Committee News

The calendar can now be found on the calendar page of the website. Please follow this link: <u>Castle Bromwich U3A: Calendar (u3asites.org.uk)</u>

Open Day: A big thanks to Frank Hill for organising the CBu3a Open Day which took place on 4th September and to all members who helped in whatever was done on the day - setting up display boards/tables, refreshments, entertainment etc. A really successful day with around 100 members and visitors through the door.

Quiz Night: And another big thanks to everyone who supported the quiz night which took place on 8th September. A challenging quiz hosted by one off our members, Roger Hateley which included supper and a raffle.

Dave Abbot Chair



Come and help the Castle Bromwich u3a Committee who are looking for new members. Anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think. The committee meet once a month. Do you have any skills you can share that will help us to continue our work? If you are interested you are welcome to join us at our next meeting on the 19th October at 10 am at Arden Hall.

At present we need to fill the position of Vice Chair. If you are interested in this post please contact Dave Abbott or contact one of the committee.

Trip to Weston Super Mare 12th August

Bob Brueton was able to report that this was a really excellent day. The weather was good, the tide was in when we got there and out when we left! Everybody said what a good time they had. Some braved the 'big wheel', some got the bus to Sand

Bay along the lovely coast road. Some came back to coach with armfuls of shopping! In total there were 48 people of whom 20 were u3a members.

4th September u3a Open Day



Just a thank you to everyone who helped to make the open day a busy, but great day. It is estimated that over the day around a hundred folks paid us a visit and were impressed with what they saw. Let's hope that the impression lasts and we see new folks coming through the doors.

One unfortunate event we did have was to one of our members who sustained a painful injury. It is with this in mind that a reminder to all folks that have access to the stage to <u>only</u> use the stairway to the left of the stage to ascend and descend the stage area. In addition, when on the stage; do not approach the edge of the stage closer than half a metre (about 20 inches).

A further point that has been raised by the staff at Arden Hall, is that all furniture items, particularly tables should only be obtained by Arden Hall staff and there is <u>no</u> access to the furniture store by any unauthorised persons. There are more photos in the gallery on cbu3a website.

Frank Hill



Christmas Lunch

8th December at the Cuttle Bridge Inn, Kingsbury Road, Minworth, B76 9DP Please find attached the menu for the meal. Please complete a form for each person to hand in when paying.

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 3rd Oct, 2 pm Timberley Baptist Church Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill.

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 4th Oct 1:00 to 3:00 pm Aylesford Hall Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday 5th Oct, 10am We are currently reading Blue eyed boy by Joanne Harris. Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill 07701010152

Poetry Group

Thursday, 6th Oct at 2pm.

We are a small group with an interest in searching for, reading and enjoying poetry. We normally meet on the first Thursday of each month.

If you are interested in giving us a try please contact Dave on 07754 205541 for venue details. Refreshments provided.

Facilitators: Dave & Helen Abbott

u3a Strummers

Friday, 7th and 21st October, 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

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 12th Oct, 10:00 – 11:30, Orchard Nursery B46 1TG

The Gardeners Rest Tea Rooms. If you would like to join our Coffee Morning Group in Sept, would you please contact either myself or Ann Sparey **ASAP** (our phone numbers are on your membership cards.) as we will always need to know numbers in advance as places at this new venue are limited to around 20? Thank you **Elaine Johnson**

CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator.

Thursday Book Club

Thursday 13th Oct, 10 am Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 13th Oct 2 pm Baptist Church, Timberley Lane. Group Facilitator: Diana Price

Digital Photography

Monday 17th October Basic Photography plus review mushroom project. There are new photos on the DP page on the website. Group Facilitator: Frank Hill

u3a Committee Meeting

19th Oct, 10:00 Arden Hall Members are welcome to attend committee meetings.

General Meeting

26th Oct – Helen Lloyd, Oral Historian – Extra-ordinary lives

Volunteers are needed for tea rota from April onwards, 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 <u>Castle Bromwich U3A: Committee Members and Reports</u> (<u>u3asites.org.uk</u>)

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

Yompers

Thursday 27TH October Walk Details to follow 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.

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 this month's pieces on Jotters Corner on our website: <u>Castle Bromwich U3A:</u> Writing Group (u3asites.org.uk)

The Land of Lost Content - Ray Pearce

Lunartics

This is a website based group and you will find lots of information on our u3a website page <u>Castle Bromwich U3A: The Lunartics (u3asites.org.uk)</u>

Quizzes

A new quiz from Roger this month (numbers 30 and 31). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: <u>Castle Bromwich U3A: Quizzes (u3asites.org.uk)</u> 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

Restarts after the summer break on the 8th Sept.

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

Organiser: Bob Brueton

Colehill Country Dancing

U3a Coleshill invites CB members to join this group that takes place every 2nd and 4th 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 or use the new group email castleu3a7@gmail.com