

Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age July 2023

Committee Notices

The Committee have now published the annual account 2022-2023 on the Committee page on the website. Follow this link to access them: [accounts2022-2023.pdf](https://u3asites.org.uk/accounts2022-2023.pdf) (u3asites.org.uk)

The u3a West Midlands Regional meeting is taking place on the 19th July. It is open to all u3a members in the West Midlands. Dave Abbott has already registered so if any member would like to go and need a lift they should contact him.

The Committee are still looking for a permanent Vice Chair, please contact Dave Abbott if you would like more details.

Membership

As a matter of urgency those of you who have not paid your £20.00 subscription Please pay now. The end of May deadline has passed.

- Bank transfer to sort code 30 84 33, account number 23918560 remembering to add your name to the payment so we know who it is from.
- Cheque payable to Castle Bromwich U3A which should be passed to the Treasurer.

Your membership card will be issued once your subs are paid.

Midlands Air Ambulance

Kay Starkey from the MAA has sent thanks to members for their kindness and generosity as a whopping £241.89 was raised at the meeting when they gave a talk.

Clothes Collection - A number of members expressed an interest in donating unwanted clothing to the Midlands Air Ambulance. A collection has been arranged during the general meeting on 27th September. You should bring your unwanted clothing (which should be in tied black bin liners) on the day and drop them off at the rear of Arden Hall. Please note that at the August general meeting I shall require an approximate number of bags that members will be bringing on the day so that I can make sure that the correct size collection van is sent. Please do not deliver your bags in advance of the collection day as we are not allowed to store items in Arden Hall. If you are donating more than one bag or it is too heavy for you to carry please let me know. David Abbott, Chairman

Three Trees Fun Day Event at Chelmunds Cross on Saturday, 22 July, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Castle Bromwich U3A will have a stall at the event.

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The Christmas Lunch will be held on the 7 December at the Grimscote Manor Hotel. Further details to follow.



Do you have website skills? The u3a are currently working on building a new website. There are 20 u3a pioneer groups currently testing this new system. Castle Bromwich has been given access to start training on this new software and are looking to building a small team of volunteers to look at how it can be set up to benefit us. If you are interested in sharing your skill please contact Marion Ridsdill on mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk

Events

Llandudno 4th September £18 per person
Departing: Arden Hall 8:00 am. Departing: Llandudno 6:00 pm
There are still seats available for the trip to Llandudno
Book with Bob Brueton 07766923361



Day trip to Bakewell and Matlock Bath, Monday, July 24th.
Leave Arden Hall 8:30 am. This trip is now fully booked

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Dorridge u3a cordially invites any members from the Cluster to join them on this outing to the Althorp Estate <https://althorpestate.com/>, Tuesday 4 July 2023, £42.00 (includes coach and entrance to Althorp).

This year's Summer Outing is a self-guided visit to **Althorp Estate**, the ancestral home of Princess Diana. There is no public access to Princess Diana's burial site on the island in the lake, but we can walk around the lake. Althorp House showcases one of Europe's finest private collections of furniture, paintings and ceramics, each intriguing room of this magnificent family home has a fascinating story of its own. There is a café and we are able to take a picnic to eat in the grounds.

If you would like to join us on this outing please contact Pat Lawrence, 6 Glendon Way, Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8SY or let her know via her email: du3aoutings@gmail.com. She will need a booking form completed and a cheque for £42 per person made payable to Dorridge u3a' She has to pay for the tickets when booking so once the tickets are booked it won't be possible to make any refunds unless there is a waiting list.

Pat Lawrence
Outings Organiser

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 3 July, 2 pm
Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 4 July, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 5 July, 10:00 am.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

British Sign Language Group (BSL)

Thursday 6 and 20 July

Like to talk silently? Like to gossip in secret? Would you like to talk to and involve friends, family or folks that have difficulty in hearing? Then use your creative side to learn to communicate in practical sign language such as British Sign Language (BSL). As a new part of the sessions, we are looking to use video to record some specific exercises.

Our next BSL Group meetings at Aylesford Hall Shard End from 10.00 till 12.00 noon, I'm afraid there is a charge of £2.50 to go towards the cost of the room hire, but it includes tea and bikkies!

Facilitators: Katrina Hill/Frank Hill

Email address: castleu3a7@gmail.com

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Poetry Group

Thursday 6 July, 2 pm

This month's theme is 'Magic and Mystery'.

We are a small group with an interest in searching for, reading out loud and enjoying poetry.

If you are interested in giving us a try please contact Dave on 07754 205541 or Helen on 07880 551648 for venue details. Refreshments provided.

Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott

Beginners Line Dancing

Friday 7 July, 10 am

Baptist Church, Timbeley Lane

Music and instruction: Bob Brueton

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Astronuts

Monday 10 July, 10 – 12 am

Cat Lane Methodist Church

There will be giving a brief talk called "Astronomy with the unaided eye".

Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 11 July at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 12 July, 10 am

Orchard Nursery

Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 13 July

Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 13 July, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Friday, 14 and 28 July, 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

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u3a Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19 July, 10 am, Arden Hall
Members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Digital Photography

Monday 24 July 1:00

We meet up monthly but work on the group project is done throughout the month, then at the meeting we show our results and discuss the merits (or not!) of our photographic efforts. Our group is currently making its way through a '30 Day Challenge' project. The next 'Challenge' is 'Low Angle', with the camera using the shutter priority mode. Leaving the photographer to 'fiddle' with aperture and 'film speed' (a term still used to describe either how fast the film accepts light or nowadays, how sensitive the camera sensor is set to). Photography is a real 'Time Capsule' that allows the present to mingle with the future. If you have the urge to 'mingle' then use our email: castleu3a7@gmail.com to contact me or at our General Meeting/ Coffee Mornings.

Facilitator: Frank Hill

Scrabble Group

Tuesday, 25 July, 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

General Meeting

Wednesday, 26 July, 1:30
Arden Hall

28 June Chris John – Commonwealth War Graves Commission
26 July: Ruth Lowe – Early Life of Mary Quant

Reminder that there will be an extra charge of £1 per head when we have musical or other entertainers. This will start at the 30th August general meeting.

Refreshment Volunteers:

June Meeting: Agnes Barker and Elizabeth Davies
July Meeting: Josie Palmer and Ros Williams

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

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Yompers Walking Group Thursday 29 June Walk Details

This month's Yompers Walk is on Thursday 29th June, meet at 9:30am in second car park behind Arden Hall for car sharing or 10:00 am at start of walk.

The walk starts from the car park at the 'Bee Hive' pub in Curdworth please park at top of the car park away from entrance door. The walk is around 4 miles but can easily be extended to 5 miles dependant mostly on amount of rain prior to the day.

The route has a mix of canal towpaths, foot paths across farm land with no cattle or stiles and some roads walking. Main hazards are crossing main roads and uneven towpaths and field paths.

Toilets are available only at the end of the walk in the pub where we can have a drink & try the great menu.

If you bring your own packed lunch a stop will be made on route to eat it, but it would be nice to have a drink at the pub to thank them for the free car park.

Thursday 27 July, walk details to follow.

Facilitator: Bob Dadd

Railway and Railway Model Club

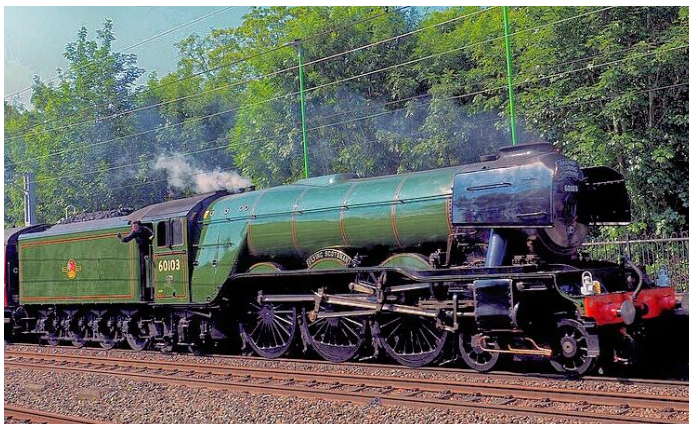
Thursdays 10:00 am until 1:00pm at Model club Cadbury Drive, Castle Vale, B35 7JE £3 to cover room rent and refreshments.

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

Group Facilitator Bob Brueton 07766923361.

For the Railway Enthusiasts

The 'Flying Scotsman' as it went through Atherstone Station on its way to Nuneaton, the photo was taken by a member of the HoEAS, also a railway enthusiast.



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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)

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 (numbers 09 and 10). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich u3a: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)
Thank you to Roger Hateley.

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

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

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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

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