

Castle Bromwich u3a
OCTOBER 2023

Committee Notices

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



The Christmas Lunch will be held on the 7 December at the Grimscote Manor Hotel. The booking form and menu will be available at the October meeting.

Group Information

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 2 October, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 3 October, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 4 October, 10:00 am.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

BSL (British Sign Language) Group

5 and 19 October 10:00 till 12:00

Aylesford Hall Shard End

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

Katrina & Frank Hill

Poetry Group

Thursday, 5 October at 2.00pm.

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 10 October at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 11 October 10 am

Orchard Nursery

Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 12 October

Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 12 October, 2 pm
Timberley Baptist Church
Facilitator: Diana Price

Digital Photography

Thursday 12 October,
We're planning a field trip to Stratford to see if we can catch the Bard napping! We might even take some shots of the river and town! When? At present it looks like Thursday 12 October, meeting up on the town bridge at around 10.30ish am. We are most likely going to be there for a good few hours, so bring at least a drink and something to nibble on. For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com
Facilitator: Frank Hill

u3a Strummers

Friday, 13 and 27 October, 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

u3a Committee Meeting

Wednesday 18 October 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!
Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill

General Meeting

Wednesday, 25 October, 1:30
Arden Hall

27 Sept: Nick Martin – Wildlife Trust

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

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 28 September

Meet in second car park
behind Arden Hall at 9:30am or 10 am in Hampton in Arden car park which is as follows:- Driving from Meriden on B4102, cross over the railway bridge then turn right at the War Memorial Shadow Brook lane then right again to the yellow gates, entrance into car park.
The walk is 4 miles along pavement & short stretch on edge of road plus several pasture fields.

When checking out the walk there were no cattle in our fields but some cows in adjacent field, two other fields could have horses in them.

There are no public toilets on the route but in small numbers we might be able to use toilets at the Golf Club. The route has no steep hills to climb but there are a few Stiles to cross. May be some mud depending on weather.

Bring your own packed lunch and drinks.

Thursday 26 October

Walk details to follow on our website page [Castle Bromwich u3a: Yompers Walking Group \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

Facilitator: Bob Dadd

Curry Club

Monday 30 Oct

Details from Barbara Durrant

Scrabble Group

Tuesday, 31 October, 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

Railway and Railway Model Club

**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 October 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)

The Eruption of Mount Tambora – 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

A new quiz from Roger this month (numbers 14 and 15). 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 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

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 \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://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