

Newsroundup

Sandwell u3a

OCTOBER 2023

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TODAY: Our very own Phil Page will be hosting a musical quiz. No prizes, this is just a little bit of fun and you should all have an answer sheet. You can do the quiz individually or be part of a team. Tea, coffee and cakes will be also be served during the afternoon. Visitors are very welcome to join in, and if you enjoy our meeting please come along again. Hope you all have fun and best of luck with the quiz! Sandwell u3a Committee send best wishes to you all.

- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £15 per person January to December, but for those joining today it will be £7.50 October to December. Application forms are available from Mike at the Reception desk, and 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 also refrain from talking to each other during presentations. Thank you.**
- **HAPPY NEWS. BIRTHDAYS BETWEEN TODAY AND OUR NEXT MEETING**
OCTOBER – 19th Joan Burns, 26th Sue Clothier, 30th Norma Priest. **NOVEMBER** – 4th Andrew Lowe. Let us know if there are any events you would like us to publicise in future editions of Newsroundup.
SAD NEWS. Sadly, Tony Fowler passed away recently. He was a lovely gentleman who ran the History and Environment group for many years. He was a founder member of su3a, and he will be sadly missed by us all. Ann and Alan attended his funeral, and passed on sincere condolences on behalf of Su3a.
- **LOTTERY** Congratulations September random draw winners Robert Bailey, Sue Clothier, Phil Page, Dennis Webb. **Next payment due TODAY £5.00** covers 10 weeks [50p per week]. More information from Brenda or Janet.
- **RAFFLE and JIGSAWS**
***Raffle** – tickets 50p from Mavis or Ann Medhurst. Congratulations to our September winners: Janet Bailey, Chris Burgess, Jackie Coleman, Martin Roebuck, Ann Wyle.
***Jigsaws** – our stocks have been replenished, so no more donations for the moment. Thank you.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO** check out the national site for information and newsletters, plus the West Midlands site. Both sites can be accessed through our website u3asites.org.uk/Sandwell
- **SCAM AWARENESS** – information will be shown on the overhead at the beginning of the meeting telling you about SCAMS, and there is also a link to the Sandwell MBC Scam Awareness site on our website <https://sandwell.gov.uk/scams>
- **SINCE OUR LAST MEETING** Mike Matthews has arranged a **trip to the Black Country Museum**, meeting there at **11am on Thursday 12 October**, cost £15pp [special group price]. **Please see Mike if interested and pay IN FULL TODAY.** Car parking £3.50 pay on the day, so car sharing would be ideal.
- **WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE ANY USED POSTAGE STAMPS OR SPECTACLES?** Janet Bailey is collecting spectacles for The Lions and stamps for Little People UK, a charity for people with dwarfism – email info@littlepeopleuk.org **Paul Medhurst** is also collecting postage stamps for the Bumble Hole Nature Conservation in Dudley. **All donations welcome and gratefully received.**
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE AGM ON 13 FEBRUARY 2023**
Chairman - Ann Hobson
Secretary - Ann Wyle
Membership Secretary - Mike Matthews
Communications Officer - Sue Clothier
Other Committee Members: Mavis Catchpowle, Phil Page
Vice Chairman - Ivan Wyle
Treasurer - Brenda Evans
Speakers' Secretary - Alan Hobson
Group Liaison Officer - Pat Stevens

INTEREST GROUPS – group leader contact details given below, but if you require more information, please speak to our Group Liaison Officer, Pat Stevens, who will be able to help you. Group Leaders will be available today if you wish to speak to them. We also welcome anyone willing to either lead or facilitate a new group, so if you are interested, please see Pat.

ART Next meeting [Wednesday 18 October 10.30-12.30pm](#) From October onwards we will meet at the Pavilion, Dartmouth Park. 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

Next meeting [Monday 6 November 10am](#) 104 Stanton Rd, Gt Barr. If you need any help with your laptop, tablet or 'phone, please come along and we will try to help you.

CROWN GREEN BOWLING

Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

No more meetings until April 2024.

GERMAN

Judith Ridgway 0121 360 6152 / 07490 488144

Next meeting [Thursday 26 October 10am](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. Why not come along and try out a little German, you are all very welcome.

GREEK

Chris Prior 07816 059527 chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk

Next meeting [Monday 16 October 10am](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. You are welcome to come along and learn a little Greek, perhaps for your next holiday!

ITALIAN

Norma Priest 0121 588 7716 / 07342 240715

There will be no meetings for the remainder of this year, due to personal reasons, and Norma will continue to keep in contact with current group members.

LATIN

Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

Next meeting [Monday 30 October 10-12pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich.

MUSIC

Phil Page 0121 682 5249

Next meeting [Wednesday 18 October 2-4pm](#) Gayton Road Community Centre, Training Room
Varied programme this month with musical theatre, new classical recordings, a trip down memory lane, and another comedy regarding an important retail outlet. Phil.

OUTINGS/HOLIDAYS

Ann Wyle 0121 553 0183 / 07789 776441

****Thursday 9 November Chatsworth House/Gardens/Christmas Market.** Cost £45pp covers timed entrance to Chatsworth House, gardens, Christmas market and coach fare. **Full payment TODAY.**

****Thursday 7 December 3-course Christmas Lunch at Marsh Farm.** Includes short stop in Lichfield. Please put your name down if interested. **Cost £35pp, £5 deposit today, Full payment NOVEMBER.**

**** Thursday 22 February 2024 3-course lunch. at Birmingham College of Food.** Cost £20pp. If interested, please put your name on the list. **£5 deposit to secure your place.** Transport NOT provided.

HOLIDAY - hoping to arrange a holiday in 2024, just waiting for the new brochures.

STROLLERS

Mike Matthews 0121 357 9018 / 07710 170099

Thursdays at 10.30am. Meet at RSPB entrance Tanhouse Ave, Great Barr. Nothing strenuous or difficult, and we finish with a nice drink at the RSPB coffee shop. **No official walks 12 October & 9 November.**

SWIMMING

Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

Wednesdays 8.30-9.30 West Bromwich Leisure Centre, small pool. **Do try and come along and join us, nothing formal, just easy exercise.** Drinks available from Reception and car park fee refunded at Reception. Sandwell residents free with proof of residency [council tax bill, utility bill].

THEATRE

Peggy Desorgher 0121 358 5093 / 07929 932362

No theatre visits planned at the moment.

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

Linda Price 0121 532 6115 / 07849 900198

Next meeting [Monday 6 November 2-4pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. All welcome to come along.

- **Meetings held at West Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Road, West Bromwich B71 1QS**
- **There will be a £2 charge at each meeting to cover additional room hire charges.**
- **NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 13 November 1.30 for 2pm start. Speaker is Marina Masich, talking about the History of the Ukraine. PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM, SO PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR DIRECTION SIGNS.**