

## Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age March 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	Evening Reading Group		Railway and Railway Model Club Poetry Group	
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Litter Pickers Sign Language  Castle Bromwich Local History	<i>Coleshill Country Dancing</i>		Railway and Railway Model Club Table Tennis	Strummers
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Litter Pickers	Curry Club Sign Language	CB u3a Committee	Thursday Book Club 2 Mile Walkers Railway and Railway Model Club	
21	22	23	24	25
Litter Pickers Digital Photo Group	Sign Language <i>Coleshill Country Dancing</i>		Yompers Thursday Book Club Railway and Railway Model Club	Strummers
28	29	30	31	
Litter Pickers Sign Language		Annual General Meeting: Annual Report, Accounts, Election of Officers, Group Presentations		

Further details on the u3a Castle Bromwich website

<https://u3asites.org.uk/castle-bromwich>

### Committee News



May I, on behalf of the Castle Bromwich u3a Executive Committee and its members, pass on our sincere thanks to Roy Edwards for leading our group as Chairman, particularly during the last two years when he has had to deal with the demands and challenges of Covid?

Roy has given up much of his time to chair both the executive committee and general meetings and in addition he has dealt with much more u3a associated business.

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Roy has had to give up the position of Chairman and any other position on the Executive Committee due to ill health but he intends to remain a Castle Bromwich U3A member so we look forward to seeing him, with his wife Jean, at general meetings.

Thank you Roy  
Dave Abbott  
Chairman

### Membership

The Committee have agreed to reset the membership fee for 2022-23 to £16. All membership fees must be paid by cheque or bank transfer. No cash can be accepted. The renewal form with bank details are attached to this email or on [membershipapplicationform2022.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](#)

### Annual General Meeting

The Castle Bromwich U3A Executive Committee hereby gives notice that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wednesday, 30th March 2022 at Arden Hall, Water Orton Road, Castle Bromwich, B36 9PB.

You should arrive and be seated by 1.30pm.

The business of the meeting will be as follows:

Chairman's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Appointment of Auditor  
Interest Groups Report  
Speakers Report  
Resolutions for Adoption  
Chairman's Award  
Appointment of Officers and Committee Members for 2022/23

Nomination forms will be sent out to members in advance of the AGM in order that they can give prior written notification of any candidate standing for appointment as an Officer or a non-Officer member of the Executive Committee, made by a proposer and seconder from amongst the membership of Castle Bromwich U3A. The nomination forms are to be received by the Secretary of Castle Bromwich U3A at least 28 days before the AGM, i.e. by 2nd March 2022. (Forms attached to this email.)

Officers and non-Officers of the 2021/22 Executive Committee have all indicated their willingness to stand for a further year.

Should nominations exceed vacancies the decision about appointments shall be taken by ballot at the AGM (a show of hands). If there are insufficient candidates standing for the vacancies, the Chairman of the meeting may, as a last resort, appeal for any willing members present to agree to stand. A vote must be taken and carried by a simple majority for such appeal for volunteers at the meeting to be permitted. Any willing

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candidate may then offer him/herself and be proposed to the meeting for appointment in accordance with the constitution. Any member may appoint a proxy with prior notice. Each member is allowed one vote. Any member can attend but only members who have paid their subscriptions are allowed to vote.

David Abbott  
Chairman

The committee are pleased to announce that refreshments will restart at the AGM. Volunteers are needed for tea rota from April onwards, please contact a committee member if you are able to help. The book swap will also restart. Do you have books/magazines you would like to swap? Do you also have any prizes you could donate to the raffle?

**Covid restrictions are still in place. If you are unwell please do not attend. Masks must be worn indoors** unless exempt from wearing them.

### General Meeting Speakers

Helen Abbot has agreed to continue as Speaker Secretary for another year. And is asking members 'do you like public speaking'? 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.

Please note there is a new email address for general emails [castleu3a7@gmail.com](mailto:castleu3a7@gmail.com).

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 speak to one of the committee.

### Introduction to BSL (British Sign Language)

For those members booked to attend the course:  
Cost per member for room hire £2.50 based on all members attending  
To ensure continuity, a request is made to pay £5.00, if possible, at the first meeting.

Venue: The Lounge at Arden Hall for all sessions  
Time: 10.00 am until 12.00 noon for all sessions  
Dates: Monday March 7th – Tuesday March 15th – Tuesday March 22nd –  
Monday March 28th – Monday April 4th – Monday April 11th.

Members, please use the rear entrance door to avoid disturbing other groups.

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**Are you interested in Flower Arranging?  
Would you like to display flowers at their best?**



We are hoping to hold a “one off” session with a Flower Arranging tutor, who will demonstrate and then show us how to make an arrangement. Hopefully if there is enough interest, we may be able to continue and develop a group.

If you think this is something you would like to do, please get in touch at the email address below.

We will meet at the Baptist Church.

Obviously for the first session the cost will be higher as it will depend on numbers and support for the tutor. We would require a minimum of 10 and the cost would be around £8 to £10. If a group develops from this, the cost would be similar to the other groups who meet at the Baptist Church.

Your thoughts are welcomed.

Barbara at [barbaraanddurrant@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraanddurrant@gmail.com)

### **Scrabble Group**

Before lockdown we were an enthusiastic little group of players of all levels. We met at the Community Centre in Hurst Lane but now need to find a new venue.

I am keen to start this group up again possibly with the addition of other board games? Please let me know your interest. I will be at the next General meeting with a sign up list.

**Facilitator: Margaret Riordan**

### **Evening Reading Group**

**1st March**

Further details contact

**Barbara Durrant**

### **Poetry Group**

**Thursday, 3rd March at 2pm**

The poetry group will re-commence at our home: 266 Cooks Lane, Kingshurst, B37 6NE

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Please bring one or two of your favourite poems with you. Refreshments will be provided.

Please ensure you have a negative LFT before you arrive and bring your own mask or visor if you wish to.

The 71, 94A and X12 buses drop off opposite our house (the buses stop at the shelter just after Kew Close). Our house is by the red post box. Limited car parking is available on our drive and on the grass verge or in one of the nearby streets e.g. Hillside Drive.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Dave & Helen Abbott**

### **Castle Bromwich Local History Group**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2 pm, Timberley Baptist Church

**Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.**

### **Table Tennis**

The next meeting will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> March, Baptist Church, Timberley Lane.

**Group Facilitator: Diana Price**

### **u3a Strummers**

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March, 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**

### **Curry Club**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Full details from Barbara

**Group Facilitator: Barbara Durrant**

### **U3A Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10:00 Arden Hall

Members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

### **2 Mile Walkers**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Details to follow, please see website for updates.

### **Digital Photography**

March 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am

Field trip to Kingsbury Water Park.

**Group Facilitator: Frank Hill**

### **Thursday Book Club**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Group Facilitator: June Conley**

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### **Yompers**

**Thursday 24th March 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**

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**

### **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)

### **Motorways or the Secret Life of the Motorway – Ray Pearce**

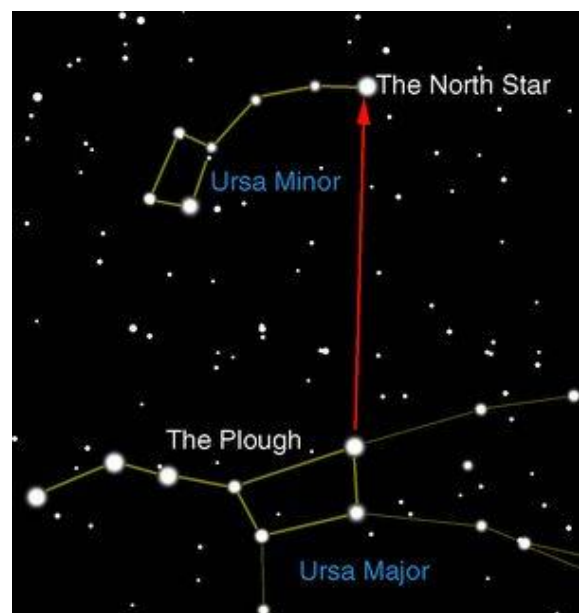
**News in Briefs - Frank Hill**

### **Lunartics**

Can you find the North Star 'Polaris'? Polaris is not the brightest star in the sky, as you would think it would be. However, it is the brightest one in the area. To find it of course you first need to know which way is north, use a compass certainly if you have one; or the sun at mid-day (without clouds of course), now turn around and you are roughly facing north. Even better if the sky is clear (!!!!) then use the sky to navigate.

Look around the sky until you see a constellation group that looks like the one in the lower part of the photo, the one that looks like the outline of an old plough. Hence the name 'The Plough' (in the UK, in the US it known as The Big Dipper). Use the two end stars as shown to 'point' to another star, the next one you come to is Polaris 'The Pole Star' in the constellation of the 'Little Bear'. It is exactly due north but about half a degree from it, but it is a very useful starting point to other stars and constellations.

Have a go and see if you can find it. Good Viewing Frank



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**Quizzes**

This month's quizzes, 17 and 18, can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich U3A: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://Castle Bromwich U3A: 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**

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.

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**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

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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