

# Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age April 2023

## Committee Notices

Due to higher costs for engaging entertainers there will be a £1 additional charge to members for any musical or other entertainment that takes place at general meetings. This will take effect immediately. The extra charge does not apply to speakers.

Newsletters that are printed out for members who are not on email will be brought to general meetings for collection and not mailed out. Unfortunately this has been found necessary due to the increased cost of postage.

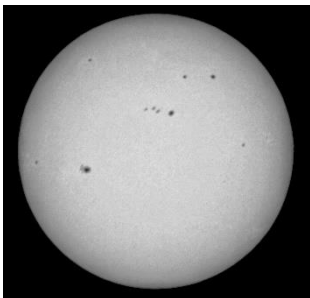


Come and help the Castle Bromwich u3a Committee who are looking for new members. Anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think. The committee meet once a month. Do you have any skills you can share that will help us to continue our work? If you are interested you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on the 20 April, Arden Hall. If you are interested in joining the committee or this post please contact Dave Abbott or contact one of the committee members

The CBu3a calendar can now be found on the calendar page of the website. Please follow this link: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Calendar \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk)

### Introducing the new group 'Astronuts'

Hi all, this is to introduce you to a new group that finds looking up a great thing to do. Your facilitator is also one of our newer members of CBU3A with a long-time interest in what goes on in the sky above and in the universe beyond. Your new Facilitator is Dawn Passant and will be presenting the group at the AGM during the Interest Groups session.



An initial meeting will be arranged soon to find out what you would like from this new venture, whether it is just to get to know your way around the sky, observe the moon, planets, deep sky objects or the sun etc. Once the group is established field trips and observing sessions can be arranged (weather permitting of course) for observing naked eye and with optical aids

(telescope/binoculars etc).

**Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill**

**Facilitator contact details can be found on your membership card**

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**April 2023**

**Castle Bromwich Local History Group**

Monday 3 April, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Castle Bromwich Time Line: The group have now moved to the years from 1950 so if you have any memories of Castle Bromwich please share them with the group.

**Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.**

**Art and Craft Circle**

Tuesday 4 April, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Aylesford Hall

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

**Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library**

Wednesday, 5 April, 10:00 am.

**Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill**

**Art Appreciation**

Tuesday 11 April at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

**Coffee Mornings**

Wednesday 12 April, 10 am

Orchard Nursery

**Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator**

**Thursday Reading Group**

Thursday 13 April

**Facilitator: June Conley**

**British Sign Language Group (BSL)**

Thurs 13 April, Aylesford Hall Shard End

Due to some redecorating at our meeting venue (Aylesford Hall Shard End) and the noshing of Easter Eggs, our next meeting is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00 am till 12.00 noon. Till then



**Facilitator: Frank Hill - Email address: [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com)**

**Table Tennis**

Thursday 13 April, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

**Facilitator: Diana Price**

**Facilitator contact details can be found on your membership card**

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## April 2023

### **u3a Strummers**

Friday, 14 and 28 April, 10 am for 10:30 start till 11:45.  
Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £3.  
You will need your own instrument and music stand.  
**Group Facilitator: Graham Ridsdill**

### **Digital Photography**

Monday 17 April  
We will be reviewing the 'rule of thirds' for the 30 day challenge and group critique.  
Next challenge 'black and white'.  
At present, because our group numbers are small, we meet in a member's house once a month after completing the current project and to discuss the next, including any site visits to be made.  
We are a group of photo' enthusiasts with varying expertise but always looking to gain more skills, If you would like to join us, contact me Frank Hill via our email: [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com) or at the General Meeting.

### **u3a Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 19 April, 10 am, Arden Hall  
Members are welcome to attend these meetings.

### **Scrabble Group**

Tuesday, 25 April, 2-4 pm  
Castle Bromwich Library  
Hurst Lane North, B36 0EY  
Hot drinks can be bought for a donation to the library.  
**Facilitator: Margaret Riordan**

### **General Meeting**

Arden Hall 1:30  
29 March Annual General Meeting plus Interest Group Talks  
26 April: John Alderson – Chateaux in the Loire DIY

Refreshment volunteers:  
March meeting: Carole Farrar and Sue May  
April Meeting: June and Bob Dadd

Volunteers are needed for tea rota, please contact a committee member if you are able to help. There are some guidelines/tips for the tea rota which is on the committee webpage [Castle Bromwich U3A: Committee Members and Reports \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

Do you have books/magazines you would like to swop? If so bring them to the General Meeting. **Michael Buckley**

### **Yompers Walking Group**

Thursday 27 April  
**Details from**  
**Facilitator: Bob Dadd**

**Facilitator contact details can be found on your membership card**

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### **Poetry Group**

The April meeting has been cancelled.

The next meeting is on 4 May

We are a small group with an interest in searching for, reading and enjoying poetry. We normally meet on the first Thursday of each month. May's theme is Spring. If you are interested in giving us a try please contact Dave on 07754 205541 for venue details. Refreshments provided.

**Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott**

### **Railway and Railway Model Club**

Thursdays 10:00 am until 1:00pm at Model club Cadbury Drive, Castle Vale, B35 7JE £3 to cover room rent and refreshments.

NEW live steam loco 5 inch gauge. Several models under construction. Come and have a look. You can choose which one(s) you would like to help with. We go out to exhibitions and hold our own exhibition at Arden Hall in October as well as have lots of other activities, outings etc. No charge this year! Come and have a look. Ladies welcome especially with craft and art skills to work on scenic (you might also want to play trains

**Group Facilitator Bob Brueton 07766923361.**

### **Jotters Corner**

Find members short stories on the Jotters Corner page on our website:

[Castle Bromwich u3a: Jotters Corner \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

The Grey Disk – Frank Hill

The Great Wall of Todmorton – Ray Pearce

### **Lunartics**

This is a website based group and you will find lots of information on our u3a website page [Castle Bromwich U3A: The Lunartics \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

### **Quizzes**

A new quiz from Roger this month (numbers 03 and 04). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich u3a: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

Thank you to Roger Hateley.

### **U3a Members welcome at these other Community Groups**

#### **Young at Heart Dancing**

1.30 - 3.30 pm £3.00

At The Remembrance Club. U3A members are always made welcome

**Organised by: Bob Brueton**

#### **Generations Choir**

No auditions just enthusiasm and wanting to meet likeminded people and have lots of fun! Choir meets for rehearsals Thursdays 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Sanctuary

**Facilitator contact details can be found on your membership card**

## Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age April 2023

Community Centre, Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale. Sing Gary Barlow's song plus Sea Shanties, plus more new songs. Several performances being planned. We also sing popular songs of the decades and from musicals. If you can talk you can sing!

*The Generations Choir and the Young at Heart tea dancers will be performing at the Coronation Party in the Park, Arden Hall Playing Fields on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The times are to be confirmed but sometime between 12 and 5 pm.*

For details talk to Bob at General Meeting or call 07766923361. U3A Members very welcome.

**Organiser: Bob Brueton**

### **Litter Pick**

Mondays 1:30 – 3:00 pm approx. (Weather Permitting)

Meet at Hickories car park (we pick up for about a one and half hours session)

We have a coffee and chat at The Crafty Cow afterwards. All welcome!

**Organiser: Mike Davey**

### **Colehill Country Dancing**

U3a Coleshill invites CB members to join this group that takes place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues in Old Courtroom, Coleshill Town Hall, Coleshill. Further details from u3a Coleshill website

Please forward any information to share or group updates to Marion Ridsdill at [mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk) or use the group email [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com)

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