



By Patricia

The Committee wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Committee Notices

Vice Chairman and Treasurer

Frank Hill has stood in as Interim Vice Chairman for this year but we will be requiring a new vice-chairman at the AGM.

Additionally, Michael Buckley is intending to stand down as Treasurer at the AGM, therefore we will be requiring a new treasurer.

Both of these positions on the committee are important and have to be filled.

Please give the vacancies your serious consideration in order that they can be filled at the AGM and the group can continue.

If you require any further information regarding the positions please contact Frank, Michael or myself.

Christmas Day Meal

If you are likely to be in your own on Christmas Day may I recommend that you contact Grimscote Manor Hotel, Coleshill on 01675 464222.

The hotel is providing free lunches to anyone who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. They will even arrange for you to be picked up and taken home again afterwards.

First Aiders

It is necessary for us to have several first aiders from amongst our membership.

If you are interested in becoming a first aider (full training will be provided) please let me know.

Fire Drill

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

Remembrance Sunday

Our Chair David, myself and other CBU3A members attended the Remembrance Service on Sunday the 12th November to lay a wreath on the memorial.

Poignantly the names of those who fell in the wars were read out, a sobering moment. The general attendance at the memorial was at least two or three hundred with all of the services and other organisations represented.



U3A Festival 2024

The U3A Trust are organizing a 'U3A Festival' at York University next year to promote the U3A and the many locations that run U3A's, including of course ours. This event which is over three days, on the 18th to the 20th July 2024. Accommodation will be available in the student lodgings on campus. More details will be given as and when we have them.

Frank Hill

Vice-Chairman

u3a Committee Meeting

There is no committee meeting in December

Group Information

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 4 December, 2 pm,

The Local History group have worked hard this year on the Castle Bromwich Timeline so in December they are going out for Afternoon Tea.

The January meeting will take place on the Monday 8 January

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill



Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 5 December, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 6 December 10 am
Orchard Nursery

Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 6 December, 10:00 am.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 7 December
Grimscote Manor Hotel
Prepaid places only

u3a Strummers

Friday, 8 December, 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

Astronuts

Monday 11th December 10 -12 pm

Cat Lane Church Community Rooms



We will be visiting some of the celestial objects, we saw at the Babs Mill event in October and what are still visible now. It was a brilliant night looking through telescopes at Jupiter and its moons, Saturn and rings, the moon, Andromeda, and not forgetting Starlink. Tea and biscuits There is a charge that goes towards the hire of the room and (depending on members) is about £2.



Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 12 December at 1:15
Timberley Lane Baptist Church

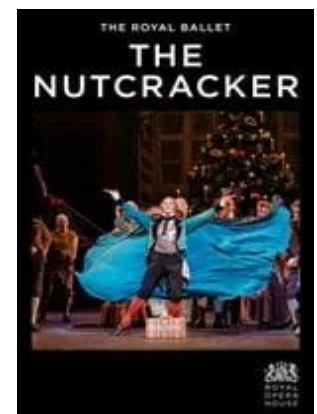
Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

u3a Ballet at the Cinema

Tuesday 12 December

The Nutcracker will be showing at Star City (and the Odeon New Street) at 7.15pm on Tuesday 12 December, with a repeat showing at the Odeon on Sunday 17 December at 2pm. A signing-on list will be available at the November u3a meeting.

Please note this is not the Birmingham Royal Ballet version.



General Meeting

Wednesday, 13 December, 1:30
Arden Hall

29 November: John Plumb – Farming with a Christmas theme

13 December: Mel Harvey – Christmas Magic (There is a £1 charge)

Refreshment Volunteers:

November Meeting: Barbara Durrant and Susan Hodgetts
December Meeting: Pat Lucas and Kath Buckley

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://CastleBromwichU3A:CommitteeMembersandReports(u3asites.org.uk))

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

BSL (British Sign Language) Group

Thursday 14 December 10:00 till 12:00

Aylesford Hall Shard End

Tea, Coffee and Bikkies (maybe a mince pie or two)

For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 14 December

Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 14 December, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

Digital Photography

Monday 18 December

Our next venture is 'Water Droplets'. For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Facilitator: Frank Hill

Curry Club

Monday 18 December, 7:00pm

Private Room at Kismet

Poppadom; Starter; Main course and rice or naan; Coffee. £18.00.

Kismet is licensed

Names to barbaraanddurrant@gmail.com

Poetry Group

Thursday 21 December 2 pm Please note the change of date

The theme this time will be 'Christmas'

Poetry Group Vacancies

We are a small group of members who enjoy poetry.

We pick a theme in advance of a meeting, research and find poems that match the theme, then read them out at the meeting.

We meet on the first Thursday in each month at 2.00pm and finish at about 4.00pm and break for refreshments halfway. If you are interested in giving us a try please contact us on 770 1538.

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

Yompers Walking Group

Thursday 30th. November, meet at 9-30am. in second car park behind Arden Hall for car sharing. The walk starts from Bosworth Battle Heritage Centre, Ambion Lane, Sutton Cheney, Nuneaton. CV13 0AD. the ticket machine for the car park is in the first car park on the Right Hand Side as you drive towards the buildings. Parking charge is £2-50 which can only be paid in cash (no change given) or by using the phone AP. displayed at pay point. The walk1- is around 1.5 miles if we just walk round battle field reading the information boards, it takes around one hour. The walk is on a hard surface path, one short area has a bit of surface mud not deep. Walk 1, Would leave plenty of time to look round the museum. There is a charge of £8-50 or £8-0 if your 60 years or older. This ticket can be use again by the named person for more visits for the next 12 months.

Walk 2 -is around 4.5 miles starting round the Battle Field then short walk along the road to canal, we leave the canal and the route goes via park land fields belonging to the Hall then returning by tow path and rejoining the Battle Field before some more footpaths over fields.

On this walk there may be some cattle in fields, plus 2 low stiles, no steep hills and very low levels of mud. Toilets are at start and end of walk and possibly on route as well, picnic benches are available at start or food and drinks in the Tithe Barn or bring your own packed lunch and drinks.

Thursday 14th. December, meet at 9-30am. in second car park behind Arden Hall or at start of walk at Dog and Doublet Kingsbury 10am. This easy walk will be no more than 4 miles on good firm paths around the Water Park. Toilets on route and at pub. Risks very low, only trips or falls may be in water and of course crossing roads.

After finishing the walk please come and join me for a meal in the pub.

Facilitator Bob Dadd Mob.07711608591

Scrabble Group

There is no meeting in December

Castle Bromwich Library

Hurst Lane North, B36 0EY

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

All welcome. Beginners and experts alike.

Facilitator: Margaret Riordan

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 December 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)

Latest short piece: A Brief Encounter – 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 (number 18). This 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 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 2nd and 4th Tues in Old Courtroom, Coleshill Town Hall, Coleshill. Further details from u3a Coleshill website

General Notices

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.

The CBU3a calendar can now be found on the calendar page of the website. Please follow this link: [Castle Bromwich u3a: Calendar \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

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

Autumn in Ray's Garden

