

Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age July 2022

Committee News

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

There will be an u3a Cluster stand in Solihull on the 9th July. If any members would like to represent Castle Bromwich on the day or part of day please contact Dave Abbot.

Please find attached to your newsletter email the latest edition of Connect, the WM newsletter and the Head Office thank you for volunteers and a creative writing competition.

The Castle Bromwich u3a are looking for new members for the Committee. Would you be interested in being on the CBU3A committee?

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

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

Book Club at Shard End Library

We are looking at setting up a 4th book club on the first Wednesday am of each month. There is a room above the library that has lift access and there is free parking in the shopping centre. There will be a small charge for the room depending on numbers. If you are interested there will be a signing up sheet at the General Meeting.

Marion Ridsdill

Art and Craft Circle

Elaine Johnson is looking to restart 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.

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- Tea, coffee and a good natter.
- The group will **hopefully** meet on Tuesday afternoon. (Dependent upon my being able to book/secure the venue).

The actual venue is yet to be confirmed.

There will be a charge to cover room hire, which will depend on the number of members attending. I am endeavouring to keep costs as low as possible.

I am interested first to know how many people would actually want this, before I go ahead and try to secure a venue.

A form will be available at the General Meeting for you to sign up for the group and for you to list your actual interest eg. Painting, textiles, paper engineering, jewellery, needlecrafts etc.

Elaine Johnson

Events

There are still seats left on the following trips. Please contact Bob Brueton on 07766923361 for more details

Monday 11 July Llandudno

Leave Arden Hall 8:00 am. Depart Llandudno 5:30/6:00 pm. Cost £14 (What a bargain!) Do not park on Arden Hall carpark at it closes at 8 pm.



Monday September 12th Weston Super Mare

Leave Arden Hall 8:00 am Depart Weston 5:30/6:00pm Cost £14 (Another Bargain!!) Do not park on Arden Hall carpark at it closes at 8 pm.

NOTE: bookings can only be made with full payment. Limited to 50 people on each trip. **When they're gone they've gone!!**

CBu3a Open Day 4th September 2022

CBu3a have now received a grant to help fund this open day so if you are able to help us 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. Where? 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.

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Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 4th July, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.

Curry Club

Monday July 5th at 7.00pm

JILABI on the Coventry Rd

£16 for starter, main, rice or naan

(Extra for fish - King Prawns etc)

Contact Barbara on barbaraanddurrant@gmail.com

Facilitators Meeting

6th July

Arden Hall

Poetry Group

Thursday, 7th July at 2pm.

The theme is Time. Refreshments will be provided.

Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott 07754 205541

u3a Strummers

Friday, 8th and 20th July, 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 13 July, 10:30 – 11:30, Orchard Nursery B46 1TG

After the initial success of our first Coffee Morning Group at our new venue The Gardeners Rest Tea Rooms. I am pleased to announce that our July Coffee Morning Group will take place on Wednesday the 13th July starting at 10.00.am

If you did not attend June's Coffee morning and think you might like to join our Coffee Morning Group in July, would you please contact either myself or Ann Sparey **ASAP** (our phone numbers are on your membership cards.)

Moving forward, 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.

Table Tennis

Thursday 14th July 2 pm

Baptist Church, Timberley Lane.

Group Facilitator: Diana Price

Thursday Book Club

14th July

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Facilitator: June Conley

Digital Photography

18th July, Field Trip – Street Photography

Group Facilitator: Frank Hill

Evening Reading Group

Tuesday 19th July

Further details contact

Facilitator: Barbara Durrant

u3a Committee Meeting

20th July, 10:00 Arden Hall

Members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

General Meeting

29th June – Queens Jubilee Celebration

Arden Hall

The group will be celebrating the Jubilee at this meeting.

Ray Sturdy – The real Dad's Army



27th July – Maggy Farmer – Queen of Country

Music Funny stories of ten of the most successful artists

Volunteers are needed for tea rota from April onwards, please contact a committee member if you are able to help. The volunteers for the June meeting are Jayne Whyley and Jean Edwards. 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 or do you have any prizes you could donate to the raffle?

The committee would like to find members who would be willing to give a talk at one of our General Meetings. Please speak to Helen if you are interested.

Yompers

Thursday 28th July Walk

Details to follow, please see website for updates.

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

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

Exciting news! 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 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

Memory Snippets

A couple of meetings ago I asked you all to raise your hands, which you did and then told you had all volunteered for a project! What is the project? Well, it was for each of you to write a short piece about a favourite memory, you had three months to let me have your favourite memory with the end of May the deadline. It could be from any stage in your life and about a half a page to a page long. Unfortunately, only three folks have responded, which is a shame as I'm sure there are a wealth of memory snippets out there just waiting to be told. We have an open day coming up in September and it would have been great to put them on show. So, I would like to extend the deadline until the end of June, to give you a little more time to delve into the cobweb box and dust off that memory snippet and jot it down. Send it via our email address (castleu3a7@gmail.com) or pass it on to me at the next meeting.

Frank

Jotters Corner

Find this month's pieces on Jotters Corner on our website: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Jotters Corner \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://CastleBromwichU3A.org.uk)

Memories – Ray Pearce

Congratulations to Ray Pearce who was the oldest person on parade at the National Memorial Arboretum Corps Annual Commemoration Service, he laid a wreath on behalf of veterans and the wider Corps. The full article can be found on the Monthly News page [Castle Bromwich U3A: Monthly News \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://CastleBromwichU3A.org.uk)

Lunartics

The Solstices

What are the 'Solstices? Well, we have two a year one in June (we've just had one) and one in December. The word is derived from the Latin 'Sol' (Sun) and 'Sistere' (Standing still). In the northern hemisphere it is when the north pole is tipped as far as it can go towards the sun which is at its maximum height and for a brief period the sun appears to stand still before starting its descent.

The Earth is tilted at 23.5 degrees from the plane of the solar system and as the Earth moves around the sun in its orbit it tilts the (in the Northern Hemisphere) North Pole

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towards or away from the sun, hence the seasons. No tilt no seasons! Half way between these positions of course we have the 'Equinoxes where we have twelve hours (about) of equal night and day.

Quizzes

A new quiz from Roger this month along with a crossword (numbers 24 and 25). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://CastleBromwichU3A:Quizzes(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

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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