

**Castle Bromwich u3a  
March 2024**

**Committee Notices**

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

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. A copy of 2023 are on the website [annualgeneralmeeting29thmarch2023amended.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/annualgeneralmeeting29thmarch2023amended.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 must be completed by members and returned to Ann Sparey by the 28<sup>th</sup> February.

We will require a new treasurer and secretary for the year 2024/25 (these are executive positions that must be filled to allow the group to continue) and a vice chairman. This is most important. Failure to fill the secretary and treasurer positions will result in the closure of the group.

**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.

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**Group Information**

**Castle Bromwich Local History Group**

Monday 4 March, 2 pm,  
Timberley Baptist Church

**Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill**

**Art and Craft Circle**

Tuesday 5 March, 1 pm  
Aylesford Hall

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

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

Wednesday, 6 March, 10:00 am.



**Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill**

**Poetry Group**

Thursday, 7 March at 2.00pm, usual venue.

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

This meeting will be Birthday Poems.

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**

**u3a Strummers**

Friday, 8 and 22 March, 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 11 March 10 am

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

**Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill**

**BSL (British Sign Language) Group**

Aylesford Hall Shard End

The BSL Group is suspended at present due to family commitments but there have been some changes in appointment times, so looking to possibly restart soon.

For more info' email: [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com)

**Art Appreciation**

Tuesday 12 March at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

**Facilitator: Elaine Johnson**

**Coffee Mornings**

Wednesday 13 March 10 am

Orchard Nursery

**Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator**

**Thursday Reading Group**

Thursday 14 March

**Facilitator: June Conley**

**Table Tennis**

Thursday 14 March, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

**Facilitator: Diana Price**

**Digital Photography**

Monday 18 March 1.00 till 3.30 pm

The subject is: Landscape and Urban in Sepia. The review venue is at a members house so number are limited at present. Anyone wishing to show their photos can contact me either at the General Meeting or via our CBU email: [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com).

**Facilitator: Frank Hill**

### **Curry Club**

The curry club will meet again in April.

**Facilitator: Barbara Durant**

### **u3a Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 20 March, 10 am

Members welcome to attend

**Arden Hall**

### **Scrabble Group**

Tuesday 26 March, 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, 27 March, 1:30

Arden Hall

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

March 27: Annual General Meeting

A big thank you to those who have donated prizes for the General Meeting Raffle.

### **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 \(u3asites.org.uk\)](#)

Do you have books/magazines you would like to swop? If so bring them to the General Meeting. Michael is relinquishing the book table - Is there another willing volunteer out there?

**Michael Buckley**

### **Yompers Walking Group**

Thursday 28 March

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 March 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: Letter 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 24-05 and 24-06). 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**

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## **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, photographs to share or group updates to Marion Ridsdill**

at [mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk) or use the group email [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com)