
- 5 Nov 1959 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 GRAND AUTUMN BALL at Sandbach Town Hall 8pm to 1am  
 With Cath Jones and her Band  
 MC for the evening Mr E Thornhill (Club Chairman)
- 17 Dec 1959 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 GRAND CHRISTMAS BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band  
 MC Mr Jack Consterdine  
 The Cheshire Dairy Queen Miss Barbara Wakefield accompanied by  
 her ladies in waiting Miss Jean Newton and Miss Helen Fletcher presented  
 spot prizes at the Ball.
- 24 Dec 1959 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 GRAND CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE  
 With Edgar Harrison and his Orchestra  
 (Usually Cath Jones played for the Young Farmers)

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## #1960 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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- 27-29 January 1960 TRESPASS **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Emyln Williams  
 (1st Presented on the 16 July 1947 at the Globe Theatre, London)  
 Incl; Alec Mellor as Bill  
 Margaret Owen as Gwan  
 Joyce Hall as A Maid  
 Bruce Mottram as Mr Grice  
 Enid Ford as Mrs Henting  
 Muriel Farnworth Smith as Christine  
 Bill Davies as Dewar  
 Joan Boadle as Mrs Amos  
 Bob Townsend as Saviello  
 Producer Ian Hammonds assisted by June Beck  
 Electrical R Fry and George Robinson  
 Music and Sound Effects Graham Hovey  
 Scene builders and Painters Directed by Bruce Mottram, Gladys Hammonds  
 and Mary Beard  
 Make Up Bessie Welsby  
 Prompt Maureen Kelly  
 Wardrobe Rose Mason  
 Props Cynthia Dutton, Peter Hulme, Anne Bailey  
 Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Secretary Joan Boadle

Treasurer H Tomlinson  
Publicity Reg Brooks  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 29 Jan 1960 Sandbach Chronicle.**

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19 Feb 1960 E.R.F. DANCE (Local Truck Makers)

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23-25 March 1960 DRY ROT **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by John Chapman

Incl; "Bob" Kirkham as Colonel Wagstaff

Jean Owston as Mrs Wagstaff

Anne Bayley as Beth Barton

Ann Torr as Susan Wagstaff

Alec Mellor as John Danby

Reg Worthington as Alfred Tubbe

Bruce Mottram as Fred Phipps

Ian Hammonds as "Flash" Harry

Paul Stallard as Albert Polignac (Jockey)

Joyce Clements as Sergeant Fire (a Policewoman)

Producer by Ian Hammonds

Stage Manager Bob Townsend

Electrical George Robinson and Ron Fry

Sound Effects and Music Ron Fry

Stage design by Bruce Mottram, Ron Fry and Anne Bayley.

Prompt Joan Boadle

Props Enid Ford and June Beck

Make up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow

Wardrobe Marjorie Collins

Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith

Secretary Joan Boadle

Treasurer H Tomlinson

Publicity Reg Brooks

**Pic and Feature Unknown, Date Unknown Sandbach Chronicle.**

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14 July 1960 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
ST SWITHIN'S DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

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19-21 October 1960 FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Austin Steele

Incl; Ann Bayley as Doris Holmes

Bessie Welsby as Lily Grimshaw

Cynthia Hulme as Susan Grimshaw

Ian Hammonds as Albert Grimshaw

Bill Davies as Wilf Holmes

Peter McNiff as Vladimir Previtch

Margaret Maddock as Petri Garanakdva

Six Eskimoes (Supers)

Producer Joan Boadle assisted by Bob Townsend

Decor and Stage Management

under the direction of Bruce Mottram and Ian Hammonds

Lighting Ron Fry

Sound Effects Michael Barnett

Electrical Work by George Robinson

Prompt Ann Torr

Props June Beck and Enid Ford

Make up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow

Publicity Peter McNiff

**Pic and Feature Page 1, 21 Oct Sandbach Chronicle.**

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27 Oct 1960 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB

- AUTUMN BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band  
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- 6 Nov 1960 BELMONT CHOIR Annual Concert  
With Guest Artist, **Forbes Robinson** (Royal Opera House singer from Macclesfield)  
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- 15 Nov 1960 CREWE AND SANDBACH NATIONAL FARMERS UNION  
Annual Dinner and Dance at Sandbach Town Hall  
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- 9 Dec 1960 FODEN CRICKET CLUB 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dance  
With Tommy Nicholls Orchestra.  
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## #1961 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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- 25-27 January 1961 BREATH OF SPRING Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Peter Coke  
Incl; Joan Boadle as Miss Nanette Parry  
Peter McNiff as Brigadier Albert Tayne  
Bunty Snow as Lily Thompson (The Maid)  
Enid Ford as Alice, Lady Miller  
June Beck as Dame Beatrice Appleby  
Elsie Nowill as Miss Elizabeth Hatfield  
Bruce Mottram as Detective Sergeant Pape  
Max Leese as P.C. Kemp  
Producer Ian Hammonds assisted by Bruce Mottram  
Stage Management Bruce Mottram  
Electrical Ron Fry  
Prompt Ann Bayley  
Props Ann Torr / Maureen Kelly / Wendy Farnworth Smith  
Make Up Bessie Welsby  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Joan Boadle  
Treasurer H Tomlinson  
**Pic and Feature Page 1, 27 Man 1961 Sandbach Chronicle.**  
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- 14 Feb 1961 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
ST VALENTINES DANCE at sandbach Town hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band  
MC for the evening was Mr Eric Thornhill  
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- 26-28 April 1961 STRIKE HAPPY Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Duncan Greenwood  
Incl; Joan Boadle as Clara Hellewell  
Margaret Owen as Elsie Hellewell  
Bill Davies as Albert Hellewell  
Max leese as George Seegar  
Ian Hammonds as Benjamin Tapeworth  
Bessie Welsby as Mrs Flannel  
Maureen Kelly as Rosie Flannel  
Ann Holliday as Yvonne  
Heather Donovan as Estelle  
Producer Phyllis Birch  
Stage Manager Ian Hammonds  
Electrical Ron Fry  
Prompt Ann Torr  
Props Richard "Bob" Hall and Barrington Eachus

Make up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Joan Boadle  
Treasurer H Tomlinson

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1 June 1961 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
GRAND SUMMER DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

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19 Nov 1961 Belmont Choir ANNUAL CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
With TV Stars

Ursula Connors (TV Actress in Music for You 1951 .b. 12 June 1934 .D. 18 Aug 1998)  
and Edward Darling

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13 - 15 December 1961 SLEEPING PARTNERSHIP Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by Kenneth Horne

Incl; Max Leese as Mark Graham  
Ann Torr as Phyllis Peabody  
Bill Davies as Julian Peabody  
Ron Fry as A Doctor  
Joan Boadle as Jill Peabody  
Ian Hammonds as Stephen Clench  
Bunty Snow as Violet Watkins

Producer Joan Boadle  
Stage Managers Richard Hall and Barrington Eachus  
Prompt Joyce Hall  
Wardrobe Enid Ford  
Lighting Ron Fry and Pam Clarke  
Make up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow  
Chairman Ian Hammonds  
Secretary Margaret Smith  
Treasurer Mr A White

**Pic and Feature Page 8, 15 Dec Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 22 Dec Sandbach Chronicle.**

26 Dec 1961 BOXING NIGHT DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
In Aid of the Leonard Cheshire Home, The Hill, Sandbach  
8pm to 1am  
Cath Jones and her Band

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## #1962 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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25 Jan 1962 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
GRAND SPORTS DANCE in the Town Hall, Sandbach

14-16 February 1962 LADIES IN RETIREMENT Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by Edward Percy and Regionald Denham

Incl; Gladys Hammonds as Lucy Gilham  
Muriel Farnworth Smith as Leonora Fisk  
Joyce Hall as Ellen Creed  
Bruce Mottram as Albert Feather  
Joan Broadle as Louisa Creed  
Enid Ford as Emily Creed  
Margaret Maddock as Sister Theresa

Producer Ian Hammonds  
Lighting Ron and Pam Fry  
Stage Manager Richard Hall  
Make up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow  
Prompt Betty Rowe



Props Barbara Walton and Ann Torr  
Chairman Ian Hammond  
Secretary Margaret Smith  
Treasurer Mr A White.

**Pic and Feature Page 1, 16 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 23 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

- 8 Mar 1962 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
ST VALENTINES DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Cath Jones and Her Band  
MC Mr C Kelley  
(Crewe Chronicle - Saturday 10 March 1962 Page 16)
- 16 Mar 1962 CONGLETON RURAL COUNCIL BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
Music by Cath Jones  
MC'S for the Evening Alderman Hollinshead and Mr Lees
- 5 Apr 1962 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
LADY DAY DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Cath Jones and Her Band  
Including heats for June Dairy Festival
- 11-13 April 1962 BRIDES OF MARCH **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by John Chapman  
Incl; Ian Hammonds as Tony Scudamore  
Joan Boadle as Sally Scudamore  
Joyce Hall as Mrs Spencer  
Max Leese as Ken Scudamore  
Bob Kirkham as Jack Krasner  
David Shackleton as Van Driver / Policeman / Haroun  
Bessie Welsby as Mrs Scudamore  
Bruce Mottram as Arthur Scudamore  
Jennifer Hesketh as Girl 1  
Margaret Maddock as Girl 2  
Wendy Farnworth Smith as Girl 3  
Pamela Longshaw as Girl 4  
Christine Miller as Girl 5  
Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Stage Manager Richard Hall  
ASM Joyce Clements  
Lighting and Sound Ron and Pam Fry  
Prompt Enid Ford  
House Manager Margaret Smith  
Make Up Bessie Welsby and Bunty Snow  
Chairman Ian Hammonds  
Secretary Margaret Smith  
Treasurer Mr A White.  
**Pic and Feature Page 1, 13 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 20 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**
- 28 June 1962 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and Her Band  
MC for the evening Mr Charlie Kelly
- 25 Oct 1962 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
AUTUMN DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band
- 8-10 Nov 1962 THE CURIOUS SAVAGE **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by John Patrick  
Incl; Joan Boadle as Mrs Ethel Savage  
Muriel Farnworth Smith as Lily Belle  
Christopher Fallows as The Doctor  
Florence as Dakin  
Bruce Mottram as Hannibal  
Gladys Hammonds as Fairy May

Tony Harrison as Geoffrey  
Enid Ford as Paddy  
Christopher Sutherby as Titus  
John Dickinson as Samual  
Ann Torr as Miss Wilhelmina?

Producer Ian Hammonds  
Stage Manager Richard Hall  
Lighting Ron and Pam Fry  
Props Pam Clements and Barbara Walton  
Prompt Jill (Gillian) Aldersay

*Above taken from poor quality Newspaper review.*

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 9 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Review Page Unkn, 16 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

20 Dec 1962     SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
GRAND CHRISTMAS BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

31 Dec 1962     SANDBACH INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD  
NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
Music by Alan Davies and Full Orchestra (12 Piece)

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**#1963     SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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10-12 January 1963     THE WOODCARVER     **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Morris Brown

Incl;     Ian Hammonds as Bill  
           Enid Ford as Kate  
           Ann Torr as Susan  
           Christopher Fallows as Paul  
           David Shackleton as Pedre  
           Tony Harrison as Griff  
           Wynn Adlington as Old Woman  
           Sandra Cooke as Little Girl

Produced by Joan Boadle  
Stage Manager Richard Hall  
Props Joyce Clements  
Prompt Betty Rowe  
Lighting Ron and Pam Fry  
House Manager Margaret Smith  
Chairman Ian Hammonds  
Secretary Margaret Smith  
Treasurer David Speed

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 11 Jan Sandbach Chronicle.**

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9 March 1963     NODDY AND THE TOY TOWN ROCKERS (Yorkshire Pop Band)  
With DIAMONDS 8pm to 11.30pm

TICKETS     Guys 4/6  
                 Gals 2/6

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28-30 March 1963     THE AMOROUS PRAWN     **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Anthony Kimmins

Incl;     Colin Newton as Corporal Sydney Green  
           Judy Kingsbury as Private Biddy O'Hara  
           Dorothy Bagnall as Private Suzie Tidmarsh  
           Bessie Welsby as Lady Fitzadam  
           Bob Kirkham as Major General Sir Hamish Fitzadam  
           Michael Debenham as Private Albert Huggins

Bruce Mottram as Private Willie Maltravers  
Dennis Air as Sam Goulansky  
Christopher Suddaby as Larry Hoffman  
Peter Havard as The Prawn  
Ian Hammonds as Uncle Joe

Director Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Prompt Margaret Maddock  
Stage Managers Richard Hall and Joyce Clements  
House Manager Margaret Smith  
Electricians Ron and Pam Fry  
Chairman Ian Hammonds  
Secretary Margaret Smith  
Treasurer David Speed

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 29 Mar Sandbach Chronicle.  
Feature Page 1, 5 April Sandbach Chronicle.**

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13 Apr 1963 JIMMY POWELL AND THE PILEDRIVERS  
(Decca Recording Stars / "Thank Your Lucky Stars" / Hit Record Sugar Baby.)

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18 Apr 1963 SANDBACH AND DISTRICT YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
A DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and Her Band

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August 1963 ROOM IN THE TOWER (1 act) **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Hugh Stewart  
as above THE 500 th W.A.C.  
by Frank Bryce

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20 Nov 1963 CREWE AND SANDBACH BRANCH OF THE  
NATIONAL UNION FARMERS ANNUAL BALL  
At Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and Her Band

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5 - 7 December 1963 DUET FOR TWO HANDS **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Mary Hayley Bell  
Incl; Gladys Hammonds as Abigail Sarclet  
Joan Boadle as Herda Sarclet  
Enid Ford as Fletty  
"Bob" Kirkham as Edward Sarclet  
Bruce Mottram as Stephen Cass

Producer Ian Hammonds  
Stage Manager Richard Hall  
Stage Crew Jill Aldersay / Susan Bentlet / Chris Suddaby /Wynn Adlington  
Lighting Ron and Pam Fry  
Sound Effects Michael Debenham and Roger Edwards  
Prompt Betty Rowe  
Chairman Ian Hammonds  
Secretary Peter Havard  
Treasurer David Speed

**Pic and Feature Page 1, 6 Dec Sandbach Chronicle.**

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## #1964 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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16 Jan 1964 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
"SPORTS DANCE" at Sandbach Town Hall  
Cath Jones and her Band  
MC Mr Charles Kelly  
TICKETS 5/- Admission 6/-



John Powell as Mr Gills  
Tony Welsby as Johnathan Brewster  
Chris Suddabey as Dr Einstein  
Ian T Berry as Officer O'Hara  
Geoff Armitage as Lieutenant Rooney  
John Powell as Mr Witherspoon.

Produced by Joan Boadle  
Stage Manager Ian T Berry  
Props Rene Newton and Olwyn Newton  
Scenery Janet Ollier  
Prompt Janet Olliver  
Front of House Manager Peter Havard  
Chairman Ian T Berry  
Secretary Jill P Aldersay  
**Treasurer David Speed (Manager of local Bank)**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 30 Oct Sandbach Chronicle.**

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- 17 Dec 1964    SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB (1 of 2)  
                  GRAND DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
                  8.30pm to 1am  
                  With Cath Jones and her Band
- 24 Dec 1964    SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB (2 of 2)  
                  GRAND DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
                  8.30pm to 1am  
                  With Cath Jones and her Band

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## #1965    SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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- 11-13 February 1965    SOMETHING TO HIDE                    **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
  by Leslie Sands  
                  Incl;    Tony Welsby as Howard Holt  
  Jill Aldersay as Julie  
  Valerie Foster as Karen Holt  
  David Coan as Inspector Davies  
  David Shackleton as Mr Purdie  
  Honor Knight as Stella  
  Joyce Hall as Miss Cunningham  
                  Producer Robert E McClinton, Assisted by Geoff Armitage  
                  Stage Manager Ian T Bery  
                  Scenic Design Janet Ollier  
                  Props Rene Newton and Olwyn Newton  
                  Publicity John Powell and David Shackleton  
                  Front of House Manager Roy Warburton  
                  Prompt Enid Ford  
                  Chairman Ian T Berry  
                  Secretary Jill P Aldersay  
                  **Pic and Feature Page 1, 12 Feb 1965 Sandbach Chronicle.**  
                  **Feature Page Unkn, Unknown Sandbach Chronicle**

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- 11 March 1965    SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS  
                  GRAND DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
                  With Cath Jones and Her Band
- 12 March 1965    CHAIRMAN'S BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
                  Cheshire Rural Council ball for 200 guests from all over Cheshire  
                  Braved the icy roads and threats of blizzards to attend the event.  
                  Music by Cath Jones and her Band  
                  MC for the evening Mr Charles Kelly

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1-3 April 1965      **GOODNIGHT MRS PUFFIN      Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Arthur Lovegrove  
Incl;    Bessie Welsby as Ethel Fordyce  
         Janet Aldersay as Jacqueline Fordyce  
         Janet Ollier as Pamela Fordyce  
         Tony Welsby as Nicholas Fordyce  
         Margery Dickenson as Annie  
         Joan Boadle as Amelia Puffin  
         Lionel Moore as Henry Fordyce  
         Geoff Armitage as Stephen Parker  
         John Powell as Victor Parker  
         Keith Hill as Roger Vincent  
         Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
         Stage Manager Ian T Berry  
         Scenic Design John Dickinson  
         Props Rene Newton and Olwyn Newton  
         Publicity John Powell and David Shackleton  
         Front of House Manager Roy Warburton  
         Prompt Joyce Hall  
         Chairman Ian T Berry  
         Secretary Jill P Aldersay  
         Treasurer David Speed  
**Pic and Feature Back Page, 2 April 1965 Sandbach Chronicle.**  
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27 May 1965      **SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB**  
**U MAY DANCE** at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band  
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12 Aug 1965      **SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB**  
**GRAND DANCE** at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band  
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21-23 October 1965      **THE RAPE OF THE BELT      Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Ben W Levy  
Incl;    Brenda Bell as Hera  
         Lionel Moore as Zeus  
         Joyce Hall as Hippobomene  
         Ivor Jones as Theseus  
         David Coan as Heracles (Hercules)  
         Janet Ollier as Antiope  
         Christine Morrey as Diasta  
         Olwyn Newton as Anthea  
         Jill Aldersay as Hippolyte  
         Enid Ford as Thalestris (Minister of Maternity)  
         Producer Joan Boadle  
         Props Rene Newton  
         Make Up Bessie Welsby  
         Prompt June Boulton  
         Front of House Manager Roy Warburton  
         Publicity John Powell  
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11 Nov 1965      **SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB**  
Invite you to **COME DANCING** at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

16 Nov 1965      **CREWE AND SANDBACH N.F.U. BRANCH ANNUAL DANCE**  
At Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and Her Band  
MC for the evening Mr H C Lees  
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- 10 Dec 1965      SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS (1 of 2)  
CHRISTMAS DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and Her Band
- 24 Dec 1965      SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS (2 of 2)  
CHRISTMAS DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and Her Band

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## #1966      SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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In January 1966, Councillor Ernest Condliffe held his (Sandbach UDC) Chairman's Ball at the Town Hall with music by Cath Jones (who owned the Music Studio / Record Shop on Congleton Road). So good was the dancing that a piece of 8-foot square plaster fell from the ceiling of the boardroom below, thankfully no-one was in the room at the time.

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- 7 Jan 1966      ARCLID HOSPITAL ANNUAL STAFF BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
Music by Cath Jones and her Band  
MC for the Evening Mr Charles Kelly  
300 guests attended the ball.  
(13 Jan 1966 Crewe Chronicle Page 6)

- 10-12 February 1966      TREASURE HUNT      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by M.J. Farrell and John Perry (1st produced in London 1949)

Incl;      Enid Ford as Brigid O'Keefe  
            John Powell as William Burke  
            Jill Aldersay as Mrs Guidera  
            David Hinde as Gerald Walsh  
            Bessie Welsby as Mrs Consuelo Howard  
            Ivor Jones as Hercules Ryall  
            Frank Hunter as Sir Philip Ryall  
            Pauline Sedgley as Veronica Howard  
            Joan Boadle as Aunt Anna Rose  
            Lionel Moore as Eustace Mills  
            Thelma Angus as Mrs Dorothy Cleghorne-Thomas  
            Margaret Littlemore as Yvonne Cleghorne-Thomas  
            Tom Easton as A Taxie Driver

Producer Joyce Hall  
Lighting Tony Baker and David Coan  
Props Pauline Jackson and Rene Newton  
Make up Bessie Welsby  
Prompt Olwyn Newton  
Publicity John Powell  
Front of House Manager Roy Warburton

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 11 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 18 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

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- 2 Mar 1966      MARCH BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
Music Cath Jones
- 14 April 1966      SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
SPRING BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Cath Jones and her Band

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- 21-23 April 1966 DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Ted Willis (from the Book by Richard Gordon)

Incl;      Lionel Moore as Tony Grimsdyke  
            Frank Hunter as Simon Sparrow  
            John Powell as John Evans  
            Jill Aldersay as Vera  
            Tom Easton as Bromley

Ivor Jones as Sir Lancelot Spratt  
 Margaret Littlemore as Miss Winslow (Riggie) a Nurse  
 Joyce Hall as The Matron  
 Pauline Sedgley as Janet a Nurse  
 Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Stage Manager Robert McClinton  
 Lighting Tony Bowker  
 Prompt Enid Ford  
 Props David Shackleton and John Dickinson  
 Make up Bessie Welsby  
 Publicity John Powell  
 Front of House Manager Roy Warburton.  
**Pic and Feature Page 1, 24 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 29 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, Unkn Crewe Chronicle.**

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26 May 1966 (Thurs) SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 MAYTIME DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band

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11 Aug 1966 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band

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29 Sept 1966 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 HARVEST BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band

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3 Nov 1966 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 GALA SPORTS DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band

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17-19 November 1966 EPITAPH FOR GEORGE DILLON  
**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Derek Benfield  
 Incl; Margaret Littlemore as Josie Elliot  
 Thelma Angus as Ruth Gray  
 Bessie Welsby as Mrs Elliot  
 Joan Boadle as Norah Elliot  
 Bruce Mottram as Percy Elliot  
 Lionel Moore as George Dillon  
 John Powell as Geoffrey Calwyn-Stuart  
 Tom Easton as Mr Webb  
 Frank Hunter as Barney Evans

Producer Paul H. Stallard  
 Stage Manager Robert McClinton  
 Lighting Tony Bowker  
 Props Pauline Sedgley, Carol Lewis and Christopher Sedgley.  
 Prompt Enid Ford  
 Make up Bessie Welsby  
 Front of House Manager Roy Warburton  
 Publicity John Powell

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 18 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 25 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**

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15 Dec 1966 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 CHRISTMAS BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Cath Jones and her Band  
 The Dairy Queen will attend.

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# #1967 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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2 Feb 1967 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
(Thurs) DANCE TIME at Sandbach Town Hall

Cath Jones and her Band  
MC for the evening Mr Enoch Edmonds

16-18 Feb 1967 THE SECRET TENT Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by Elizabeth Addyman

Incl; Lionel Moore as Christopher Martyn  
Jill Aldersay as Ruth Martyn  
Joan Boadle as Naomi Martyn  
Bessie Welsby as Miss Mitchum-Browne  
Paul Stallard as Ernie Briggs  
David Coan as Inspector Thornton  
Joyce Hall as Miss Pearce  
Pauline Sedgley as Peter's Voice

Produced by Thelma Angus  
Stage Manager and Set Design by Bruce Mottram  
Lighting and Sound Effects Tony Bowker  
Props Pauline Sedgley and Jackie Bailey  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Make Up Bessie Welsby  
Publicity John Powell  
Catering Marjorie Dickenson  
Front of House Manager Roy Warburton  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Thelma Angus  
Treasurer Roy Warburton

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 24 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

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17-19 May 1967 DOCTOR AT SEA (21st anniversary Production)

Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by Ted Willis (Adapted from the book by Richard Gordon)

Incl; Chris Spragg as Simon Sparrow  
John Powell as Easter  
Tom Easton as Hornbeam  
Bruce Mottram as Trail  
Colin King as Captain Hogg  
Pauline Sedgley as Wendy Wilson  
Bessie Welsby as Edna Swithinbank  
Lional Moore as Major Montmorency  
Carol Lewis as Joyce  
Jackie Bailey as Mimi  
Margaret Littlemore as Dodo

Produced by Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Stage Manager and Set Design Bruce Mottram  
Lighting and Sound Effects Tony Bowker  
Props Thelma Angus and Joan Boadle  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Make up Bessie Welsby  
Publicity John Powell  
Catering Marjorie Dickenson  
Front of House Manager Roy Warburton  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Thelma Angus  
Treasurer Roy Warburton

**Pic and Feature Page 1, 12 May 1967 Sandbach Chronicle.**

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20 July 1967 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB DANCE 9pm to 1am

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 12 Oct 1967 CATH JONES AND HER BAND (Dance) TICKETS 6/-  
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- 19 Oct 1967 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB  
 GRAND DANCE  
 With Cath Jones and Her Band  
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- 26-28 October 1967 ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL  
**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall  
 Incl; Lionel Moore as Desmond Cooper  
 Jill Bowker as Deanna Hesseltine  
 Rex Lees as Charles Hesseltine  
 Carol Lewis as Baloo  
 Tom Easton as Old Jakie  
 Joyce Hall as Queenie Hesseltine  
 Bruce Mottram as Albert Hesseltine  
 John Powell as Harry Lauder Hesseltine  
 Colin King as Douglas Dobson  
 Justine Farnworth Smith as Rory Hesseltine's voice  
 Producer Muriel Farnworth Smith  
 Stage Manager and Set Design Bruce Mottram  
 Lighting and Sound Effects Tony Bowker  
 Props Rene Newton  
 Prompt Enid Ford  
 Make up Bessie Welsby  
 Publicity John Powell  
 Catering Marjorie Dickenson  
 Front of House Manager Jack Irving  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 27 Oct 1967 Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, Unkn Crewe Chronicle.**  
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- 16 Nov 1967 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall  
 (Thurs) TIME TO DANCE  
 With Cath Jones and Her Band

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**#1968 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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- 4 Apr 1968 SANDBACH YOUNG FARMERS CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall  
 DANCE TIME  
 With Cath Jones and her Band TICKETS 6/-  
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- 2-4 May 1968 RING ROUND THE MOON **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Jean Anouilh (Adapted by Christopher Fry)  
 Incl; Rex Lees as Joshua (the Butler)  
 Lionel Moore as Hugo and Frederic (Hugo's Twin Brother)  
 Jane Vernon as Diana Messerschmann  
 Margaret Sugden as Lady India  
 John Powell as Patrice Bombelles  
 Joyce Hall as Madame Desmortes  
 Carol Lewis as Capulet  
 Stuart Hirst as Messerschmann  
 Tom Easton as Romainville  
 Pauline Sedgley as Isabelle (A Ballet Dancer)  
 Bessie Welsby as Her Mother  
 Bruce Mottram as A General  
 Directed by Bruce Mottram (and Set Design)

Lighting and Sound Effects Tony Bowker  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Make up Bessie Welsby  
Publicity John Powell  
Catering Marjorie Dickinson  
Properties Pauline Jackson  
Front of House Manager Jack Irving.  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith (Rivington, Crewe Rd, Sandbach)  
Secretary Miss Carol Lewis (150, Crewe Rd, Sandbach)  
Treasurer Mr Jack Irving (147 Crewe Rd, Haslington)

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 3 May 1968 Sandbach Chronicle.  
Pic and Feature see Page 10, 25 Jan 1973 Crewe Chronicle.?**

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10 May 1968

Jumble Sale at the Town Hall Boardroom at 6.30pm in aid of the Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.

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31Oct-2 Nov 1968

ANGELS IN LOVE (or the Perils of Purity)

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Hugh Mills

Incl; Leslie Heaton Cooper as Burton  
Jane Vernon as Dearest (The Hon. Mrs Errol)  
John Powell as Cedric, Lord Fauntleroy  
Pauline Sedgley as Lettice, Lady Fauntleroy  
Margaret Sugden as Violet, Comtesse de Chaumont  
Stuart Hirst as Furse  
Bruce Mottram as Molyneux, Earl of Dorincourt  
Roger Hurley as Sir Pomerory-Pomeroy- Jones  
Rex Leese Eustace Pomeroy -Jones

Director Margaret Sugden

Set design Bruce Mottram

Lighting and Sound Effects Tony Bowker

Prompt Enid Ford

Make up Bessie Welsby

Publicity John Powell

Catering Marjorie Dickinson

Properties Carol Lewis

Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith (Rivington, Crewe Rd, Sandbach)

Secretary Miss Carol Lewis (150, Crewe Rd, Sandbach)

Treasurer Mr Jack Irving (c/o Stringer and Co, 3 Crewe Rd, Sandbach)

**Pic and Feature Page 11, 8 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page 17, 7 Nov Crewe Chronicle.**

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24 Dec 1968

CHRISTMAS EVE BALL

With CATH JONES AND HER BAND (Dance)

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## #1969 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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20-22 February 1969

CLAUDIA

**Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Rose Franken

Incl; Bessie Welsby as Mrs Brown  
Lionel Moore as David Naughton  
Jill Bowker as Claudia Naughton  
Joyce Hall as Bertha  
Roger Hurley as Fritz  
John Powell as Jerry Seymour  
Leslie Heaton Cooper as Madame Daruschka

Pauline Sedgley as Julia Naughton  
Directed by Eric Hughes  
Set Design John Dickinson  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity John Powell  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Lighting Tony Bowker  
Stage Manager John Dickinson

**Pic and Feature Page 14, 13 Feb Crewe Chronicle.**

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15-17 May 1969

**CHASE ME, COMRADE Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Ray Cooney

Incl; Sylvia Hurley as Nancy Rimmington  
Trevor Kirkham as Commander Rimmington  
Stuart Hurst as Hoskins  
Margaret Sugden as Alicia Coutney  
John Dickinson as Petrovyan  
John Powell as Gerry Buss  
Bruce Mottram as Mr Laver  
Stuart Oakes as Constable Pulford  
Leslie Heaton -Cooper as Janet Rimmington  
Andrew Burgess as Bobby Hargreaves

Directed by John Dickinson  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity John Powell  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Lighting Chris Banks  
Props Pauline Sedgley  
Front of House Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Chairman Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Secretary Mrs Carol Vernon (6 Willow Tree Grove, Rode Heath, S-O-T)

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 16 May Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page 10, 15 May Crewe Chronicle.**

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30 Oct-1 Nov 1969

**ALL IN GOOD TIME Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
by Bill Naughton

Incl; Margaret Sugden as Lucy Fitton  
Bruce Mottram as Ezra Fitton  
Tom Gaston as Geoffrey Fitton  
Adrian Smith as Joe Thompson  
Bessie Welsby as Liz Piper  
Pauline Sedgley as Molly Thompson  
Roger Hurley as Fred Stanfield  
John Powell as Arthur Fitton  
Eddie Hudson as Eddie Taylor  
Justine Farnworth Smith as Violet Fitton  
Lionel Moore as Leslie Piper

Director Joyce Hall  
Stage Manager and Set Design David Brookes  
Lighting Christopher Banks  
Sound Effects Christopher Banks and Martin Hall  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity Pauline Sedgley  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Props Chris Bailey, Joy Bloor, Susan Glynn  
Front of House Manager Rex Lees

**Feature Page 1, 7 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

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# #1970 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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12-14 February 1970 TRAP FOR A LONELY MAN Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Robert Thomas

Incl; Bruce Mottram as The Man  
Roger Hurley as Police Inspector  
Adrian Baxter as Priest  
Margaret Sugden as The Woman  
Tom Easton as The Tramp  
Margery Dickinson as The Nurse

Directed by John Powell  
Stage Manager and Set Design David Brookes  
Lighting Christopher Banks  
Sound Effects Christopher Banks and Martin Hall  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity Pauline Sedgley  
Props Doreen Ford

Front of House Manager Rex Lees

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 6 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Feature Page Unkn, 20 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

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21 March 1970 DANCE in aid of the Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.

Incl; Frankie and the Countdowns (Group)  
The Apollo (Group)

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23-25 April 1970 BOEING, BOEING Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Marc Camoletti and Beverley Cross

Incl; John Powell as Bernard  
Pauline Sedgley as Janet  
Bessie Welsby as Bertha  
Adrian Baxter as Robert  
Christine Brown as Jacqueline  
Joyce Hopewell as Judith

Directed by Bruce Mottram  
Stage manager and Set Design by Wynn Adlington  
Lighting Christopher Banks  
Sound and Lighting Assistants Martin Hall and Eddie Hudson  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity Pauline Sedgley  
Props Susan Glynn, Susan Gafney and Ann Dickinson  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Front of House Manager Rex Lees

**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, 17 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page 11, 16 Apr Crewe Chronicle.**

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8th May 1970 An AUCTION in the Town Hall boardroom Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.

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22-24 October 1970 SPRING AND PORT WINE Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Bill Naughton

Incl; Bessie Welsby as Daisy Crompton  
Joyce Hopewell as Florence Crompton  
Pauline Sedgley as Betsy Jane  
Eddie Hudson as Wilfred Crompton  
Adrian Smith as Harold Crompton  
Justine Farnworth Smith as Hilda Crompton  
Bruce Mottram as Rafe Crompton  
Peter Barwell as Arthur

Directed by Joyce Hall

Stage Manager and Set Design Miss Wyn Adlington  
Lighting Christopher Banks  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity Carol Anthony and Rex Lees  
Props Joyce Hopewell and Linda Beacock  
Catering Margaret Dickinson  
Front of House Managers Rex Lees and John Powell  
Photographs Stuart Oakes

9 Nov 1970

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THE PROMISE was performed by the Crewe repertory company  
at Sandbach Town Hall.

This performance was organised by the Sandbach Amateur Dramatic  
Society (SADS for short) and an invited audience paid 4/- each  
to see this preview show.

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## #1971 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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18-20 March 1971

THE ANNIVERSARY

Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by William Mc Gilwraith

Incl; Adrian Baxter as Tom  
Linda Ingham as Shirley  
Roger Hurley as Henry  
Lional Moore as Terry  
Gill Barwell as Karen  
Joyce Hall as Mum

Directed by John Powell  
Stage Manager and Set Design Bruce Mottram  
Sound Effects and Lighting Chris Banks  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity Pauline Sedgley  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Front of House Manager Rex Lees  
Photographs Stuart Oakes

**Pic and Feature Page 1, 19 March Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page 11, 11 March Crewe Chronicle.**

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6 - 8 May 1971

THE BEST LAID SCHEMES

Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by H.J. Meyer

Incl; Bruce Mottram as Rufus Pugh  
Ann Rowland as Vera Pugh  
Margaret Sugden as Victoria Pugh  
Adrian Smith as Charlie  
Pauline Sedgley as Mrs Hudson  
Adrian Baxter as Sid Harper  
Joyce Hopewell as June Clarke  
Lional Moore as Sylvester Pugh

Directed by Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Stage Manager and Set Design by Wynn Adlington  
Sound Effects and Lighting by Christopher Banks  
Props Linda Ingham and Sue Reade  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity Pauline Sedgley  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Front of House Manager Rex Lees  
Photographs Stuart Oakes

**Pic and Feature Page 1 and 9, 7 May Sandbach Chronicle.**

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14 May 1971      ALL STAR WRESTLING 7.45pm  
 Masked Giant V Tony Gerrard  
 Joe Critchley V 808 Sherry (Liverpool)  
 Trevor Reece (Bolton) V Bay Starke (Wales)  
 Etc.

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21-23 October 1971      THE GAZEBO      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Alec Coppell  
 Incl;    Greg Fay as Elliot Nash  
           Adrian Smith as Harlow Edison  
           Ann Dickinson as Matilda  
           Margaret Sugden as Nell Nash  
           Pamela Cornes as Mrs Chandler  
           Dave Rouse as The Visitor  
           George Rowlands as Mr Thorpe  
           Bruce Mottram as The Dook  
           Mike Milbyer as Lovie  
           Roger Hurley as Dr Wyner  
           Ernie Bell as Ryan  
           Dave Pitt as Druker  
           Dave Rouse as A Cop  
 Directed by Peter Barwell  
 Stage Manager and Set Design by Wynn Adlington  
 Lighting by Christopher Banks  
 Sound Effects Christopher Banks and Eddie Hudson  
 Prompt Sue Reade  
 Publicity Adrian Smith  
 Catering Margery Dickinson  
 Front of House Managers Rex Lees and Pauline Sedgley  
 Props Gill Barwell and Sue Gaffney  
**Pic and Feature Page 10, 29 Oct Sandbach Chronicle.**  
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**#1972    SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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10-12 February 1972      THE HEIRESS      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**  
 by Ruth and Augustus Goetz  
 Incl;    Linda Ingham as Maria (The Maid)  
           Bruce Mottram as Dr Austin Sloper  
           Pamela Cornes as Mrs Lavinia Penniman  
           Joyce Hopewell as Catherine Almond  
           June Kaneps as Mrs Elizabeth Almond  
           Pauline Sedgley as Marian Almond  
           John Futchter as Arthur Townsend  
           John Powell as Morris Townsend  
           Elsie Thomason as Mrs Montgomery  
 Produced by Sonia Slack  
 Stage Manager and Set Design Patrick Slack  
 Lighting Christopher Banks  
 Sound Effects Christopher Banks and Eddie Hudson  
 Prompt Enid Ford  
 Props Brian Stubbs, Sue Reade and Carol Anthony  
 Wardrobe Muriel Farnworth Smith and Joyce Hall  
 Catering Margery Dickinson  
 Publicity Adrian Smith  
**Pic and Feature Page 7, 18 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

20-22 April 1972 WILD GOOSE CHASE Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society  
by Derek Benfield

Incl; Joyce Hall as Ada  
Bruce Mottram as Lord Elrood  
Joyce Hopewell as Patricia  
June Kaneps as Lady Elrood  
Morarg Davenport as Jenny Stewart  
Bessie Welsby as Miss Partridge  
Adrian Baxter as Chester Dreadnought  
Roger Hurley as Capone  
(Eddie Hudson as Wedgewood)

**John Powell played Wedgewood as Eddie Hudson was ill during the week of the play.**

Graham Russell Dickinson as Hilary Pond  
Director John Powell  
Stage Manager and Set Designer Patrick Slack  
Sound and Lighting Christopher Banks  
Props Sonia Slack  
Prompt Enid Ford  
Publicity Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Front of House Manager Pauline Sedgley

8 Sept 1972 TALK by LADY ISOBEL BARNET ("What's My Line" and other Quiz Shows on the BBC)

The talk by Lady Isobel Barnet was before about 200 people at the town hall for a fundraiser on behalf of the Sandbach Ladies Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

**2 October 1972**

**News of the Town Hall renovations was that they would begin in January and should take many months.**

26-28 October 1972 RIDE A COCK HORSE Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society

by William Barrow  
Incl; Bruce Mottram as Ben Crother  
John Fatcher as Peter Marshall  
Graham Dickinson as Sam Randle  
John Berisford as Amos Bumpstead  
John Powell as John Willie Fothergill  
Margaret Sugden as Mrs Bella Hirst  
Judi Baxter as Betty Crowther  
Bessie Welsby as Rhoda Bumpstead  
Pamela Cornes as Gwen Evans  
Pauline Sedgley as Daphne Hogg

Director Joyce Hall  
Set Design by Brian Stubbs and Patrick Slack  
Stage Manager Brian Stubbs  
Lighting Christopher Banks  
Sound Effects Christopher Banks and Eddie Hudson  
Front of House Manager Adrian Baxter  
Props Morarg Davenport and Sue Gaffney  
Catering Margery Dickinson  
Publicity Sue Reade

**Pic and Feature Page 20, 3 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page 10, 19 Oct Crewe Chronicle.**

25 Nov 1972 CHRISTMAS FAIR in Aid of the Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society.  
The event was opened by Mrs A Chatwin in the boardroom at 11am.

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**#1973 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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8-10 February 1973      **THE ENQUIRY**      **Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society**

by Charlotte Hastings

Incl;    Judi Baxter as Kate Walmer  
          Pamela Brunskill as Probyn  
          Lynn Machin as Collins  
          Margaret Sugden as Frances Treadgold  
          Pauline Sedgley as Marcy  
          Elaine Harvey as Marion Oates  
          Bessie Welsby as Laura Fenn  
          June Kanaps as Janet Graham MD  
          Sonia Slack as Gow  
          Adrian Baxter as Rev. John Shillitoe  
          Sue Gaffney as Valentine  
          John Powell as Tom Walmer

Director Patrick Slack  
 Set Design Brian Stubbs and Patrick Slack  
 Stage Manager as Brian Stubbs  
 Lighting Christopher Banks, Roger Hurley and Eddie Hudson  
 Sound Effects Christopher Banks  
 Publicity Sue Reade  
 Catering Margery Dickinson  
 Wardrobe Mistress Cathy Hesketh  
 Front of House Manager Bruce Mottram  
 Props Nina Donley and Eileen Rowland

**Pic and Feature Page 1, 9 Feb Sandbach Chronicle.**

12-14 April 1973      **WANTED - ONE BODY**      **Sandbach Players (SADS)**

by Raymond Dyer

Incl;    Bessie Welsby as Miss Barraclough  
          Joyce Hall as Mabel Middy  
          June Kanaps as Anne Beale  
          John Berrisford as Ted Johnson  
          Graham Dickinson as Mr Blundell  
          Adrian Baxter as Mr Mickleby  
          Sonia Slack as Agnes  
          Roger Hurley as Doctor Brown  
          Bruce Mottram as Mr Sorrell

Directed by John Powell  
 Stage Manager and Set Design Patrick Slack  
 Lighting Christopher Banks and Eddie Hudson  
 Sound Effects Christopher Banks  
 Publicity Sue Reade  
 Catering Margery Dickinson  
 Front of House Manager Adrian Smith  
 Props Sue Gaffney and Judi Baxter

**Pic and Feature Page 18, 13 Apr Sandbach Chronicle.**

**Pic and Feature Page 15, 5 Apr Crewe Chronicle.**

18-20 October 1973      **RELATIVELY SPEAKING**      **Sandbach Players (SADS)**

by Alan Ayckbourn

Incl;    Adrian Baxter as Greg (the Boyfriend of Ginny)  
          Judi Baxter as Ginny Tadwick  
          Bruce Mottram as Philip  
          June Kaneps as Sheila (See Below)

The Part of Sheila was played by Muriel Bedford from the Cheadle Hulme Amateur



Elsie Thomason as Monica  
Chris Merrifield as Mary Macgregor  
Bessie Welsby as Miss Mackay  
Graham Morgam as Gordon Lowther  
John Powell as Teddy Lloyd  
Eddie Hudson as McCready  
Annette Hudson as Schoolgirl 1  
Judy Baxter as Schoolgirl 2  
1st Sandbach Heath Guide Company as the Girl Guides.

Director Judith Ball  
Stage Manager Patrick Slack  
ASM Alan Crabtree  
Lighting and Sound Christopher Banks, Eddie Hudson and Timothy Jones.  
Props Annette Hudson.  
President of Society Joyce Hall  
Chairman John Powell  
Secretary Jackie Iddon  
**Pic and Feature Page 1, 8 Nov Sandbach Chronicle.**

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**#1975    SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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24-26 April 1975                      DOCTOR IN LOVE                      **Sandbach Players (SADS)**  
by Ted Willis (Adapted from the book by Richard Gordon)  
Incl;    Christine Dugdale as Mrs Tadwich  
          Adrian Baxter as Simon Sparrow  
          John Powell as Wildewinde  
          "Chick" Larson as Sir Lancelot Spratt  
          Paul Quinlan as Grimsdyke  
          David Powell as Delivery Man  
          Alan Crabtree as Mr Claribold  
          Jackie Iddon as Kitten  
          Pauline Sedgley as Nikki  
          Pat Mellor as Florence Nightingale  
Directed by Muriel Farnworth Smith  
Stage Manager and Set Design Patrick Slack  
Lighting and Sound Christopher Banks and Eddie Hudson  
Props Annette Hudson  
**Pic and Feature Page 21, 2 May Sandbach Chronicle.**

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9 - 11 October 1975                      LADY DRACULA                      **Sandbach Players (SADS)**  
by David Campton (Based on a story by Sheridan Le Fanu)  
Incl;    Adrian Baxter as Captain Field  
          David Powell as Ivan  
          Judi Baxter as Laura  
          Bessie Welsby as Madame Derrodon  
          Chick Larson as Colonel Smithson  
          Pat Mellor as Carmilla  
          Andrew Wood as Dr Spielsberg  
Directed and Designed by John Powell  
Stage Manager Alan Crabtree  
Lighting and Sound by Christopher Banks and Eddie Hudson  
Publicity David Powell  
**Pic and Feature Page 20, 17 Oct Sandbach Chronicle.**  
**Pic and Feature Page Unkn, Unkn Crewe Chronicle.**

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**#1976 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1977 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1980 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1981 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1982 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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8 Oct 1982 CONGLETON BOROUGH MAYOR'S BALL at Sandbach Town Hall  
(Sandbach resident) Cllr Charles Kelly  
Music Cath Jones and her Band  
Cabaret Stuart and Michelle Hughes (Professional Dancers from Warrington)  
(Crewe / Nantwich Chronicle - Thursday 14 October 1982 Page 10)

25 Nov 1982 LAUNCH OF FODENS OTS BAND  
After an informal meeting the band made a formal announcement about the  
sponsorship deal with OTS at Sandbach Town Hall at which the band played for an  
hour for Mr and Mrs Richard Carlton Tickell (OTS).  
Following the signing the band joined its new sponsors at the Old Hall for a buffet  
lunch.

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**#1983 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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**#1984 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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18 May 1984 CONCERT Belmont Choir

(17 May 1984 the same show was at Alsager Axis Theatre)  
Music – Patience (Gilbert and Sullivan)

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## **#1985 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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27 Mar 1985 CONCERT Belmont Choir at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Crewe and Alsager Collage of Higher Education students.  
Music – African Sanctus (David Fanshaw)  
(The performance was also at the Axis Theatre, Alsager on the 23 March 1985)

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## **#1986 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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## **#1987 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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Jan / Feb 1987 MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL  
Cllr Wendy Fuller Chairman of Sandbach Town Council held the annual ball at Sandbach Town Hall. Unfortunately the fuzes blew leaving the event in the dark. 160 guests including Wendy's husband John and Count Bartelli (Mr Geoffrey Condliffe) were in the hall at the time. Electrician Cllr Peter Hanlon (who runs an electrical shop in the town) was not at the ball because his wife was ill but was contacted soon after he had cooked his tea and rushed to the hall with his tool case to fix part of the problem an overload of the lighting system. It also blew a fuse outside and MANWEB's duty electrician repaired that fault allowing the lights to be switched on after two hours.

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## **#1988 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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## **#1989 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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25 Feb 1989 CHESHIRE REGIMENT MEEANEE BALL  
Organised by the Sandbach and Middlewich branches of the Cheshire Regiment.  
Music by the Roy Peters Sound Matanee

3 Mar 1989 CONCERT Cheshire Voices at Sandbach Town Hall.  
"Spring Concert".

19 May 1989 CHESHIRE VOICES CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
In Aid of St Lukes Hospice.  
"Gloria" (Vivaldi)  
"Nelson Mass" (Haydn)  
With the Sandbach Chamber Orchestra (Conductor Jim Watson)  
GLORIA – SOLOISTS  
Barbara Turner (Soprano)  
Marjorie Seddon (Contralto)  
INTERVAL (Refreshments provided by Sandbach Guides)  
NELSON MASS – SOLOISTS  
Barbara Turner (Soprano)  
Marjorie Seddon (Contralto)  
Clifford Crewe (Tenor)

John Cliffe (Bass)

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## #1990 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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30 Mar 1990 CONCERT Cheshire Voices at Sandbach Town Hall.

“Spring Concert”.

In Aid of St Lukes Hospice.

Music – Cantata No 79 (J S Bach)

Zadoc the Priest (G F Handel)

Messa Di Gloria (G Puccini)

Conductor Jim Watson

Accompanist Pat Jeffers

With Orchestra.

SOLOISTS

Ann Griffiths (Mezzo Soprano)

Leonard Warburton (Tenor)

Philip Ravenscroft (Bass)

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## #1991 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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Feb 1991 CHESHIRE REGIMENT MEEANEE BALL

Organised by the Sandbach and Middlewich branches of the Cheshire Regiment.

Music by the Roy Peters Sound

26 Feb 1991 CHESHIRE VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall

In aid of St Luke’s Hospice

With Un-named Orchestra

“Mass in A Flat” (Franz Schubert)

“Requiem” (John Rutter)

MASS IN A FLAT

SOLOISTS

Mary Brierley (Soprano)

Ann Griffiths (Messo Soprano)

Huw Dunley (Tenor)

Gary Powell (Bass)

INTERVAL

REQUIEM

SOLOISTS

Mary Brierley (Soprano)

Damion Browne (Cello)

David Thomas (Obo)

17 May 1991 CONCERT Cheshire Voices at Sandbach Town Hall

17 May 1991 CHESHIRE VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall

“Yeomen of the Guard” (W S Gilbert and A Sullivan)

CAST

Arthur Potts as Sir Richard Cholmondeley (Lieutenant of the Tower)

Clifford Crewe as Colonel Fairfax (Under sentence of death)

David Foster as Sergeant Meryll (Yeoman of the Guard)

Bev Davies as Leonard Meryll (His Son)

Roy Webster as Jack Point (Strolling Jester)

Paul Savvides as Wilfred Shadbolt (Head Jailor and Assistant Tormentor)

Richard Birchenough as First Yeoman

Bev Davies as Second Yeoman

Ray Banks as Third Yeoman

Sandra Francis as Elsie Maynard (A Strolling Singer)

May Lewis as Phoebe Meryll (Sgt Meryll’s Daughter)

Rosemary Watson as Dame Carruthers (Housekeeper of the Tower)

Clifford Crewe as the Narrator

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## **#1992 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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28 Feb 1992 CHESHIRE REGIMENT MEEANEE BALL  
Organised by the Sandbach and Middlewich branches of the Cheshire Regiment.  
Music by the Roy Peters Sound

15 May 1992 CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
The Gypsy Baron (Johann Strauss)  
CAST  
Catheryn Jefferson  
Janette Wright  
David Forster  
Sandra Francis  
Glenys Clayton  
Marshall Shaw  
Arthur Potts  
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Paul Savvides

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## **#1993 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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## **#1994 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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13 May 1994 CHESHIRE VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall.  
"Orpheus in the Underworld" by Jaques Offenbach  
CAST  
Glenda Colemere as Eurydice (Wife of Orpheus)  
Phili Sweet as Orpheus (Professor of Music)  
Marshall Shaw as Pluto (King of Hades)  
Cathryn Jefferson as Calliope (Muse of Poetry and Mother of Orpheus)  
Arthur Potts as Jupiter (King of the Gods)  
Carol Spencer as Diana (Goddess of Hunting)  
May Lewis as Venus (Goddess of Beauty)  
Peter Evans as Icarus (Pilot of the Balloon)  
Pam Boulton as Juno (Wife of Jupiter)  
Gill Carding as Cupid (God of Love)  
Peter Evans as Mars (God of War)  
Ray Banks as Styx (Servant of Pluto)  
Rosemary Watson as Narrator

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## **#1995 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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Feb 1995 CHESHIRE REGIMENT MEEANEE BALL  
Organised by the Sandbach and Middlewich branches of the Cheshire Regiment.  
Music by the Roy Peters Sound

19 May 1995 CHESHIRE VOICES - CONCERT at Town Hall, Sandbach

“Maritza” by Emmerich Kalman  
 CAST  
 Sandra Francis as Manja (Gypsy Fortune Teller)  
 Brian Ashby as Count Tassilo (alias Bela Torok the Bailiff of Maritza’s Estate)  
 Glenda Colemere as Countess Maritza  
 May Lewis as Countess Lisa Erody (Sister of Count Tassilo)  
 Arthur Potts as Prince Kolomon Zoupan  
 Carol Spencer as Karla (A friend of Count Tassilo)  
 21 Nov 1995 SANDBACH VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 (Cheshire Voices / Sandbach Voices New name)  
 “Petite Messe Solenneve” by Rossini  
 SOLOISTS  
 Pamela Clarke (Soprano)  
 Marjorie Seddon (Contralto)  
 Huw Donley (Tenor)  
 Michael Redfearn (Bass)  
 Fenella Howard-Smith (Piano)  
 Richard Watson (Harmonium)  
 (Crewe Chronicle 15 Nov 1995 Page 3)

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**#1996 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**#1997 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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 Feb 1997 CHESHIRE REGIMENT MEEANEE BALL  
 Organised by the Sandbach and Middlewich branches of the Cheshire Regiment.  
 Music by the Roy Peters Sound  
 1997 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

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**#1998 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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 Jan 1998 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

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**#1999 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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 26 Nov 1999 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

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**#2001 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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 2 Feb 2001 BLASTER BATES (Local Comedian / Demolition Expert / Policeman)  
 In Aid of the St Mary’s Refurbishment of the Bells Fund  
 2001 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

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**#2002 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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 2002 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Congleton Borough Arts)

14 Dec 2002      SANDBACH VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
Sandbach Voices  
With Lions Youth Brass Band (Conductor Nigel Birch)  
"Christmas Cracker II"  
Conductor Martin Cook  
Accompanist Kelvin Leslie  
LIONS YOUTH BRASS BAND  
    1. March Slaidburn (William Rimmer)  
AUDIENCE  
    2. Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Mendelssohn)  
LIONS YOUTH BRASS BAND  
    3. Christmas Singalong (E Silbert)  
    4. The Pink Panther (Henry Mancini)  
        Trombone Solo Gregory Holsgrove  
    5. Sweet Gingerbread Man (E Banks)  
SANDBACH VOICES  
    6. I Saw Three Ships (Arr Alice Parker and Robert Shaw)  
    7. Come to Bethlehem (Peter Warlock)  
    8. Starlight (Andrew Seivewright)  
    9. Follow The Star (Alan Bullard)  
AUDIENCE  
    10. Once in Royal David's City  
LIONS YOUTH BRASS BAND  
    11. A Bridge Too Far  
    12. Amigos Para Siempre (Peter Graham)  
        Duet Sarah Raisbeck and Nicola Hughes  
    13. Daydream Believer (I Baker)  
    14. Flashdance (F Bearnarts)  
  
INTERVAL  
LIONS YOUTH BRASS BAND  
    1. Maryland (E Siebert)  
    2. Till There Was You (Howard Snell)  
        Cornet Solo Sarah Raisbeck  
    3. Mary's Boy Child  
    4. Skimbleshanks from Cars (Andrew Lloyd Webber)  
AUDIENCE  
    5. Silent Night  
SANDBACH VOICES  
    6. Nativity Carol (John Rutter)  
    7. There is No Rose (Music by Kelvin Leslie)  
    8. Up on the Rooftop  
LIONS YOUTH BRASS BAND  
    9. The Show Must Go on (Freddie Mercury)  
    10. Drummer's Delight (E Siebert)  
        Percussion Solo Chris Haighton  
    11. Can Can (Offenbach)  
AUDIENCE  
    12. O Come All Ye Faithful  
SANDBACH VOICES  
    13. Merry Christmas Jazz (T Cunningham)

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**#2003      SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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17 May 2003      SANDBACH VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
"Te Deum" (Charpentier)

“Carmino Burana” (Carl Orff)  
SOLOISTS  
Helen Ostafew (Soprano)  
Jackie Harmer (Mezzo Soprano)  
Marjorie Seddon (Contralto)  
Stuart Armstrong (Tenor)  
David Palmer (Baritone)  
David Shaw (Trumpet)

Accompanists Linda Pyatt and Eve Taylor

With Children from Ellesmere College Junior Choir (Conductor Julian Whittaker)

11 Oct 2003 OPEN MINDS EVENT

Mental Health issues

2003 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

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**#2004 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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18 Sept 2004 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

11 Dec 2004 SANDBACH VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
“Messiah” (Handel)

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**#2005 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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2005 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

19 Dec 2005 AN INSPECTOR CALLS **Sandbach Players (SADS)**

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**#2006 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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1 April 2006 EDUCATING RITA **Sandbach Players (SADS)**

by Willie Russell  
At Sandbach Town Hall  
Incl; David Munchester as Frank  
Eloise Desogus as Rita

**Pic and Feature Page 15, 30 March Crewe Guardian.**

24 June 2006 PROSCENOPHOBIA **Sandbach Players (SADS)**

by Bettine Manktelow  
**Pic and Feature Page 27, 1 June Sandbach Chronicle.**

30 Sept 2006 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

11 Nov 2006 SANDBACH VOICES - CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall

“The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace” (Karl Jenkins)

“Nelson Mass” (Haydn)

With Holmes Chapel Singers and

Instrumentalists from The Blue Coat School, Liverpool

Mon 4 Dec 2006 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.

With Joan Hardwick with Colin Hardwick

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**#2007 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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29 Sept 2007 (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

(Tues) 4 Dec 2007 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.

With Neil Whittaker  
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## #2008 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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27 Sept 2008 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

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## #2009 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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30 Jan 2009 Chairman's Dinner and Ball.

28 March 2009 SINCERELY ABBA (Tribute Band) Sandbach Town Council

Profits to the Chairman's Charities, Cancer Research  
and St Mary's Church Roof Fund.

16 May 2009 PIRATES OF PANZANCE (Sandbach Voices)

By Gilbert and Sullivan

Conductor Martin Cook

19 Sept 2009 SANDBACH TODAY (Sandbach Partnership event promoting local organisations)

7 Nov 2009 FAIR TRADE / FAIRER TRADE EVENT

Promoting eco friendly and fair trade products.

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## #2010 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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11 June 2010 2<sup>nd</sup> ECHO FAMILY FUN DAY Fairtrade event.

18 Sept 2010 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

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## #2011 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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17 Sept 2011 SANDBACH TODAY (Organised by Sandbach Partnership)

(Last to be held at the Town Hall before it moved to St Mary's Church Hall)

27 Nov 2011 St Luke's Hospice Advent Lunch 12.30 to 3pm

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## #2012 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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**June 2012 The Town Council took over ownership of the Town Hall and appointed an operations Manager to run it.**

18 Sept 2012 CINEMA – "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen"

27 Sept 2012 SANDBACH HIGH SCHOOL Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan  
at Sandbach Town Hall. 9.30 to 12 noon.

12 Oct 2012 MAYOR'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

£5 each including a Ploughman's Lunch and slice of Pizza.

Profits to the "North West Air Ambulance" and Sandbach Girl Guiding  
(Mayors chosen Charity)

16 Oct 2012 CINEMA - "Batman – Dark Knight Rising"

27 Oct 2012 COMEDY NIGHT

(Sat) Incl; Justin Moorhouse,

Noel James,

Chris Martin,

with MC for the Night John Warburton.

TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Night.

17 Nov 2012 COMEDY NIGHT

(Sat) Incl; Jim Tavare,

Chris Stokes,

Joseph Wilson,

with MC for the Night Kevin Dewsbury.

- 1 Dec 2012 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Sandbach)  
Poppy Ball and Buffet  
Dancing to the Roy Peters Sound at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Contact Mrs M Newton on 01270-762173
- 7 Dec 2012 COMEDY NIGHT  
(Friday) Incl; Mitch Benn (The Now Show BBC Radio 4),  
Susan Murray,  
Marcus Birdman,  
with MC for the Night **Howard Read**  
(2007 Royal variety Performance – Big Howard Little Howard CBBC)  
TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Night.
- 11 Dec 2012 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB SHOW – Display at Sandbach Town Hall.  
With Beryl Cotton of Holywell  
STARTS 7.30pm
- 17 Dec 2012 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Sandbach)  
Christmas Dinner and Dancing to the Roy Peters Sound at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Contact Mrs M Newton on 01270-762173
- 21 Dec 2012 ROBERTS BAKERY BAND.  
Conductor Colin Cranson  
START 7.30pm  
TICKETS £7

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## #2013 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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- 26 Jan 2013 SANDBACH TOWN HALL “Wrestling”  
TICKET – £10 (Adults), £8 (Concessions) £25 (Family of 2 Adults 2 Children)  
CONTACT 07553157178
- 23 Feb 2013 SANDBACH TOWN HALL “Social Dancing”  
Andrew and Jenny Bell present an evening of Ballroom Latin and Sequence Dancing.  
TIME 8pm to 11.15pm  
TICKET £4
- 26 Feb 2013 CINEMA IN SANDBACH (Sandbach Community) at the Sandbach Town Hall.  
FILM “Quartet”  
TIME 7.30pm  
TICKETS £5 (Adults) £4 (Concessions)
- 2 Mar 2013 LAUGHING AT THE TOWN HALL.  
Comedians – Tom Deacon,  
Silky,  
Sully O’Sullivan  
MC for the Night Ste Porter  
TIME 8pm  
TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door.  
CONTACT 01270 600820 or 01270 600800  
E MAIL [comedy@sandbach.gov.uk](mailto:comedy@sandbach.gov.uk)
- 7 Mar 2013 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – Sandbach at the Sandbach Town Hall.  
(Thurs) Items on the agenda include “Car Park review”, “Conservation Areas”, and  
“Sandbach Saxon Crosses”.
- 12 Mar 2013 CINEMA – “Lincoln”  
(Daniel Day Lewis)
- 16 Mar 2013 CEILIDH.  
Caller Collin Higgs with the band “Small Blacked Up”.  
In aid of the Mayor’s Charities, Northwest Ambulance and Sandbach Girl Guiding.  
TIME 8pm to 11pm  
TICKETS £7 (Adults), £20 (Family Ticket)
- 16 Apr 2013 CINEMA – “Song for Marion”
- 18 Apr 2013 FREE LEGAL ADVICE IN SANDBACH at the Town Hall.  
Sandbach Town Centre Manager and Manners and Pimblett Solicitors  
have joined together to provide free legal advice.  
TIME 11am to 1pm (Every week from 18 Apr 2013)

27 Apr 2013 CONTACT Manners and Pimblett Solicitors on 01270-527452  
 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
 Comedians Daliso Chaponda,  
 Philbertol,  
 Ben Norris  
 MC for the Night Steve Royle  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door (Over 18's Only).

4 May 2013 (Sat) SANDBACH MAYOR'S Inauguration at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 Investiture  
 TIME 3pm  
 TICKETS Free

18 May 2013 SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
 "Wrestling"  
 TIME Evening  
 TICKET – £10 (Adults), £8 (Concessions)  
 £25 (Family of 2 Adults 2 Children)  
 CONTACT 07553157178 / Sandbach Town Council

28 May 2013 CINEMA – "Skyfall" James Bond Film  
 (Daniel Craig, Judy Dench)

7 June 2013 (Fri) TOWN HALL COMEDY (Comedy at Sandbach Town Hall)  
 "Tom Stade Totally Rocks"  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £15 (Adults) £13 (Concessions)  
 CONTACT 0151-2275946 [www.laughterhousecomedy.com](http://www.laughterhousecomedy.com)  
 WEBSITE [www.tomstade.co.uk](http://www.tomstade.co.uk)

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**CANCELLED SHOWS DUE TO REFURBISHMENT OF TOWN HALL.**

Sat 28 Sept 2013 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
 "Ballroom Comedy Club"  
 Opening after refurbishment of Town Hall.  
 Comedians –  
 Issy Suttie (Peep Show and Radio 4)  
 Alun Cochrane (Live at the Apollo)  
 MC for the Night Martin Mor  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door  
 (Over 18's Only).  
 CONTACT 01270 600820  
 E MAIL [comedy@sandbach.gov.uk](mailto:comedy@sandbach.gov.uk)

Sat 26 Oct 2013 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
 "Ballroom Comedy Club"  
 Comedians – Include  
 Ste Porter  
 Ivan Brackenbury  
 Gavin Webster  
 MC for the Night Dave Twentyman  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door  
 (Over 18's Only).

Sat 30 Nov 2013 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
 "Ballroom Comedy Club"  
 Comedians – Include  
 Silky  
 Phil Chapman  
 Gary Delaney  
 MC for the Night Jonathan Mayor  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door  
 (Over 18's Only).

CONTACT 01270 600820  
E MAIL [comedy@sandbach.gov.uk](mailto:comedy@sandbach.gov.uk)

Tues 10 Dec 2013 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB.

Demonstration  
"Anthony Williams of Manchester – Oh Christmas is Special"  
CONTACT 01477-544166  
TICKETS £4 (or £26 per Year Subscription)

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31 Dec 2013 SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
"All Aboard for the Midnight Special" New Year's Eve Party  
With the "Black Cat Trio" Jive Bop and Stroll.  
Prize for best dressed, Lucky Raffle and Snacks and Streamers.  
TICKETS £13.50 (Advance Ticket Only)  
CONTACT 07412-188684 or 07848-924509

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## #2014 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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Sat 25 Jan 2014 ROCK AND CHIPS AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
Optional 50's Fancy Dress with Live Competition  
Live Band "Jalapenos Band"  
In aid of the Mayor's Charity.  
TICKETS £12.50

CONTACT 01782-519814 or [www.dancebespoke.co.uk](http://www.dancebespoke.co.uk)

Mon 27 Jan 2014 CHESHIRE EAST HOLLOCOST DAY at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Organised by Michael Jones the ceremony will be an act of  
remembrance which the Chief executive of Cheshire East hopes  
could be an annual event.

TIME 11am

TICKETS Free.

CONTACT Martin Smith (Chief Executives Office)  
01270-686012

Sat 8 Feb 2014 REAL WOMEN EVENT at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Two catwalk shows with real women at 2pm and 3.30pm.  
3pm talk by a guest speaker Christa Atwood.  
Organised by Amanda Wagg and Christa Atwood.  
Fashion by Pink Feather, The Real Thing,  
Andrew Collier Photography, Arbonne, Juice Plus etc.  
Coffee and cakes by Joella's Bakehouse  
TIME 1pm to 5pm

Wed 19 Feb 2014 TOWN HALL OFFICIAL OPENING  
TIME 2pm - Ribbon Cutting 2pm to 6.30pm Viewing.  
CONTACT 01270-600820 [www.sandbach.gov.uk](http://www.sandbach.gov.uk)

Fri 21 Feb 2014 70'S REUNION For ex Pupils of Sandbach Secondary Modern School  
At Sandbach Town Hall.  
Includes Bar and Disco  
TIME 7.30pm  
TICKETS £5

CONTACT Kathy 07891-880524

Sat 22 Feb 2014 MEET THE TUDORS at Sandbach Town Hall.  
In Aid of the Mayor's Charity.  
Fashion Show  
TIME 7.30pm  
TICKETS £15

CONTACT Mike Benson 01270-764885 / Dot 768693

1 Mar 2014 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
Comedians –  
Neil Fitzmaurice,  
Phil Chapman,

- John Warburton.  
 MC for the Night Steve Harris  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door (Over 18's Only).
- Fri 14 Mar 2014 VARIETY SHOW  
 Organised by Carolyn Lowe and Sandbach Schools  
 Elworth School, Sandbach School Theatre, Feet First Dance,  
 Sandbach School Music Department, Love Music Trust.  
 Compere Cllr Gill Merry
- Sat 15 Mar 2014 FODEN'S BAND "Ensemble" at SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
 TIME 7.30pm
- Sat 22 Mar 2014 AFTERNOON TEA AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
 In Aid of the Mayor's Charity
- Fri 28 Mar 2014 NORTHERN SOUL ALL NIGHTER (Organised by Cobridge T/A)  
 9pm to 2pm  
 DJ's may include  
 Rob Smith, Jez Jones, Mark Freeman, Little Scotty, Phil Ankers, Soul Stew,  
 Tony Evans and Vinny S
- Fri 11 Apr 2014 MAYOR'S BALL AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL
- Sat 3 May 2014 SANDBACH MAYOR INVESTITURE at Sandbach Town Hall TBC  
 As part of an open Council Meeting the new Mayor will  
 be installed in a traditional ceremony.
- Sat 10 May 2014 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL  
 "The Ballroom Comedy Club"  
 With Chris McCausland  
 Dave Twentyman  
 Neil Fitzmaurice  
 Jason Cook  
 Ste Porter (MC For the Night)  
 Rob Roose (Friday Night Project Ch 4) CANCELLED
- Sat 17 May 2014 WRESTLING – Live British Professional Wrestling.  
 Run by Great Bear Promotions.
- 6 June 2014 TRIBUTE TO A KING (Elvis Tribute)
- Sat 14 June 2014 NORTHERN SOUL ALL NIGHTER (Organised by Cobridge T/A)  
 9pm to 2pm
- 5 July 2014 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
 Comedians –  
 Nige,  
 Duncan Oakley,  
 Daliso Chaponda.  
 MC for the Night - Chris Cairns  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door (Over 18's Only).
- 19 July 2014 ABBASOLUTELY LIVE (ABBA Tribute)
- 16 Aug 2014 PERFECTLY FRANK (Frank Sinatra Tribute)
- Sat 13 Sept 2014 NORTHERN SOUL ALL NIGHTER (Organised by Cobridge T/A)  
 9pm to 2pm
- 14 Sept 2014 CHESHIRE WEDDING SHOW
- 9 Oct 2014 **ASHLEY HUTCHINGS AND KEN NICOL**  
 (Fairport Convention / Steeleye Span / Folk Singers)
- 25 Oct 2014 TOM STADE (Comedian) "Decisions Decisions"
- Tues 9 Dec 2014 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 Demonstration "C is Christmas" by Jonathon Moseley  
 of Dronfield  
 TIME 7.30pm  
 TICKETS £4.50 (or £26 per Year Subscription)  
 CONTACT 01477-544166
- 19 -20 Dec 2014 A CHRISTMAS CAROL at Sandbach Town Hall  
 Performed by Folksy Theatre  
 A mixture of Live action Puppetry and multimedia.

Sat 27 Dec 2014 NORTHERN SOUL ALL NIGHTER (Organised by Cobridge T/A)  
 9pm to 2pm  
 Mon 29 Dec 2014 "CINDERELLA" (Talegate Productions)  
 TIME 2pm  
 31 Dec 2014 SANDBACH TOWN HALL (Period Promotions)  
 "All Aboard for the Midnight Special" New Year's Eve Dance Party  
 With the "Crown Top Kings", "Sunnyside Swing", "Poor Boy Paul",  
 "Sideburn Steve". .

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## #2015 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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Sat 31 Jan 2015 MAYOR'S BALL at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 Dancing to the Roy Peters Sound.  
 Fri 8 Feb 2015 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
 Comedians –  
 Danny Mclochlin,  
 Harry Stachini,  
 The Raymon and Mr Timkins Revue.  
 Plus Mystery Guest  
 MC for the Night  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door (Over 18's Only).  
 Sat 2 May 2015 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL  
 Straight up Comedy and Sandbach Town Council Presents  
 Matt Reed,  
 Archie Maddocks,  
 Charlie Baker,  
 Nick Doody.  
 Fri 20 Feb 2015 SANDBACH TOWN HALL Presents GENERATIONS OF BOOGIE  
 "60's Boogie"  
 Presented by Soul Devotion a 4-piece band fronted by  
 Darren Shaw who play the best in Soul and Motown.  
 Sat 14 Mar 2015 SANDBACH VOICES at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 "Chichester Psalms" by Leonard Bernstein  
 Wed 18 Mar 2015 JAMES HOUSE at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 Singer James House presents his "No Fear UK Zone"  
 With Country Singers Luke and Mel  
 Fri 20 Mar 2015 SANDBACH TOWN HALL Presents GENERATIONS OF BOOGIE  
 "70's Revamp"  
 Sat 18 Apr 2015 SANDBACH CONCERT SERIES at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 "SCS Young Musician of the Year Final" as part of the  
 Thurs 23 Apr 2015 FODENS BAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 "Last Night of the Proms"  
 Fri 24 Apr 2015 SANDBACH TOWN HALL Presents GENERATIONS OF BOOGIE  
 "80's Revive"  
 Presented by Soul Devotion a 4-piece band fronted by  
 Darren Shaw who play the best in Soul and Motown.  
 Sat 25 Apr 2015 SANDBACH VINTAGE AND CRAFT FAIR at Town Hall.  
 Vintage Tea Room, Pottery, Paintings and Much More.  
 Sat 2 May 2015 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL  
 Straight up Comedy and Sandbach Town Council Presents  
 Matt Reed, Archie Maddocks, Charlie Parker and Nick Doody  
 Sat 16 May 2015 ROTARY CLUB SANDBACH SAXON CROSSES  
 "Dance at Sandbach Town Hall" to the music of  
 Elmo's Blues.  
 The evening includes a meal.  
 In Aid of "We are Macmillan Cancer Support",  
 "Alzheimer's" and "World Child Cancer".

- Fri 29 May 2015 LEWIS SCHAFFER at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 American Comedian from New York  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS Free (Pay only if you Laugh)  
 CONTACT [www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy](http://www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy) (1p booking Fee)
- Sat 30 May 2015 ABBASOLUTELEY (ABBA Tribute Band) at Sandbach Town Hall
- Wed 22 July 2015 M6 IMPROVEMENTS DISPLAY AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
 Cheshire Highways talk about planned improvements to  
 The road between Junction 16 and 19 making it a  
 Smart Motorway.  
 TIME 2pm to 8pm
- Thurs 17 Sept 2015 FODEN'S BAND at Sandbach Town Hall  
 TIME 7.30pm
- Sat 26 Sept 2015 CELTIC JOURNEY at Sandbach Town Hall  
 By "Murphy's Marbles" with an evening of Irish Music  
 through the ages.
- Fri 16 Oct 2015 UNBORN (Rock Music Showcase)  
 Local Performers from the Sandbach Area
- Fri 9 Nov 2015 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.  
 Comedians –  
 Rich Wilson,  
 Leo Kerse,  
 Gerry Kyei.  
 Angelos Epithemiou (TV Comedian)  
 TIME 8pm  
 TICKETS £12 in Advance or £15 on the Door (Over 18's Only).
- Sat 14 Nov 2015 MICHAEL BUBLE TRIBUTE (Andy Otley as Michael Buble)
- Tues 8 Dec 2015 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
 Demonstration "Christmas is Coming"  
 By Diane Fair of Chester
- Tues 15 Dec 2015 SANDBACH VOICES at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 "Christmas Concert" with Elworth C.E. Primary School.
- Mon 28 Dec 2015 "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" (Talegate Productions)  
 TIME 1pm and 6pm

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## #2016 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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- 27 Jan 2016 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY organised by Cheshire East.
- Sat 13 Feb 2016 TAKE THAT RESIGNATED at Sandbach Town Hall  
 Take That Tribute Show
- Sat 12 Mar 2016 SANDBACH VOICES at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 "Folk Songs and Fables".
- Sat 19 Mar 2016 THE JERSEYS TRIBUTE at Sandbach Town Hall  
 Frankie Valley and the Four Seasons Tribute Show
- Thurs 21 Apr 2016 FODEN'S BAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 TIME 7.30pm
- 9- 14 May 2016 SANDBACH ARTS WEEK at Sandbach Town Hall  
 For More Information Contact 01270- 600800  
 Tickets also available from the Literary Institute.
- 9 May 2016 AUTHORS AND AWARDS  
 with local author Catherine Green (Vampire Romance)  
 Gill Hoffs (Writer and Broadcaster)  
 Charles Heathcote ("Our Doris" Books)  
 Margaret Holdbrook (Poet and Writer)  
 Elizabeth Morgan (Erotic Romances)  
 (IN CONJUNCTION WITH SANDBACH LIBRARY)  
 TIME 7.30pm



- TICKETS Free
- 10 May 2016 THE DANISH GIRL (Film)  
TIME 7.30PM (Film Starts)  
TICKETS £5  
CONTACT For Tickets = Demeter Wholefoods /  
Bramwell Opticians
- 11 May 2016 BABY SENSORY Early Learning for Babies  
SESSION TIMES 10am / 11.30am / 1.15pm / 2.45pm (1 Hour each)
- 12 May 2016 STREET DANCE ACADEMY  
Borough 10 the Revolution (Dance Routine)  
TIME 7.30pm  
TICKETS Free (Pre Book if Possible)  
CONTACT [www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy](http://www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy) or Demeter wholefoods
- 13 May 2016 SARKA AND FRIENDS (Classical Piano and Strings) **CANCELLED**  
TIME 8pm start  
TICKETS £5  
CONTACT [www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy](http://www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy) or Demeter wholefoods
- 14 May 2016 LITTLE CHESHIRE FAIRS (Arts, Crafts and old Tearoom)  
TIME 10am to 3pm  
TICKETS Free  
CONTACT Kay or Cat at [littlecheshirefairs@yahoo.com](mailto:littlecheshirefairs@yahoo.com)
- 14 May 2016 DIVAS AND WEST END MUSICALS  
**CANCELLED due to Singer going to New York**  
International Opera Singer GEMMA LOUISE DOYLE  
With Alsager Singer Alex Tweedie  
TIME 8pm (start)  
TICKETS £10  
CONTACT [www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy](http://www.sandbach.gov.uk/buy) or Demeter wholefoods
- Fri 17 June 2016 FODEN'S BAND CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
To raise funds for the band after the fire at their rehearsal room destroyed  
many artefacts and music.
- Sun 26 June 2016 SANDBACH VOICES "SOUNDS OF SUMMER"
- Sun 3 July 2016 SANDBACH CIVIC SERVICE AND CIVIC PARADE /  
FREEDOM CEREMONY FOR DENNIS ROBINSON (Town Crier)  
Starting at Scotch Common and parading to the War Memorial and St Mary's  
Church.  
TIME 1.45pm Start of Walk  
2.30pm Church Service at St Mary's  
3.30pm Sandbach Town Hall for granting the Freedom of the Town to  
Dennis Robinson
- Fri 8 July 2016 BBC RADIO 4'S "ANY QUESTIONS" AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
TIME 6pm Doors Open – 6.45pm Seating for 7.15pm Warm up  
8pm Start of Live Broadcast
- Fri 28 Oct 2016 SANDBACH TOWN HALL ANNIVERSARY (126<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
(Advertised but there seems to have been no events)
- Sat 29 Oct 2016 ABBA SOLUTELY (Abba Tribute Band) at Sandbach Town Hall
- Sat 5 Nov 2016 AUTHOR SIGNING EVENT at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Various Authors are available to talk and sign books.  
Cover model Martin Nelson will also be available to have his picture with you  
for a donation in aid of Charity.
- Fri 11 Nov 2016 AN AUDIENCE WITH PHYCHIC MEDIUM GARETH LEWIS  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour at Sandbach Town Hall
- Sat 12 Nov 2016 I LOVE THE 80'S
- Fri 18 Nov 2016 MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall, Sandbach  
With Folk Singer Pete Shirley (Singer Songwriter)  
And Jan and Jim (Vocal / Guitar)
- Sat 19 Nov 2016 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DANCE At the Town Hall
- Sun 27 Nov 2016 SONGS FROM THE SHOWS by S and J Productions
- Fri 2 Dec 2016 SANDBACH CHRISTMAS MARKET
- Sun 4 Dec 2016 BRIDAL FAIR at Sandbach Town Hall.

Organised by Sandbach Town Council and Caroline's Occasions Bridal Boutique  
Badged and L J Formal Hire.

With Catwalk shows at 1pm and 3pm

Tues 6 Dec 2016 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.

Demonstration "Christmas Brights" by Neil Whittaker (Irlam)

Tues 13 Dec 2016 SANDBACH VOICES at Sandbach Town Hall

With Elworth CE Primary School Choir.

Fri 16 Dec 2016 ROBERTS BAKERY BAND at Sandbach Town Hall

With the Sandbach High School Choir

Thurs 29 Dec 2016 PANTOMIME at Sandbach Town Hall

"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" Presented by Talegate Theatre.

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## #2017 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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Fri 27 Jan 2017 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY at Sandbach Town Hall CW11 1AX.

Organised by Cheshire East Council

Sat 28 Jan 2017 YOUTH SUMMIT at Sandbach Town Hall

Fun for all the family

Sat 11 Feb 2017 TAKE THAT REIGNITED (Tribute Act) at Sandbach Town Hall

Tues 7 Mar 2017 SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL – TOWN MEETING at the Town Hall

A chance for the people of Sandbach to talk to Councillors and find out  
about the year with a showcase of Local Groups, Events and Activities.

18 Feb 2017 FOLK COMEDY AND ROCKABILLY

In Aid of the Mayor's Charity

Incl; Bakerfield (Folk Duo)

Don Reid (Comedian)

VaVoom

Fri 10 Mar 2017 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.

Demonstration "Strictly Flowers"

Sat 18 Mar 2017 THE JERSEYS (Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons Tribute)

21 Mar 2017 YOUTH MARKET in the Market Hall

Sun 2 Apr 2017 SANDBACH VOICES at Sandbach Town Hall

Music by Mozart and Handel.

15 Apr 2017 CARNEY ACADEMY OPEN DAY at Sandbach Town Hall

Acting, Dance and Singing classes for 4 to 19-year olds.

Run by Ruth Carney (Professional Theatre / TV director who has also worked  
in the West End and on Broadway) they will be held each Saturday in the  
year during term times (Starting 6 May 2017).

Sat 22 Apr 2017 SANDBACH CONCERT SERIES "Young Musician of the Year" at

Sandbach Town Hall.

CONTACT [www.sandbach-concert-series.co.uk](http://www.sandbach-concert-series.co.uk)

Sat 29 Apr 2017 STEAM PUNK CABARET NIGHT in Sandbach Town Hall

(See also 29-30 April 2017)

29-30 Apr 2017 STEAM PUNK MARKET at Sandbach Town Hall

Sat 13 May 2017 ELVIS Tribute Act at Sandbach Town Hall

With Paul Larcombe as Elvis Presley

In Aid of Sandbach United Football Club

Sat 24 June 2017 HARRY POTTER 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY at Sandbach Town Hall

Including a screening of the first Film on the Big Screen.

Children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite characters from the films.

Sun 25 June 2017 SANDBACH VOICES at Sandbach Town Hall.

Summer Picnic Concert with Light and Jazz Choral Classics

Fri 7 July 2017 WRESTLING AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL

Staged by LDN Wrestling.

Tues 5 Sept 2017 HANDBAGS AND GLADRAGS "PAMPER EVENING"

At Sandbach Town Hall in Aid of the Mayor's Charities.

Profits will go to the Scouts, Guides, The Brain Tumour Charity.

Wed 20 Sept 2017 COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall

Comedians - Adam Rowe,  
Mick Ferris,  
Eddie Brimson  
And Andrew Stanley

Sat 23 Sept 2017 SANDBACH AUTHOR SIGNING EVENT at Sandbach Town Hall  
20 local Writers with themed discussions, workshops and readings.

Fri 10 Nov 2017 AN AUDIENCE WITH PSYCHIC MEDIUMS  
Gareth Lewis and Dean James Fox

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13 to the 30 November 2017

**Sandbach Town Hall was lit up in Purple Light to promote PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION MONTH.**

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Wed 15 Nov 2017 COMEDY NIGHT AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL

Comedians, Joe Rowntree,  
Sally Ann Hayward,  
Rudi Lickwood and  
Milo McCabe as Troy Hawke

Thurs 7 Dec 2017 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB DISPLAY at Sandbach Town Hall  
Demonstration "Christmas Cracker" by Laura Leong  
With music from the Sandbach High School Choir.

Thurs 14 Dec 2017 THE SNOW QUEEN (Check Year Date) (Folksy Theatre Presents)  
(Pantomime with live action and Puppets)

Fri 22 Dec 2017 ROBERTS BAKERY BAND and SANDBACH HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR  
In Concert at Sandbach Town Hall.

Thurs 28 Dec 2017 "DICK WHITTINGTON" (Talegate Productions)

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## **#2018 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**

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The Year that the Grace Church started at the Town Hall.

Fri 26 Jan 2018 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY at Sandbach Town Hall CW11 1AX.  
Organised by Cheshire East Council

Fri 2 Feb 2018 COMEDY AT THE TOWN HALL.

Comedians –  
Joe Rowntree,  
Geoff Boys,  
Julian Deane,  
Scott Bennett

TIME 8pm  
TICKETS £12 in Advance or £14 on the Door (Over 18's Only).

Fri 16 Mar 2018 SANDBACH MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Meal with Entertainment provided by Sandbach School Chamber Choir and  
Barbershop Quartet

Tues 27 Mar 2018 FODEN'S BAND HERITAGE CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall.  
First half of the concert will be music saved from the fire and played by the band  
for the first time in concert having recorded the pieces for their Heritage Website.  
Second half will be concert material.

Sat 31 Mar 2018 THE JERSEY SOUNDS (Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons Tribute)

Fri 20 Apr 2018 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall

Incl; Adam Rowe  
Maff Brown  
Barry Castagnola  
Ninia Benjamin (BBC 3's 3 Non-Blondes)

Sat 21 Apr 2018 SANDBACH CONCERT SERIES at Sandbach Town Hall.  
"Young Musician of the Year".

Sat 26 May 2018 ABBA SOLUTELY LIVE (Abba Tribute Band)

- Fri 22 June 2018 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall  
Raising funds for Sandbach United FC (Football Club)  
Incl; Danny McLoughlin  
Rory O'Hanlon  
Garrett Millerick  
Christine Reilly
- Sat 23 June 2018 WRESTLING AT THE TOWN HALL (Sandbach)
- 26 July 2018 OFFICIAL OPENING of the refurbished Market Hall.  
All Day / Official Opening 2pm
- 2 Aug 2018 Market Hall / Sandbach Art Room event
- 3 Aug 2018 MOONLIGHT MARKET FOOD FESTIVAL (Town Hall and Small Car Park)  
TIME 5pm to 8pm
- 9 Aug 2018 MARKET HALL Fancy Dress day.
- 16 Aug 2018 MARKET HALL Zoo Petting (By Black Bear)
- 18 Aug 2018 AUTHORS SIGNING EVENT AT TOWN HALL  
Sarah Lysaght ("37 Downing Street" / "Loyalty on the Home Sweet Home Front" /  
"The Manchester Bradshaw's").  
Susi Osborne ("The Ripples of Life" (2008), "Grace and Disgrace" and  
"Secrets, Lies and Butterflies" (2013))  
(Nigel) N J Cartner, ("Lost in Manchester found in Vegas").  
K Spencer ("Angel" (2016), Princess (2017)).  
Lucy Felthouse (Erotic Romantic novels),  
Scribbelious (various books),  
Paul Bernardi (Historic Suspense Novels, "To the Devil his Due" and  
"Thurkill's Revenge"),  
(Tracy) T N Traynor (Mystical Quest Novel Series, "Oracle's Quest",  
(Charlotte) C A Keith (Ghostly Writes Anthology),  
Claire Plaisted (Female secret investigator and also featured in  
the Ghostly Writes Anthology of short stories),  
Elizabeth Morgan (Urban Fantasy and Erotic Horror).
- 18 Aug 2018 (2) MARKET HALL – Star Wars Stormtroopers visit Town Hall.
- 23 Aug 2018 MARKET HALL Face Painting
- Sun 26 Aug 2018 SUE COOK "PAST LIFE REGRESSION" at Sandbach Town Hall  
In the Charter Room
- 30 Aug 2018 MARKET HALL Cheshire Police and Air Cadets (Market Square)
- 7 Sept 2018 MOONLIGHT MARKET FOOD FESTIVAL (Town Hall and Small Car Park)  
TIME 5pm to 8pm
- Fri 14 Sept 2018 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall by "Comedy Hotspots Team"  
Incl; Rich Wilson  
Danny McLoughlin  
Lauren Pattison  
Justin Moorhouse
- Fri 19 Oct 2018 SOUTH CHESHIRE SCOUTS PRESENTS  
A CHARITY BARN DANCE at Sandbach Town Hall  
By Strung out for you with Caller Sylvia Fisher
- Mon 19 Nov 2018 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall  
Incl; Rich Wilson  
Leo Kerse  
Gerry Kyei  
Angelos Epithmiou (Never Mind the Buzzcocks)
- Tbc ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB DISPLAY at Sandbach Town Hall
- 30 Nov 2018 CHRISTMAS MARKET (Town Hall / Market Hall / Streets / Car Park)
- Sat 15 Dec 2018 ROBERTS BAKERS BAND at Sandbach Town Hall  
Christmas Concert
- Sun 23 Dec 2018 CHRISTMAS KIDS (Grace Church)  
Craft and Activities  
TIME 3pm to 5pm

Mon 24 Dec 2018 CHRISTMAS SERVICE (Grace Church – 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Service)  
TIME 7.30pm to 8.30pm  
Thurs 27 Dec 2018 PANTOMIME AT THE TOWN HALL  
Talegate Theatre Presents SLEEPING BEAUTY at Sandbach Town Hall.

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## #2019 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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Wed 23 Jan 2019 SANDBACH ANTIQUE AND COLLECTORS MARKET  
Elephant Promotions presented a Wednesday antiques market at the Market Hall  
Dates included 20 Feb, 20 Mar, 17 Apr, 15 May, 19 June, 17 July, 21 Aug, 18 Sept,  
16 Oct, 20 Nov and 18 Dec 2019.

Fri 8 Mar 2019 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB at Sandbach Town Hall.  
Demonstration “STRICTLY FLOWERS AND DANCE”  
With Mark Entwistle and Jacqui Owen (Salsa Dancers)  
In Aid of Sandbach Cancer Research UK Committee

16 Mar 2019 MEET THE UNICORNS outside the Market Hall.

30 Mar 2019 MOTHER’S DAY GIFT MAKING at Market Hall

Sat 6 Apr 2019 HELLO SPRING EVENT at Sandbach Town Hall (See Above)  
Art and Craft event  
TIME 10am to 3pm

Sat 6 Apr 2019 (2) EASTER EGG TRAIL organised by Grace Church, Sandbach  
With the start in the board room at the left side of the entrance to the Town Hall.  
Includes Craft, Drink and Biscuits a Booklet and Eggs.  
TIME 1.20pm to 4pm

Sat 13 Apr 2019 SANDBACH CONCERT SERIES at Sandbach Town Hall.  
“Young Musician of the Year”.

Tues 16 Apr 2019 EASTER REVISION LECTURES 2019 At Sandbach Town Hall  
Staged by Practice, Practice  
TIME 9.30am to 12.30pm Chemistry  
1.30pm to 4.30pm Mathematics  
TICKETS £15 Per Session (Includes refreshments and Practice Exam Papers)  
CONTACT E Mail [practivepracticepass@gmail.com](mailto:practivepracticepass@gmail.com)

Wed 17 Apr 2019 EASTER REVISION LECTURES 2019 At Sandbach Town Hall  
Staged by Practice, Practice  
TIME 9.30am to 12.30pm English  
1.30pm to 4.30pm Physics  
TICKETS £15 Per Session (Includes refreshments and Practice Exam Papers)  
CONTACT E Mail [practivepracticepass@gmail.com](mailto:practivepracticepass@gmail.com)

Thurs 18 Apr 2019 TOWN HALL AND MARKET HALL COMMUNITY OPEN DAY  
At Sandbach Town Hall to see the venue spaces available for your  
community events along with free children’s activities.

Sat 20 Apr 2019 TOWN HALL AND MARKET HALL COMMUNITY OPEN DAY  
At Sandbach Town Hall to see the venue spaces available for your  
community events along with free children’s activities.

Fri 26 Apr 2019 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall  
Incl; 1. Cerys Nelmes  
2. Dave Longley  
3. Clinton Baptiste  
4. Andrew Bird

Fri 17 May 2019 A PASSION FOR LIFE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Simon Pinchbeck (Ex Policeman turned Criminal who found Christ)  
Organised by St Peter’s Elworth, Wheelock Heath Baptist and Grace Church

Sat 18 May 2019 A PASSION FOR LIFE at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Debbie Flood (2x Olympic Medallist who is a follower of Jesus)

Sun 19 May 2019 A PASSION FOR LIFE at Sandbach Town Hall  
A Chance to learn about the real life of Jesus Christ

25 May 2019 MARVEL CHARACTERS at the Market Hall.

- Fri 21 June 2019 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall  
Incl; 1. Danny McLoughlin  
2. Rob Rouse  
3. Steve Harris  
4. Alistair Barrie
- Sun 23 June 2019 SANDBACH CIVIC SERVICE at St Mary's Church Sandbach  
There will not be a parade this year.  
TIME 1.30pm Meet at the Market Square  
1.45pm Laying of a wreath at the War Memorial  
2pm Service at St Mary's Church  
After the service Refreshments at the Town Hall.
- Tues 6 to 9 Aug 2019 SPYKIDS HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB (4 days of events)  
Stories, Singing, Games, Craft and Eats (Grace Church)
- Fri 6 Sept 2019 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall  
Raising funds for Team Neve  
Incl; 1. Danny McLoughlin  
2. Bethany Black  
3. Carl Donnelly  
4. Gary Little
- Sat 28 Sept 2019 CHARITY BAND NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
With Vavoom "Live"
- 5 Oct 2019 HARVEST-TIME CRAFT (Grace Church)
- Fri 18 Oct 2019 FODEN'S BAND CONCERT Bier Keller Night at Sandbach Town Hall
- Sat 2 Nov 2019 SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY – AUTUMN CONCERT  
At Sandbach Town Hall  
Music "Petite Messe Solenelle" by Rossini
- Fri 29 Nov 2019 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall  
Incl; 1. Hayley Ellis  
2. Nick Page (2017 Britain's Got Talent Semi Finalist)  
3. Tez Ilyas (Tez O Clock Show on Channel 4)  
4. Simon Wozniak
- Tues 10 Dec 2019 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB SHOW (Demonstrator - Mark Entwistle)  
"It's Christmas"
- Wed 18 Dec 2019 SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY – CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
At Sandbach Town Hall  
Music "Carols for Choir and Audience" plus music by Bach, Handel and Pergolesi
- Sat 21 Dec 2019 FODEN'S BAND CONCERT – "Snowman" Live with film  
At Sandbach Town Hall  
TIME 10.15am / 11.40am and 1.10pm
- Fri 27 Dec 2019 PANTOMIME AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Talegate Theatre Presents "Aladdin"

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## #2020 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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Sat 1 Feb 2020 LED INTO ZEPPELIN (Tribute Band) at Sandbach Town Hall

Fri 7 Feb 2020 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach

Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall

- Incl; 1. Joe Rowntree  
2. James Cook  
3. Harriet Dyer  
4. Adam Rowe

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**16 March 2020**

**FROM THIS DATE BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS ALL EVENTS WERE CANCELLED.**

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**CANCELLED**

Fri 3 Apr 2020 COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL Sandbach  
Comedians at Sandbach Town Hall  
Incl; 1. Danny McLoughlin  
2. Roger Monkhouse  
3. Jonathon Mayor  
4. Eddie Brimson

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**#2021 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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There were a number of bookings for the Town Hall for private events but all public events were suspended under Government Restrictions until the 19 July 2021 after which time the Council were able to hold events in the Ballroom.

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17 Aug 2021 Rob Nixon became the new Market Manager of the Town Hall, Market.  
Fri 6 Aug 2021 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
Helping raise funds for Team Neve  
COMEDIANS  
Cerys Nelmes  
Lovdev Barpage  
Dan Nightingale  
Paul Tonkinson  
Tues 10 Aug 2021 3 FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
1 of 3 CHILDREN'S CINEMA – Peter Rabbit 2 the Runaway  
TIME 1pm  
TICKETS Free  
Tues 17 Aug 2021 3 FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
2 of 3 THE CREEPY CRAWLY SHOW  
TIME 10am to 4pm / Shows at 11am and 1pm (30 Minute shows)  
TICKETS Free  
Fri 20 Aug 2021 SANDBACH BRITISH LEGION 1940'S DANCE AND BUFFET  
at Sandbach Town Hall  
Dancing to the Joe Henerson Trio.  
Tues 24 Aug 2021 3 FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
3 of 3 SOFT PLAY Available for 0-5 year olds  
TIME 10.30am to 12noon / 1pm to 2.30pm  
Fri 1 Oct 2021 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
COMEDIANS  
Lou Conran  
Danny Posthill  
Peter Brush  
Eddy Brimson  
Sat 16 Oct 2021 FANTASY MUSICALS SHOW at Sandbach Town Hall.  
A compilation of Musical numbers from the Golden Era of the 1930's to the 1960's  
with Live performances and silent movie clips.  
TIME 6.30pm (Doors Open) 7pm Show  
TICKETS £7  
CONTACT Website for tickets  
WEBSITE [www.fantasyperformers.co.uk](http://www.fantasyperformers.co.uk)  
Sat 30 Oct 2021 POPPY BALL Organised by the Sandbach Branch of the Royal British Legion.  
Dinner and Dance with music provided by Martin Atterbury.  
Fri 26 Nov 2021 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
Raising funds for Team Neve  
COMEDIANS  
Dave Longley  
Brennan Reece  
Allyson June Smith  
Thomas Green



- Sat 11 Dec 2021 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at Sandbach Town Hall  
 TIME 9am  
 TICKETS £8 Adults £6 Children (Full English Breakfast)
- Wed 29 Dec 2021 PANTOMIME AT SANDBACH TOWN HALL  
**(CANCELLED Due to COVID 19 among the Cast)**  
 Talegate Theatre Presents "BEAUTY AND THE BEAST"  
 1pm and 4pm  
 TICKETS £12 Adults / £7 Children / Family 2 Adults and 2 Children £30

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## #2022 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.

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- 22 Jan 2022 MAYOR'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT  
 Proceeds to the Air Ambulance.
- Fri 4 March 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS  
 Dave Longley, Jack Carroll, Dinesh Nathan, Matt Reed  
 WEBSITE [www.comedyhotspot.co.uk](http://www.comedyhotspot.co.uk) (Website booking)
- Sun 27 March 2022 MOTHERS DAY CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA AND SING  
 Organised by the Rock Choir  
 TIME 1pm to 3pm
- Sun 3 April 2022 SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT  
 "John Stainer's Crucifixion" and other items  
 TIME 7.30pm
- Fri 22 April 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS  
 Jonathan Mayor, Jamie Hutchinson, Lily Phillips, Mike Gunn
- Sat 7 May 2022 LIVE MUSIC AT THE TOWN HALL, Sandbach  
 GM 7W Plus Support from Lolo  
 Proceeds to the Sandbach Town Mayor's Charity and the Air Ambulance
- Sat 28 May 2022 JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH Live Stage Play by JLW Productions.  
 Based on the Roald Dahl Story (Adapted by David Wood)  
 TIME 3pm and 7pm
- Sat 4 June 2022 TOGETHER AGAIN CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 Crewe Male Voice Choir and the Sandbach U3A Choir  
 Music from the past 70 Years
- Fri 10 June 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS  
 Joe Rowntree,  
 Lindsey Santoro,  
 Allysun June Smith  
 and Justin Moorhouse
- Sun 19 June 2022 SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT  
 "Songs from the Shows"  
 With Soprano Debbie Bennett, Tenor Chris Why  
 Interval Picnic (Bring own Picnic)  
 TIME 7.30pm
- Sun 17 July 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 TROY HAWKE in Sigmund Troy'd! (Joke Pit Presents)  
 TIME 7pm to 9pm (Doors Open 6pm)
- Fri 29 July 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS- Nina Gilligan, Scott Bennett, Lenny Sherman and Brennan Reece
- Tues 2 August 2022 SOFT PLAY at Sandbach Town Hall Ballroom. For 0-5 year olds.
- Tues 9 August 2022 THE CREEPY CRAWLY SHOW  
 TIME 11am and 1pm (2 x 30 Minute shows)
- Tues 16 August 2022 CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER Amazing Andre (Magician)  
 Including Games and a disco for 4- 8 year olds.  
 TIME 11am to 1pm
- Tues 23 August 2022 PRINCE AND PRINCESSES MORNING

- Craft making and party games  
 TIME 10am to 12noon  
 SUPERHERO AFTERNOON  
 Meet Spider Man and Wonder Woman  
 TIME 1pm to 3pm
- Sat 3 September 2022 SANDBACH VEGAN FAIR  
 All Day Bar, Entertainment (1pm onwards from Fantasy Performers),  
 Variety of Stalls
- Sat 17 September 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 REGRETS TOUR 2022 (Joke Pit Presents)  
 Sean Collins and Mike Gunn  
 TIME 8pm (Doors Open 7pm)
- Fri 23 September 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS Joe Rowntree, Elliot Steele, Laura Smyth, Lloyd Griffiths
- Fri 28 October 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS Harriet Dyer, George Zach, Tal Davies, Rob Mulholland
- Sun 6 November 2022 SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT  
 "Haydn's Creation"  
 TIME 7.30pm
- Fri 25 November 2022 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS Barry Dodds, Big Lou, Jenny Hart, Alun Cochrane
- Tues 6 December 2022 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB – Christmas Display at Sandbach Town Hall  
 With Vanessa Wellock
- Sat 10 Dec 2022 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at Sandbach Town Hall  
 TIME 9am
- Thurs 15 Dec 2022 SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT (moved fom 14 Dec)  
 "Christmas Concert"  
 TIME 7.30pm
- Sun 18 December 2022 GRACE CHURCH – CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
- Wed 28 December 2022 DICK WHITTINGTON (Pantomime by Talegate Theatre Productions)  
 TIME 1pm and 4pm

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- Monday 9 January 2023 UNVEILLING OF THE H.M.S. VIMIERA PLAQUE  
 at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 TIME 2pm
- Tuesday 17 January 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 Living (with Bill Nighy) (12A)
- 20 January 2023 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 ALFIE MOORE – FAIR COP UNLEASHED Joke Pit Presents  
 (Live show of the Radio 4 Comedy programme)  
 TIME 8pm (Doors Open 7pm)
- Saturday 28 January 2023 MAYOR'S QUIZ NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall.  
 Including a Hot Pot Supper / In Aid of the Mayor's Charity fund
- Tuesday 21 Feb 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 "Empire of Light" (15)
- Tuesday 21 March 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 Film "A Man Called Otto" (Tom Hanks)
- Wednesday 22 March 2023 SANDBACH COUNCIL – TOWN ANNUAL MEETING  
 (Open to all Residents of Sandbach)  
 A Chance to meet local community Groups with an exhibition and  
 a talk by some of the groups at the meeting.  
 TIME 6.30pm (exhibition) 7pm Meeting opens
- Tuesday 4 April 2023 CARTOON CIRCUS LIVE at Sandbach Town Hall  
 CONTACT [www.cartooncircuslive.co.uk](http://www.cartooncircuslive.co.uk)
- Tuesday 11 April 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 Film "Matilda The Musical" (PG)

Tuesday 18 April 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 Film "What's Love Got to Do With it" (12A)

Tuesday 16 May 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 Allelujah (Alan Bennett Play) (12A)

Saturday 10 June 2023 CREWE MALE VOICE CHOIR AND SANDBACH U3A CHOIR

Tuesday 20 June 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton) (12A)

Tuesday 18 July 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 The Book Club the Next Chapter (PG 13)

Tuesday 15 August 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" (15)

Friday 1 September 2023 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS Dave Longley, Simon Wozniak, Alex Boardman. Simon Lomas

Friday 15 September 2023 SANDBACH WHISKY FESTIVAL with over 200 Malt Whiskies

Tuesday 19 September 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 "Oppenheimer" (15)

Tuesday 17 October 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall ?  
 "Haunting of Venice" (Poirot)

Friday 20 October 2023 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (Sandbach Branch) "Buffet and Dance"  
 Dancing to Mark Atterbury

Friday 3 November 2023 SANDBACH COMEDY NIGHT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 COMEDIANS Cerys Nelmes, Terry Alderton. Nick Doody. Phil Reid

Tuesday 21 November 2023 SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA at the Town Hall  
 The Great Escaper (Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson)

Saturday 2 December 2023 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA and Various activities

Tuesday 5 December 2023 ELWORTH FLOWER CLUB Christmas Floral Display  
 Arranger Elizabeth Dawn Weaver

Saturday 16 Dec 2023 SANDBACH CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT at Sandbach Town Hall  
 "Deck the Halls" a Christmas Concert

Thursday 21 December 2023 ROBERTS BAKERY BRASS BAND at Sandbach Town Hall

Thursday 28 December 2023 PANTOMIME "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"  
 by Panto in T Day

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**#2024 SANDBACH TOWN HALL.**  
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**SANDBACH COMMUNITY CINEMA**  
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Started in 2012 with the aim of bringing cinema to Sandbach it showed it's films in the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of the Month.

CONTACT Sandbach Town Hall, at Sandbach Town Council 01270-600800

WEBSITE / FACEBOOK [www.facebook.com/SandbachCommunityCinema/](http://www.facebook.com/SandbachCommunityCinema/)

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 FILMS

18 Sept 2012 Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (**FIRST FILM SHOWN**)  
 16 Oct 2012 Batman- Dark Knight Rising  
 26 Feb 2013 Quartet  
 11 Mar 2013 Lincoln (CHANGE TO A MONDAY first advertised as 12 Mar 2013)  
 16 Apr 2013 Song for Marion  
 28 May 2013 Skyfall (James Bond 007 Film)  
 18 June 2013 A Late Quartet  
**(Change of Venue to St Mary's Church Hall due to the Town Hall**

**Refurbishments)**

11 Feb 2014 Philamena (At the Town Hall)  
1 Apr 2014 Saving Mr Banks  
6 May 2014 The Book Thief  
9 Sept 2014 Belle (Change of date from the 2 Sept)  
14 Oct 2014 Half of a Yellow Sun  
11 Nov 2014 Pride  
10 Feb 2015 Mr Turner  
10 Mar 2015 The Theory of Everything  
14 Apr 2015 The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 2  
12 May 2015 Testament of Youth  
8 Sept 2015 Far from the Madding Crowd  
20 Oct 2015 Mr Holmes  
10 Nov 2015 Suffragette  
30 Dec 2015 Hotel Transylvania 2 (**Family Film show at 4pm**)  
12 Jan 2016 Spectre (James Bond 007 Film)  
9 Feb 2016 The Lady in the Van  
8 Mar 2016 Bridge of Spies  
12 Apr 2016 Dad's Army  
10 May 2016 The Danish Girl  
13 Sept 2016 Absolutely Fabulous  
11 Oct 2016 Café Society  
8 Nov 2016 Bridget Jones's Baby  
14 Dec 2016 The Girl on the Train  
10 Jan 2017 A United Kingdom  
14 Feb 2017 A Street Cat named Bob  
14 Mar 2017 La La Land  
11 Apr 2017 Lion  
9 May 2017 A Viceroy's House  
12 Sept 2017 Dunkirk  
10 Oct 2017 The Limehouse Golem  
14 Nov 2017 Victoria and Abdul  
12 Dec 2017 Breathe  
9 Jan 2018 Murder on the Orient Express  
13 Feb 2018 The Greatest Showman  
13 Mar 2018 The Darkest Hour  
10 Apr 2018 Finding Your Feet  
8 May 2018 The Shape of Water  
11 Sept 2018 Mamma Mia 2 – Here we go again  
9 Oct 2018 The Children's Act  
13 Nov 2018 King of Thieves  
11 Dec 2018 A Star is Born  
8 Jan 2019 Bohemian Rhapsody  
12 Feb 2019 Stan and Ollie  
12 Mar 2019 The Favourite  
9 Apr 2019 Green Book  
14 May 2019 Fisherman's Friends  
12 Aug 2019 Aladdin CHILDRENS COMMUNITY CINEMA 1<sup>st</sup> Event 12.30pm  
10 Sept 2019 Lion King (Live action animation)  
8 Oct 2019 Mrs Lowry and Son  
12 Nov 2019 Downton Abbey (SOLD OUT before the week of the show)  
17 Dec 2019 Judy (Judy Garland Biopic)  
14 Jan 2020 The Good Liar  
11 Feb 2020 Cats  
10 Mar 2020 1917  
14 Apr 2020 Military Wives CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS  
14 Apr 2020 Sonic the Hedgehog / or / Doctor Dolittle 1pm CANCELED  
Children's Community Cinema show to be confirmed.  
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All shows Cancelled for the rest of 2020 and most of 2021.

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10 Aug 2021 CHILDREN'S CINEMA – Peter Rabbit 2 The Runaway  
14 Sept 2021 The Last Bus (Timothy Spall Film)  
12 Oct 2021 The Courier  
9 Nov 2021 No Time to Die (007)  
14 Dec 2021 Mothering Sunday (CANCELLED DUE TO NEW COVID REGULATIONS)  
11 Jan 2022 West Side Story (2021-2 version)  
8 Feb 2022 No Film Advertised  
8 Mar 2022 Belfast  
12 April 2022 “Sing 2” (Free Childrens Film 10am and 1pm)  
12 April 2022 (Evening) “The Duke” Starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren  
10 May 2022 Phantom of the Open (Golf Film)  
14 June 2022 Operation Mincemeat  
12 July 2022 Downton Abbey – A New Era  
9 Aug 2022 Elvis  
13 Sept 2022 The Railway Children Return  
(CANCELLED DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II)  
11 Oct 2022 Ticket in Paradise (12A)  
8 Nov 2022 Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG)  
13 Dec 2022 The Lost King (12)  
17 Jan 2023 Living (with Bill Nighy) (12A)  
21 Feb 2023 Empire of Light (15)  
21 Mar 2023 A Man Called Otto (15)  
11 April 2023 Matilda the Musical (10am and 1pm) (PG)  
18 April 2023 What’s Love Got to Do With It (12A)  
16 May 2023 Allilujah (12A)  
20 June 2023 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A)  
18 July 2023 The Book Club – The Next Chapter (PG13)  
15 Aug 2023 Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (15)  
19 Sept 2023 Oppenheimer (15)  
17 Oct 2023 Haunting of Venice (Poirot)  
21 Nov 2023 The Great Escaper (Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson)  
12 Dec 2023 The Miracle Club  
9 Jan 2024 Napoleon  
13 Feb 2024 One Life (Anthony Hopkins)  
12 Mar 2024 The Holdovers  
9 Apr 2024 Wicked Little Letters (Olivia Coleman)  
LAST FILM as the company who supplied the event suddenly closed.

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