

Castle Bromwich u3a September 2023

Committee Notices

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

CB u3a Annual Accounts 2022/23 are available on the CB u3a website [Castle Bromwich u3a: Committee Members and Reports \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://CastleBromwichu3a.com)

Midlands Air Ambulance - Clothes Collection – This is a reminder that the clothes collection will take place during the general meeting on 27th September. You should bring your unwanted clothing (which should be in tied black bin liners) on the day and drop them off at the rear of Arden Hall.

David Abbott, Chairman

Castle Bromwich u3a had a stall at Chelmund's Day at Three Trees, meeting the public, telling them about our group.



Jennifer Gould

Jennifer passed away peacefully in her sleep without any pain on Sunday, 13th August. If you would like to join us to celebrate her life, her funeral is at the Woodlands Cemetery, 11:00 am on the 20th September. Her favourite colour was yellow, please feel free to add this touch of colour.



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 September meeting.

Llandudno 4th September £18 per person

There are still seats available

Departing: Arden Hall 8:00 am. Departing: Llandudno 6:00 pm

There are still seats available for the trip to Llandudno

Book with Bob Brueton 07766923361



Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 4 September, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 5 September, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 6 September, 10:00 am.

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Poetry Group

Thursday, 7 September at 2.00pm.

Theme this time is 'Kings & Queens'.

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

British Sign Language Group (BSL)

7 and 21 September 10.00 am till 12.00 noon

Aylesford Hall Shard End. We are (amongst other things) rehearsing 'Olde King Cole' in BSL and having quite a laugh co-ordinating the timing and signs! There is a fee of course that goes toward the cost of the room hire and this at present is £2.50, this includes of course tea and bikkies! BSL is a visual language that is being introduced into more schools and educational facilities. If you have an itch to talk with your hands and whole-body language t

Aylesford Hall Shard End

Facilitators: Katrina Hill/Frank Hill

Email address: castleu3a7@gmail.com

u3a Strummers

Friday, 8 and 22 September, 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 12 September at 1:15

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Coffee Mornings

Wednesday 13 September 10 am

Orchard Nursery

Elaine Johnson, CBU3A Interest Groups Coordinator

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 14 September

Facilitator: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 14 September, 2 pm

Timberley Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

Digital Photography

Monday 18 September

1.00 pm till 3.30 pm and the theme is 'Sun Sets'. Interested? Contact Frank Hill via our CBU3A email address.**Facilitator: Frank Hill**

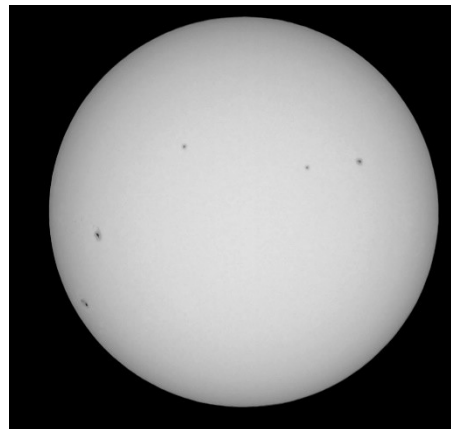
Astronuts

18 September 10:00 – 12:00

Cat Lane Methodist Church,

Our last meeting was discovering the Mare (Seas) and craters on our nearest neighbour The Moon. On our next excursion we are planning to visit the sun (weather permitting). There will be tea and biscuits. There is a charge that goes towards the hire of the room and (depending on members) is about £2.00. If the weather is clear then a telescope will be set up with a special solar filter that will allow observers to view the sun in real time. If the weather is not so forthcoming then a presentation will be given to give a brief overview of our nearest star.

Dawn Passant



The Sun 23 August

Facilitators: Dawn Passant, Frank Hill

u3a Committee Meeting

Wednesday 20 September, This meeting has been cancelled.

Scrabble Group

Tuesday, 26 September, 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

General Meeting

Wednesday, 27 September, 1:30

Arden Hall

30 Aug: The Harvesters - there will be an extra charge of £1 at this meeting

27 Sept: Nick Martin – Wildlife Trust

Refreshment Volunteers:

September Meeting: Margaret Riordan and Mark Treadwell

October Meeting: Marion Ridsdill and Helen Abbott

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 swop? If so bring them to the General Meeting.

Michael Buckley

Yompers Walking Group

Walk 31 August Birmingham

Meet at Arden Hall by 09.30, walk to bus stop to catch the X12 bus at 09.45 to Birmingham Old Square.

Walk to Bull St tram stop to New St Station where we can view the Commonwealth Games Bull in its new permanent home.

Take train 10 mins approx to Rolf St station Walk to Rolf St Canal bridge and enter canal pathway walking south 4 miles approximately to the Round House to view the building and its

refurbishment, and for refreshment.*
Take tram from Symphony hall to Bull St .
Walk to X12 bus stop to return to Arden Hall.

*Three modes of transport only a canal trip missing from all transportation available to us, if you have time and ££ you may be able to join a canal trip outside Symphony hall, which has commentary and refreshments on board.

Please bring, bus pass if you have one, or change or bank card. Water, snacks/packed lunch and a hat in case it's sunny as the canal is very open with little shade.
The walk along the canal is flat apart from the bridges, obviously no stiles, and no mud. It is very easy and can be taken at any pace as it's a straight line we are always in sight of each other.
New members very welcome, hope to see you at Arden Hall.

Diana Price

Thursday 28 September, walk details to follow.

Facilitator: Bob Dadd

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

[Castle Bromwich u3a: Jotters Corner \(u3asites.org.uk\)](http://u3asites.org.uk)

Ferry from Wemyss Bay to Rothesay on the Isle of Bute by Ray Pearce is now available.



**Blackberries, Manor Park Road
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 \(u3asites.org.uk\)](#)

Quizzes

A new quiz from Roger this month (numbers 12 and 13). They can be found on the quiz page on the website: [Castle Bromwich u3a: Quizzes \(u3asites.org.uk\)](#)

Thank you to Roger Hateley.

The Committee and members would like to wish Marie, Roger's wife a speedy recovery as she is currently in hospital

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!

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

Generations choir are singing outside Sainsburys Castle Vale on Saturday 26th September 11.00 until approx 1.00 If wet under cover by Starbucks. Come and watch or join in!

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

John Witten would like to thank everyone from the curry club for the wonderful get well card that I received after my fall on Monday morning it was much appreciated. Again thank you you all

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 \(u3asites.org.uk\)](#)

Counterfeit stamps – buyer beware!

Paulette Birkett informed us that of our members recently had to pay £2.50 for an incoming letter which proved to have a counterfeit second class barcode stamp on it, although it only appeared to be a slightly lighter green than others. The sender subsequently had a problem with another letter she'd sent, returned the stamps to the Post Office where she bought them and received a replacement book. Apparently the barcode side is much smoother on counterfeit stamps than genuine ones – very subtle but a difference can just be felt – and her local Post Office told her it's quite a common problem now, but it comes to something when you can't trust the Post Office to sell you genuine stamps!

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