



Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age June 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)

Membership

Thank you to everyone who has paid their membership. Those who have not paid by the 31st May will be taken off the register. **H O O R A H** - We can now accept cash at the meeting from anyone paying their subscription.

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.

Coffee Mornings

We are looking at restarting coffee mornings at Orchard Nurseries on the Water Orton Road. It would be the 2nd Wednesday of the Month. If you are interested please contact Ann Sparey or Elaine Johnson

Christmas Lunch

We are trying to work out interest in having a Christmas lunch for u3a members. The proposed date is Thursday 8th December, venue to be confirmed depending upon numbers. The approximate cost would be £25 per person. Please contact Margaret Riorden or Helen Abbot if you are interested.

Events



Bob Brueton has been working on events for this summer and is able to offer the following trips:

Monday 6th June Marsh Farm near Alrewas. There are limited seats left

Lovely lunch served (highly recommended) with time to look around farm gardens. Then a visit to nearby Garden Centre. Cost including lunch, two courses plus tea/coffee £20. This is open to non u3a members.
Leave Arden Hall 10:30 am. Back at Arden Hall around 4:30/5:00 pm

Monday 11 July Llandudno

Leave Arden Hall 8:00 am. Depart Llandudno 5:30/6:00 pm. Cost £14 (What a bargain!)

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Monday September 12th Weston Super Mare

Leave Arden Hall 8:00 am Depart Weston 5:30/6:00pm Cost £14 (Another Bargain!!)

To book contact Bob Brueton on 07766923361

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

To celebrate 40 years since the national U3A was founded we 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 (the committee) 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

Please note that some groups have changed meeting days due to bank holiday

Scrabble Group

We are still in the process of finding a suitable venue but if you are interested in joining please contact Margaret.

Facilitator: Margaret Riordan

Poetry Group

Thursday, 9th June at 2pm.

The group has decided to do things a little different this time.

Members should pick a poet, prepare and read a short biography and two poems by your selected poet. Refreshments will be provided.

Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott 07754 205541

Table Tennis

Thursday 9th June 2 pm

Baptist Church, Timberley Lane.

Group Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Friday, 10th and 24th June, 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

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 13th June, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.

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Evening Reading Group

Tuesday 14th June

Further details contact

Facilitator: Barbara Durrant

u3a Committee Meeting

22th June, 10:00 Arden Hall

Members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

2 Mile Walkers

Thursday

To be confirmed on website

Thursday Book Club

16th June

Facilitator: June Dadd

Digital Photography

20th June, Basic photography and review of 'Spring Colours' project. Outline street photography and safety.

Group Facilitator: Frank Hill

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

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 30th June 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)

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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. Models being built/operated in 'O' 'OO' 'N'
gauges Outings Come and have a look - no obligation Call Bob 07766923361 for
more info.

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)

Shropshire Revisited: Ray Pearce. This is Ray's 60th article since lockdown started in March 2020. Well done Ray and we look forward to the next 60!

Lunartics

Hi All, Just fitted a motor drive to the telescope mount that enables the 'scope to follow things in the sky without having to keep twiddling the controls (well mostly). One problem I'm having at present though with the new mount, is re-balancing the 'scope after attaching the camera. Hopefully this will be solved soon and I'm able to show some astropics shortly.

Solar activity – The sun has several active sunspot areas with some quite complex in structure.

May 26 – Moon passes between Jupiter and Venus in the early hours of the morning in the eastern sky.

May 29 – Jupiter and Mars close together in the early eastern sky.

June 7 – First quarter Moon.

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Quizzes

Roger has set a Platinum Jubilee quiz (number 23) this month. It 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



Castle Bromwich
Historic Gardens



For the Platinum Jubilee the Gardens will be holding a Cream Tea Party on the lawn with lashings of entertainment during the afternoon.

We hope you can come along. Entertainment Includes: **Suzi Woods** - singer and entertainer extraordinaire, **The Generations Choir** and **Claret** band, Have a Go Craft and activities, Cream Teas in a Box (£5) and the opportunity to add to our **MEMORY MURAL**

Entry will be by donation with proceeds to NGS (National Gardens Scheme) nursing charities.

Further details follow this link [Jubilee Tea Party in the Gardens Sunday June 5th \(mailchi.mp\)](http://mailchi.mp)

HELP NEEDED If you have any spare time on Sat 4th or the morning of June 5th to help set up contact gardens on 749 4100 or just turn up you will be welcome

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**

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Generations Choir

Choir restarts Jan 6th with our new choir leader.

Thursdays 5.30pm until 7.30pm at Castle Vale Community Campus, High Street, Castle Vale B35 7PR. U3A Members very welcome.

Generations Choir will be singing at Gracechurch Centre in Sutton on Sat 4th June as part of the 'Royal Towns' celebrations. Songs will include National Anthem and Land of Hope and Glory. 11.00am until 2.00pm

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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