

**Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age  
January/February 2023**



**The Committee would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy New Year**

**Committee News**

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



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 18 January at 10 am, Arden Hall.

Two committee members are stepping down at the AGM in March and we need to fill these places. There is still the position of Vice Chair to fill. If you are interested in joining the committee or this post please contact Dave Abbott or contact one of the committee members.

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

Wednesday, 4 January and 8 February 10am (Feb is a change of date)  
**Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill**

**Castle Bromwich Local History Group**

Monday 9 Jan and 6 Feb, 2 pm

Facilitator contact details can be found on your membership card

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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 Appreciation**

Tuesday 10 January and 14 February at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

### **Evening Reading Group**

10 Jan and 7 Feb

**Facilitator: Barbara Durrant**

### **Coffee Mornings**

11 January and 8 February 2023. 10 am Orchard Nursery

**Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator**

### **Facilitator Meeting**

11 Jan, 1.00pm at Arden Hall, Spence Lounge Arden Hall

Risk Assessment Training

Refreshments will be provided. I expect the training to be finished by 3.00pm.

**Dave Abbot**

### **Table Tennis**

12 Jan and 9 Feb

Timberley Baptist Church

**Facilitator: Diana Price**

### **u3a Strummers**

Friday, 13 and 27 Jan and 10 and 24 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**

### **u3a Committee Meeting**

18 January and 15 February 2023.

### **General Meeting**

25 January – Steven Bruce, Tales from the auction room. Plus a small selection of valuations

22 February Alan Tumbler – Rhyme nor Reason. Comedy, songs and film clips.

Refreshment volunteers:

January meeting: Paulette Burkill and Jayne Whyley

February Meeting: Diana Price and Angela Roberts

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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**

26 Jan and 23 Feb

**Details from**

**Facilitator: Bob Dadd**

### **Scrabble Group**

31 January and 28 February - 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**

### **Poetry Group**

The first meeting of the year is **Thursday 2 February** at 2pm. The subject is 'winter'. 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. This month's theme is Christmas. If you are interested in giving us a try please contact Dave on 07754 205541 for venue details. Refreshments provided.

**Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott**

### **Art and Craft Circle**

The first meeting for 2023 will be on the **7 February**

**Tuesday 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

Aylesford Hall

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

### **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.

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

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**Group Facilitator Bob Brueton 07766923361.**

### **Jotters Corner**

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

The Quarantine – Frank Hill  
The Missing Diamonds – Frank Hill

### **Digital Photography**

Churches collage available on the group page on the website

### **Lunartics**

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

Sky notes available on line for Dec, Jan and Feb

Do Not Look At The Sun Naked Eye or Through A Telescope Or Binoculars Without Solar Filters.

### **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 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! 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues in Coleshill. Further details from u3a Coleshill website

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### A Warm Welcome

Over the winter, Castle Bromwich Library Hurst Lane North invites local residents to come along for somewhere warm to sit and read a book or newspaper, do a jigsaw, play cards or use the computers (bookable and free for up to three hours). They'll provide free tea and coffee (small cash donations optional). Closed 1-2pm daily, all day Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.



**Iceland Foods** are now offering over 60's 10% discount in stores every Tuesday, You will need to ask for the discount (they don't want to embarrass anyone by asking you if you are not eligible) and provide proof of age - senior bus pass, driving licence or senior railcard.

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 new group email [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com)

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