

Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age
August 2022

Committee News

The 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)

"Does your grey Matter?"

**Thursday
8th September
2022**

at Arden Hall
Doors open at: 07:00pm
Quiz starts at: 07:30pm
Bar available

£10
per person,
Maximum of 6
in a team.
Includes
supper

Tickets available from Dave on
07754 205 541

u3a learn,
laugh,
live

QUIZ TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Events

Monday September 12th Weston Super Mare

Leave Arden Hall 8:00 am. Depart Weston 5:30/6:00 pm. Cost £14

Do not park on Arden Hall carpark at it closes at 8 pm.

Tickets from Bob Brueton 07766923361 or see him at meetings. **Another Bargain!**



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WE
NEED
YOU!



Come and help the Castle Bromwich u3a Committee who are looking for new members. Do you have any skills you can share? You are welcome to join us at our next meeting on the 24th August at 10 am at Arden Hall.

At present we need to fill the position of Vice Chair. If you are interested in this post please contact Dave Abbott or contact one of the committee.

Cluster Promotion day Solihull



Committee members represented Castle Bromwich at the Cluster Promotion day in a sunny Solihull last month.

Proposed new groups:

British Sign Language Group - Following the recent 'Introduction to British Sign Language' (BSL) workshops we ran there has been quite an interest in maintaining the skills learnt during the sessions. To that end it is proposed to form a new BSL Group. If you are interested in either continuing to expand your signing skills or learning to communicate without audible language, then a form will be available at the General Meeting for you to sign up for the group. If there is sufficient interest then my daughter Katrina will be joining us as Facilitator. Frank Hill

Facilitator contact details can be found on your membership card

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Art and Craft Circle

Elaine Johnson is restarting the old **Art Circle** as a **NEW Arts and Craft Circle**. This new group would give its members the opportunity to:

- Work on their current projects in the company of other artists and crafters.
- Providing an opportunity to share your unique skills and expertise and support others.
- Complete beginners are welcome too.
- Tea, coffee and a good natter.
- The group is hoping to meet on Tuesday afternoons.
- The venue will be Aylesford Hall, Shard End. There will be a small charge to cover room hire, which will depend on the number of members attending.

If you were unable to sign up at the last General Meeting please let Elaine know you are interested. All crafts welcome painting, textiles, paper engineering, jewellery, needlecrafts etc.

Elaine Johnson

CBu3a Open Day Sunday 4th September 2022

If you are able to help us on Sunday 4th September to celebrate 40 years since the national U3A was founded please contact Frank. We (the committee) are planning an open day where we can show off our wares to both you and the public at large. It will take place at Arden Hall, Castle Bromwich. We hope you will help out and be part of the day. We will need of course groups to show what they get up to, demonstrations of the crafts we are involved with etc. More of what is planned will be outlined in the coming weeks; but please help if you can to make this day a great one. Frank

Christmas Lunch

8th December at the Cuttle Bridge Inn, Kingsbury Road, Minworth, B76 9DP
The committee have booked this event and are awaiting a menu to share with members before taking deposits. More details available as and when.

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 1st August, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.

Facilitators Meeting

3rd August

Arden Hall

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wed 3rd August, 10am

We have set up a 4th book club which will meet on the first Wednesday of each month. To start off we will be meeting in a corner of the Library. If you are interested please turn up at 10 am at the Library. Our first meeting in on 3rd August.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill 07701010152

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Poetry Group

Thursday, 4th August at 2pm.

The theme this time is 'The Sea'.

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.

If you are interested in giving us a try please contact Dave on 07754 205541 for venue details. Refreshments provided.

Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott

Table Tennis

Thursday 11th Aug 2 pm

Baptist Church, Timberley Lane.

Group Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Friday, 12th and 26th August, 10 am for 10:30 start till 11:45.

Baptist Church, Timberley Lane, £3. You will need your own instrument and music stand.

Group Facilitator: Graham Ridsdill

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 17th August, 10:30 – 11:30, Orchard Nursery B46 1TG

The Gardeners Rest Tea Rooms. If you would like to join our Coffee Morning Group in August, would you please contact either myself or Ann Sparey **ASAP** (our phone numbers are on your membership cards.) as we will always need to know numbers in advance as places at this new venue are limited to around 20? Thank you

Elaine Johnson

CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator.

Digital Photography

22nd August, Basic photography plus review of Street Photography project

Group Facilitator: Frank Hill

Evening Reading Group

Tuesday 23th August

Further details contact

Facilitator: Barbara Durrant

u3a Committee Meeting

24th August, 10:00 Arden Hall

Members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

General Meeting

27th July – Roger Hateley – Climbing the Eiger and other mountains

Roger has kindly stepped in at the last minute as our booked speaker has Covid

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31st August – Molly Murray – Everyone loves a wedding

Molly last spoke at our general meeting in April, expect hilarity all the way!

Volunteers are needed for tea rota from April onwards, please contact a committee member if you are able to help. The volunteers for the August meeting are Sue May and Carole Farrar. 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

Thursday 28th July Walk

Earlswood walk

Meet 9:30 am in second carpark behind Arden Hall or 10 am in the carpark at Manor Farm Craft Centre, Wood Lane, Earlswood B94 5JH. (Directions: Jnc 4 – M42 – turn right towards Birmingham A34 – first left Creynolds Lane / Vicarage Road / left into Salter Street / Shutt Lane / right Valley Road/ left Wood Lane. Please note that the Manor Farm Centre car park is fee paying (£3 all day) but if you buy something there you will be given a code for the machine which would allow you 4 hours free parking. (There is also a small free car park on the left as you enter Wood Lane).

The walk is approx. 5 miles long with some road walking around the lakes and Wood Lane. Much of the walk is through the woods on suitable paths. We will be crossing the railway twice, once on an up-an-over bridge and the other carefully crossing on a flat surface across the line. Here there is a good visibility both ways and we're told that trains only run once an hour. There is one stile on our way back to the lakes. Toilets are available at the craft centre. You can bring your own packed lunch or after the walk, buy a meal at Manor House Tea Rooms (menu on line) where the most expensive meal is £6.50.

Thursday 25th August Walk

Details to follow

Facilitator: Bob Dadd

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!

Group facilitator: Mike Davey

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.

The club has acquired a 5 inch gauge live steam engine which can be used to haul passengers! The club has several models in course of construction, 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

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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!) Details from Bob at General meeting or 07766923361.

Group Facilitator Bob Brueton

Jotters Corner

Find this month's pieces on Jotters Corner on our website: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Jotters Corner \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://www.u3asites.org.uk)

A tale of two journeys - Ray Pearce

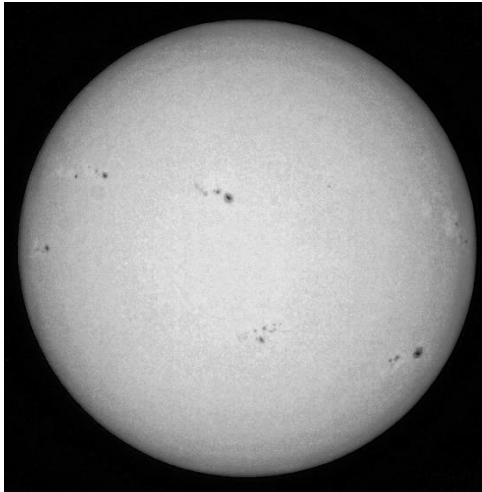
Lunartics

A Thing Called Theia

A Mars-sized planet that struck Earth 4.5 billion years ago and gave birth to the moon, a new study has suggested that there may be remnants of that planet deep inside the Earth. For a long time, there has been agreement that a planet we have called Theia led to the creation of our moon after crashing into the early Earth and smashing off a large section of our planet. This section of the Earth, over a few million years, locked into the Earth's gravity field; coalesced into the globe we now call The Moon.

A new investigation by Geoscientists at Arizona State University has suggested that remnants of the planet that struck the Earth those millions of years ago are still inside our planet beneath West Africa and the Pacific Ocean!

Solar News



Though you may be interested in seeing what the Sun is doing. This is a photo I took a day or two ago using the 70mm 'scope and Olympus camera. What you see are several Sunspot Groups across the solar disk, the larger ones at least Earth sized. Sunspots are the broken ends of huge magnetic twisted fields breaking through to the 'surface' of the Sun.

Toodle Pip - Frank

There is lots more information on our u3a website page [Castle Bromwich U3A: The Lunartics \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://www.u3asites.org.uk)

Quizzes

A new quiz from Roger this month along with a crossword (numbers 26 and 27). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://www.u3asites.org.uk) Thank you to Roger Hateley

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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

Generations Choir is taking new members! 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 Community Centre, Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale. We sing popular songs of the decades and from musicals. If you can talk you can sing! For details talk to Bob at General Meeting or call 07766923361. U3A Members very welcome.

Organiser: Bob Brueton

Colehill Country Dancing

U3a Coleshill invites CB members to join this group that takes place every 2nd and 4th Tues in Coleshill. Further details from u3a Coleshill website

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

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