

Castle Bromwich University of The Third Age May 2023

Committee Notices

Reminder to members - Please pay your **£20.00 subscription** as soon as possible preferably by 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 or alternatively by cheque payable to Castle Bromwich U3A which should be passed to the treasurer. Your membership card will be issued once your subs are paid.

This year we welcomed two new committee members, Pat Lucas and Mick Baker. We also said a big thank you to Margaret Riorden and Janet Nelson, both long standing committee members, who stepped down this year.

Your committee for this year are:

Dave Abbott - Chair
Michael Buckley - Treasurer
Ann Sparey - Secretary
Frank Hill - Acting Vice Chair/Technical advisor
Pat Lucas - Membership Secretary
June Conley - Membership Assistant
Elaine Johnson - Interest Groups Co-ordinator
Michael Baker - Assisting Elaine
Kath Buckley - Assisting Elaine/Pat
Bob Brueton - Trips and Outings
Marion Ridsdill - Webmaster and Newsletter Editor
Helen Abbott - Speaker Secretary/Publicity



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

Due to higher costs for engaging entertainers there will be a £1 additional charge to members for any musical or other entertainment that takes place at general meetings. This will take effect immediately. The extra charge does not apply to speakers.

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.



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Live ballet screening at Star City

The final production from Covent Garden this season will be *Sleeping Beauty* on Wednesday 24 May with music by Tchaikovsky. I won't be at the April u3a meeting but there'll be a signing list. I can't do 24 May either but hope attendees have better luck than we did recently, when the sound for *Cinderella* wasn't working, so we were given a full refund plus complimentary ticket.

Paulette Burkill

Astronuts

An initial meeting will be arranged Monday 12th June 2023 between 11 and 12. We will use this meeting to find out what you would like from this new venture, whether it is just to get to know your way around the sky, observe the moon, planets, deep sky objects or the sun etc. Once the group is established field trips and observing sessions can be arranged (weather permitting of course) for observing naked eye and with optical aids (telescope/binoculars etc).

Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Due to the Bank Holiday the new date is to be confirmed
Timberley Baptist Church

Castle Bromwich Time Line: The group have now moved to the years from 1950 so if you have any memories of Castle Bromwich please share them with the group.

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.

British Sign Language Group (BSL)

Date to be confirmed

Facilitator: Frank Hill - Email address: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 2 May, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 3 May, 10:00 am.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Poetry Group

Thursday, 4th May, 2 pm

The theme this time is 'Gardens'.

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

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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 5 May

Timberley Baptist Church

First meeting of this new group

Music and instruction: Bob Brueton

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 9 May at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 11 May

Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 11 May, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Friday, 12 and 26 May, 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

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 17 May, 10 am

Orchard Nursery

Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator

Digital Photography

Monday 22 May

Review photos and group critique

Next challenge high angle and discuss possible field trip.

We are a group of photo' enthusiasts with varying expertise but always looking to gain more skills, If you would like to join us, contact me Frank Hill via our email:

castleu3a7@gmail.com or at the General Meeting.

u3a Committee Meeting

Wednesday 24 May, 10 am, Arden Hall

Members are welcome to attend these meetings.

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Scrabble Group

Tuesday, 30 May, 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

Yompers Walking Group

Thursday 27 April

Meet at 9:30 am in the second carpark behind Arden Hall. Bring your own packed lunch and drinks. The walk is around 4 miles starting at Brueton Park. Once you have taken your free car park tickets from the machine you have 3 hours to complete the walk. Toilets are available at the start in the café. The route includes paved and field footpaths plus a stretch along the canal towpath. There are no steep hills or stiles and only a couple of ponds to give a small amount of mud. (At least this was the state as last checked in January)

Thursday 25 May, walk details to follow.

Bruton Park

Facilitator: Bob Dadd

General Meeting

Wednesday, 31 May, 1:30

Arden Hall

26 April: John Alderson – Chateaux in the Loire DIY

31 May: Kay Starkey - Air Ambulance

Refreshment volunteers:

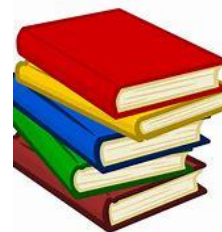
April Meeting: June and Bob Dadd

May Meeting: Brenda Roberts and Sue Wilcox

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 swap?
If so bring them to the General Meeting.

Michael Buckley



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

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welcome especially with craft and art skills to work on scenic (you might also want to play trains

Open Day: Sat April 29 at the club in Cadbury Drive, Castle Vale B35 7JE.
10:00 until 4:00
Lots of trains, refreshments, free car park
Entry £1 adults, 50p child

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)

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 05 and 06). 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!

*The Generations Choir and the Young at Heart tea dancers will be performing at the Coronation Party in the Park, Arden Hall Playing Fields on Sunday May 7th.
The times are to be confirmed but sometime between 12 and 5 pm.*

For details talk to Bob at General Meeting or call 07766923361. U3A Members very welcome.

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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

The CBU3a calendar can now be found on the calendar page of the website. Please follow this link: [Castle Bromwich u3a: Calendar \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://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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