

**Castle Bromwich u3a
February 2024**

Committee Notices

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of The Castle Bromwich U3A will take place on 27th March 2024 at Arden Hall, commencing at 1:45pm

Members should be seated by 1.30pm.

An agenda will be sent out nearer the time. The draft minutes from the 2023 AGM are available on the committee page of the website (follow link)

[annualgeneralmeeting29thmarch2023heldatardenhall.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/annualgeneralmeeting29thmarch2023heldatardenhall.pdf)

The main business of the AGM is to appoint a new executive committee for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. Nomination forms will be available for completion by members. These will be available as hard copies or, if you prefer, a copy can be emailed to you. Nomination forms need to be returned to the secretary by 28th February 2024 at the latest, i.e 28 days before the AGM is due to take place.

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

Poetry Group

Thursday, 1st February at 2.00pm, usual venue.

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

Please contact Dave & 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

Monday 5 February, 2 pm,

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill



Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 6 February, 1 pm
Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 7 February , 10:00 am.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Ballet at the Cinema

Wednesday 7 February. 7:15 pm, Vue, Star City

The performance will be streamed from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Story: Manon's brother Lescaut is offering her to the highest bidder when she meets Des Grieux and falls in love. They elope to Paris, but when Monsieur G.M. offers Manon a life of luxury as his mistress she can't resist. With the Lescauts' encouragement, Des Grieux cheats at cards in an attempt to win Monsieur G.M.'s fortune. They are caught. Manon is arrested as a prostitute and deported to New Orleans, followed by Des Grieux. On the run, Manon dies from exhaustion.

There'll be a signing list at the u3a meeting or contact Paulette Burkill (pjb2@hotmail.co.uk)

Facilitator: Paulette Birkill

Digital Photography

Date to be confirmed

If you would like to join us then let me (Frank Hill) know via our email at:

castleu3a7@gmail.com

Facilitator: Frank Hill

BSL (British Sign Language) Group

Dates to be confirmed

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 8 February

Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 8 February, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Friday, 9 and 23 February, 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 12 February 10 am
Methodist Church, Cat Lane
Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 13 February at 1:15
Timberley Lane Baptist Church
Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 14 February 10 am
Orchard Nursery
Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator

Curry Club

Monday 19 February 07:00pm
Jeera Castle Bromwich
Poppadum, Starter, Main, Rice or Naan and Coffee £15
Jeera is unlicensed so bring your own drink
Names to barbaraanddurrant@gmail.com
Facilitator: Barbara Durant

**u3a Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 21 February, 10 am
Members welcome to attend
Arden Hall

Scrabble Group

Tuesday 27 February, 2 pm
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

General Meeting

Wednesday, 28 February, 1:30
Arden Hall

January 31: Roger Brown Live piano music – an hilarious musical journey from Saltford to New York.
There is a £1 extra charge per member for entertainments.

February 28: Colin Wade – Crime and Conspiracy Author – talks about his life as a writer.

Refreshment Volunteers:

February Meeting: Sue and Carol
March Meeting: Josie and Roz

Volunteers are needed for tea rota, please contact a committee member if you are able to help. There are 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

Yompers Walking Group

Thursday 29 February

Walk details to be confirmed

Facilitator Bob Dadd Mob.07711608591

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 February 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: Norman Wilkinson, Marine Artist by 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

New quizzes from Roger this month (number 24-03 and 24-04). 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 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