

Castle Bromwich u3a NOVEMBER 2023

Committee Notices

U3A Festival 2024

The U3A Trust are organizing a 'U3A Festival' at York University next year to promote the U3A and the many locations that run U3A's, including of course ours. The Castle Bromwich U3A are looking to participate in this event which is over three days, the 18th to the 20th July 2024. Accommodation will be in the student lodgings on campus. More details will be given as and when we have them. If you are interested, then the opportunity to 'sign up' will be made available as soon as we know more and what is exp

If you would like to join the committee please contact Dave Abbot or any of the other committee members. Member details are on our website [Castle Bromwich u3a: Committee Members and Reports \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk). The Committee are still looking for a permanent Vice Chair, more details available from Dave..

The Christmas Lunch is being held on the 7 December at the Grimscote Manor Hotel. There are still a places available. The booking form and menu will be available at the November meeting.



Group Information

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 1 November, 10:00 am.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Poetry Group

Thursday, 2 November at 2.00pm.

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

BSL (British Sign Language) Group

2 and 16 November, 10:00 till 12:00

Aylesford Hall Shard End

Tea, Coffee and Bikkies too! For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Katrina & Frank Hill

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 6 November, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 7 November, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

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Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 9 November

Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 9 November, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

Digital Photography

Thursday 9 November

October Meeting: Unfortunately, the field trip to Stratford was cancelled due to the forecast of extremely soggy weather. Alas it was dry all day! Ho Humm! The one-day workshop we held was we hope; informative and useful to the brave souls that attended. We looked at using your phone, digital and compact cameras, exposure controls, composition etc. Thanks to the Heart of England Astronomical Society for hosting this event. Our next venture is 'Water Droplets'. For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Facilitator: Frank Hill

u3a Strummers

Friday, 10 and 24 November, 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

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 14 November at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson



Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 15 November 10 am

Orchard Nursery

Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator

u3a Committee Meeting

Wednesday 22 November 10 am, Arden Hall

Members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Astronuts

22 October A Stargazing Field trip with telescopes & Binoculars (weather permitting) at Babs Mill Recreation Ground from 19.00 hrs till 21.00 hrs. If the weather is against us then we will meet on Monday 23 October at the Methodist Church Community Rooms Cats Lane Shard End from 10.00 till 12.00 noon to look at what we should have been able to observe!

November dates to be confirmed

Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill



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General Meeting

Wednesday, 29 November, 1:30 pm
Arden Hall

25 October: Peter Jones – The evacuation of a past member of our u3a by his son.

29 November John Plumb – Farming with a Christmas theme.

Refreshment Volunteers:

October Meeting: Marion Ridsdill and Helen Abbott

November Meeting: Barbara Durrant and Susan Hodgetts

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://CastleBromwichU3A:CommitteeMembersandReports(u3asites.org.uk))

Do you have books/magazines you would like to swop? If so bring them to the General Meeting.
Michael Buckley

Yompers Walking Group

Thursday 26 October

Due to various events during this month, it has meant a walk that we should have been doing has not been tested out to determine if the route is still viable (HS2?). An alternative, albeit a previous one, is available – ‘The Kenilworth Loop’.

This walk is a relatively steady walk with few significant hazards. What is worthy of a mention in addition to the “normal” slip, trips and falls hazards and risks, are the points on the walk where traffic can be encountered. Take the necessary precautions to avoid close encounters of the hurt kind! Meet up at the car park at the sports ground behind Arden Hall for car share at 09:30.

Frank Hill

Thursday 30 November

Walk details to follow on our website page

Facilitator: Bob Dadd

Scrabble Group

Tuesday, 28 November, 2-4 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

Curry Club

Monday 30 Oct

Details from Barbara Durrant

Jotters Corner

Find members short stories on the Jotters Corner page on our website:

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Railway and Railway Model Club



The Model Railway Club annual exhibition at Arden Hall Sat Oct 28th 10:00 til 4:00

9 layouts, 9 traders refreshments, competition. Entry £6 adult. child FREE with adult. Thomas and friends. One of the biggest and best in the West Midlands right on your door step! Large free car park. Refreshments. Air Cadets helping and selling poppies. More info Bob 07766923361

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 November 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.

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://Castle Bromwich U3A: The Lunartics (u3asites.org.uk))

Quizzes

A new quiz from Roger this month (numbers 16 and 17). They 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

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!

Come and join us - great fun- make new friends - NO AUDITIONS! Pop in Thursdays at 5.30pm at the Sanctuary, Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale, B35 7PX You will be very welcome.

The Generations Choir will be singing at Starbucks in Sainsburys Castle Vale Sat Nov 4th 12.00 til 2.00pm

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

Organiser: Bob Brueton

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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

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 \(u3asites.org.uk\)](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

Below is Ray Pearce's photograph of a recent trip to Weston Super Mare. If you have any photographs or stories you would like to share please send them in to me on either of the email addresses above.



'Went to Weston super Mare on the 09.43 from New Street,did not see the sea' Ray Pearce