

Committee Notices

Annual General Meeting 27 March 2024

The AGM of The Castle Bromwich U3A will take place on 27 March 2024 at Arden Hall, commencing at 1:45pm, Members should be seated by 1.30pm. A copy of the minutes for 2023 are on the website [annualgeneralmeeting29thApril2023amended.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/annualgeneralmeeting29thApril2023amended.pdf) .

20 July Party in the Park

The Parish Council will be holding a party in Arden Hall Park again this year. Our u3a will be having a stall. Would you be willing to help on the stall, even if for a short period of time, to talk to members of the public, and to tell them about our u3a. Please contact Dave for more details.

Fire Drill Reminder

We will be carrying out a full fire drill and evacuation during one of our future meetings. When the fire alarm sounds you will be required to exit the building as quickly as possible. The fire evacuation assembly point is at the rear of the hall by the tennis courts. A roll call will take place. The fire drill will be managed by Arden Hall staff and by members of your committee. If you leave a general meeting early you MUST inform the ladies with the register who are located at the tables as you come in.

Dave Abbott Chairman

If you wish to sign up for the u3a Trust monthly newsletter please head over to the u3a site via this link [u3a - Newsletter](#) and add your email address.

Group Information

Art and Craft Circle

April's Meeting has been cancelled
Aylesford Hall
Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Astronuts

Monday 25 March 10:00 am
Methodist Church, Cat Lane
Facilitators: Dawn Passant and Frank Hill

Yompers Walking Group

Thursday 29 March walk details:
Meet at 9:30 am in second car park behind Arden Hall.
The walk is 4 miles long starting from the car park in Bridge Street Polesworth and then along the canal tow path to Pooley Park, where we can have lunch and a toilet stop.
Please bring your own lunch and drinks.
There are no stiles or cattle or deep mud but if wet the tow path may be slippery in patches, in which case walking sticks might be useful.

April 25 Walk details to follow
Facilitator: Bob Dadd

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 3 April, 10:00 am

Everyone welcome

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

BSL (British Sign Language) Group

Aylesford Hall Shard End, 10.00 till 12.00 noon are as follows:

4th April – 11th April – 18th April – 2nd May – 16th May –
23rd May – 6th June – 20th June

Tea and Bikkies of course!

Dates subject to change depending on circumstances.

The BSL Group is suspended at present due to family commitments but there have been some changes in appointment times, so looking to possibly restart soon.

For more info' email castleu3a7@gmail.com

Facilitators: Frank and Katrina



Poetry Group

Thursday, 4 April at 2:00 pm

We find poems on a selected theme and read them out to the group.

Please contact Dave and Helen Abbott on 770 1538 if you are interested in joining the group.

You will be more than welcome

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Please note the change of date

Monday 8 April, 2:00pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 9 April at 1:15 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Ballet from the Royal Opera House at the Cinema

Showing at various cinemas including Cineworld Solihull, but probably not at Star City.

There will be a signing list at the AGM.

Kenneth Macmillan Celebrated - Tuesday 9 April (07:15 for 07:30 pm)

Encore showing at Lichfield Garrick – Sunday 14 April (02:00 pm)

The Royal Ballet celebrates the breadth of Principal choreographer Kenneth MacMillan's one-act ballets, Danse Concertantes, Different Drummer, and Requiem

Swan Lake -Wednesday 24 April (07:15 for 07:30 pm) at Cineworld Solihull and Lichfield Garrick

Facilitator: Paulette Burkill



Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 10 April 10:00 am
Orchard Nursery' Water Orton Lane
Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 11 April
Facilitators: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 11 April, 2:00 pm
Timberley Lane Baptist Church
Facilitator: Diana Price

U3a Strummers

Friday 12 and 26 April, 10:15 for 10:30 start till 11:30
Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £3
You will need your own instrument and music stand.
Facilitator: Graham Ridsdill

U3a Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17 April, 10:00 am
Arden Hall
All members are welcome to attend

Curry Club

Tuesday 23 April
Detail to follow
Facilitator: Barbara Durrant

General Meeting

Wednesday 24 April, 01:30 pm
Arden Hall

GM Speakers

March 27 Meeting: Annual General Meeting
April 24 Meeting: Geoff Lambert – The Dog in my Medicine Cabinet

GM Refreshment Volunteers:

March: Josie and Roz
April: Carol Harper and Diana Price

Volunteers are needed for the tea rota, please contact a committee member if you are able to help one month. There are guidelines/tips for the tea rota which is on the committee webpage [refreshmentstips.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/refreshmentstips.pdf)

GM Book Swap

Do you have any books/magazines you would like to swop? If so, bring them to the General Meeting.

Michael is relinquishing the book table – is there another willing volunteer out there to take on the role?

Digital Photography

Monday 29 April 1.00 till 3.30 pm

The subject is: Landscape and Urban in Sepia. The review venue is at a member's house, so number are limited at present.

Anyone wishing to show their photos can contact me either at the General Meeting or via our CBU3a email: castleu3a7@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to what we can capture during the month, why not have a go yourselves?

March 2024 Project

The project for march was 'Landscape and Urban in Sepia.' Shown is a selection of photos taken by the group: -



John



Bill



John



Dawn



Frank

Our project for April is 'Out of The Camera.' "What's that?" Well, one of the things that lends itself really good with digital photography is the relative ease at which you can process a photo in the computer to get the best from it. Photographers have different approaches to this, from a wee tweak or two, to spending a fair amount of time to produce the image with the impact they want. 'Out of the Camera' on the other hand is just that, the image is from the camera alone without external processing.

Facilitator: Frank Hill

Scrabble Group

Thursday 30 April, 02:00 pm

Castle Bromwich Library

Hurst Lane North, B36 0EY

There is no charge, but tea, coffee and biscuits provided for a donation.

All welcome – beginner and experts alike.

Facilitator: Margaret Riordan



Railway and Railway Model Club

Thursdays 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at Model Club Cadbury Drive, Castle Vale, B35 7JE

£3 to cover room rent and refreshments.

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 January as well as have lots of other activities, outings etc. 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 Sentient Sausage Frank Hill

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

New quizzes from Roger this month (number 24-07 and 24-08). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich u3a: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

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 like-minded people and have lots of fun! Choir meets for rehearsals Thursdays 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Sanctuary 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!

Generations Choir have increased their repertoire to include 'these boots are made for walking' 'Under the Boardwalk' 'Oh what a beautiful morning' 'Skye Boat song' 'Da Doo Ron Ron' and

more! Come and join us - great fun- make new friends - NO AUDITIONS! Pop in Thursday s at 5.30pm at the Sanctuary Tangmere drive Castle Vale B35 7PX you will be very welcome.

For details talk to Bob at the 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 hour's session)

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

Organiser: Mike Davey

General Notices

The CBu3a calendar can be found on the calendar page of the website. Please follow this link:

[Castle Bromwich u3a: Calendar \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/Calendar)

Please forward any information, photographs to share or group updates to Marion Ridsdill at mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk or use the group email castleu3a7@gmail.com