

### **SPEAKER TODAY: Richard Churchley "Family History, Do's and Don'ts"**

Hello everyone, welcome to our April meeting. If you are visiting us today - 'welcome'. We hope you enjoy our meeting and become members of our very friendly group. We are always looking for volunteers to either lead or facilitate a new interest group, so please turn over the page for more information, and if you would like to know anything else about us then please see Janet Bailey [our Meet and Greet lady] who will be very pleased to help you. **Best wishes you all from the Sandwell u3a Committee.**

- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £15 per person, due TODAY. Application forms are available from Mike or Ivan at the Reception desk. Full membership information is detailed on the form.**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER to switch off or put your mobile phone on 'silent' mode during the meeting, and PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TALKING TO EACH OTHER DURING INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS AS THIS IS DISTRACTING TO OTHERS. Thank you.**
- **SINCE OUR LAST MEETING**  
We hope that you all had a lovely Easter with family/friends, and that the weather did not stop you from enjoying things. No doubt some of you will be looking forward to a summer holiday and are busy arranging this. Let's just hope that this rain stops and we see some lovely warm sunshine.  
  
Our committee continue to work hard to ensure our meetings, interest groups, days out and other events go to plan and make them all enjoyable for you. Don't forget, if you have any suggestions for events, days out etc., please don't hesitate to speak to one of our committee members and we will see what we can do. Remember - we are here for you!
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS BETWEEN TODAY'S MEETING AND OUR NEXT MEETING ON 13 MAY**  
**April** – 13th Ann Hobson will be 80yrs old- congratulations Ann, and on 15<sup>th</sup> Alan Hobson. **May** – 4<sup>th</sup> Pat Brown, 11<sup>th</sup> Teresa Young and 13<sup>th</sup> Lynne Turton. Remember, if you would like us to print birthdays or any other celebrations, anniversaries etc. in Newsroundup, please let Ann Wyle know.
- **LOTTERY**  
Congratulations March winners: Pat Brown, Brian Dearn, Jean Greenaway and Pat Stevens. **Next payment £5 due at May meeting** covers 10 weeks (£0.50 per week). Please see Brenda or Janet if you would like to take part.
- **RAFFLE and JIGSAWS**  
\***Raffle tickets** can be purchased from Mavis or Ann Medhurst, 50p each. Congratulations to March winners Janet Bailey, Joan Burns, Barry Grice, Pat Neale, Martin Roebuck and Carol Watson. Donations of prizes for the raffle would be very welcome, thank you.  
\***Jigsaws.** We would welcome new jigsaws but **PLEASE** make sure all the pieces are there and in a bag inside the box before you give them to Peggy. You may borrow them and return them when completed. **Thank you** for your donations.
- **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help out in the gardens at the Oak House. If you are interested, please see Sue Clothier who will let you have more details. **Thank you.**

- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024** elected at the AGM in February.

Chairman, Ann Hobson

Secretary, Ann Wyle

Membership Secretary, Mike Matthews

Communications Officer, Sue Clothier

Other Committee Members:

Vice Chairman, Ivan Wyle

Treasurer, Brenda Evans

Speakers' Secretary, Alan Hobson

Group Liaison Officer – vacant post

Mavis Catchpole, Phil Page

**INTEREST GROUPS – group leader contact details are shown below. If you would like more information about any of our groups, or you are interested in starting or facilitating a new group, please speak to a member of the committee who will be able to help you. Group leaders will be available today if you wish to speak to them direct. Next meeting dates shown below.**

**ART** Wednesday [17 April 10.30-12.30pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. The topic will be 'Spring,' any medium. The group is not facilitator led, but for more information please ring **Janet Linney** 0121 588 3543 / 07710 921375.

**COMPUTERS - Ann Hobson** 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

[Monday 3 June 10am](#) 104 Stanton Rd, Great Barr. If you need any help with your laptop, tablet or 'phone, please come along and we will try to help you [no meetings April/May due to bank holidays].

**CROWN GREEN BOWLS – Ann Hobson** 0231 358 1662 / 07595 987974

[Thursday 25 April until 26 September](#) Dartmouth Linka Bowls nr WB Albion FC. Everyone is welcome, and tea/biscuits is available for everyone including non-members. Bowls are loaned and help is always on hand so please come along and give it a try.

**GERMAN - Judith Ridgway** 0121 360 6152 / 07490 488144

[Thursday 25 April 10am](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. All welcome to come along.

**GREEK - Chris Prior** 07816 059527 [chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk)

[Monday 15 April 10am](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. You are very welcome to come along and learn a little Greek, for your holiday this year!

**ITALIAN - Norma Priest** 0121 588 7716 / 07342 240715

[Wednesday 10 April 10am](#) This meeting will be held at Sue Clothier's house, Ivy Cottage, Watery Lane, West Bromwich. More information from Norma today and beginners are very welcome to come along.

**LATIN- Sue Clothier** 0121 588 4164

[Monday 29 April 10-12pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. All welcome to try a little latin.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP - Phil Page** 0121 682 5249

[Wednesday 17 April 2-4pm](#) Café, Gayton Road Community Centre, West Bromwich.

Exploring musical theatre from The Beggars Opera (1728), through to current shows in the West End, with a remarkable coincidence between an 1858 show and one that just opened in London after huge success in America. The group is growing, but new members would be most welcome, for an afternoon of listening to music, and hearing some of the stories behind the performances.

**OUTINGS - Ann Wyle** 0121 553 0183 / 07789 776441 [see Ann or Pat if interested]

On all outings/holidays, members take priority. Non-members may come along, subject to availability.

**\*\* Thursday 18 April Shakespeare Distillery, Stratford on Avon. FULLY BOOKED.**

**\*\* Thursday 23 May Afternoon Tea at Pigeons Parlour, Gt. Barr.** £20pp for Afternoon Tea or Gentleman's Savoury Afternoon Tea. **£5 deposit, full payment in May. FULLY BOOKED.**

**\*\* Thursday 4 July Coughton Court, Alcester.** Cost includes transport, introductory talk, self-guided tour of house and gardens. **Cost £30pp. NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS ONLY PAY £15.00 FOR**

**TRANSPORT. £5 deposit, full payment by June.**

**\*\* VERY EARLY NOTICE. Tuesday 17 December 3-course carvery lunch, plus entertainment, at The Down Inn, Bridgnorth. Cost £30pp. £5 deposit today. WAITING LIST NOW IN PLACE.**

**STROLLERS - Mike Matthews** 0121 357 9018 / 07710 170099

**Thursdays at 10.30am.** Meet at RSPB entrance Tanhouse Ave, Great Barr. Nothing strenuous or difficult, no hills, and we finish with a nice drink at the RSPB coffee shop. **NO OFFICIAL WALK 18 APRIL.**

**SWIMMING - Ann Hobson** 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

[Wednesdays 8.30-9.30](#) West Bromwich Leisure Centre, small pool. Come along and join the sessions. Café not open but drinks are available from Reception. For free entry, Sandwell residents should take proof of residency [council tax bill, utility bill]. The car park fee will be refunded at Reception.

**THEATRE - Peggy Desorgher** 0121 358 5093 / 07929 932362

[Saturday 27 July](#) 5pm 'The Prussian Officer' by D H Lawrence, Blue Orange Theatre. More details are available from Peggy today.

**TRUSTED TRADERS - Sue Clothier** 0121 588 4164

If you have tried to contact a trader on the list and they have retired/aren't available, or to recommend a trader, please let me know. Happy to pass on contact details for traders if you give me a ring. Sue.

**UKULELE – this u3a group has now ceased.**

- **NEXT MEETING - Monday 13 May 2024, 1.30 for 2pm start.**
- **The speaker will be Keith Llewellyn telling us all about 'Love Spoons'**
- **There is a £2 charge at each meeting to cover additional room hire charges.**