

NOVEMBER 2023

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SPEAKER TODAY: Christine Gregory - How other countries celebrate Remembrance Day. Welcome to you all, and for those visiting us today we hope you enjoy our meeting and decide to come along again. Our quiz last month was very successful. We got our thinking caps on and had a bit of fun. Hope you enjoyed it, and we will do it again soon. Meanwhile, have a good afternoon and see you in December. Sandwell u3a Committee send best wishes to you all.

- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £15 per person January to December. For those joining today the fee is £7.50 until 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 BIRTHDAYS BETWEEN TODAY AND OUR NEXT MEETING ON 11 DECEMBER**
NOVEMBER – 14th Jackie Williams, 18th Irene Page, 19th Janet Bailey, 27th Mike Matthews, 30th Peggy Desorgher. Have a lovely day. Let us know if there are any events you would like put in Newsroundup.
- **LOTTERY** Congratulations October winners Sue Clothier, Pat Stevens, Jackie Williams and random draw winners Pat Brown and Chris Prior. **Next payment due December £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 October winners: Christine Blakesley, Joan Burns, Jackie Coleman, Doreen Cooper, Christine Stevens and 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** we spent a lovely day at the Black Country Museum, reminding ourselves how we lived in our early years, and calling up old memories. A very good day out and thanks to Mike for organising this. **Message from Rosemary Bailey "my thanks to everyone who was so kind when I fell at the Museum, especially 'the pushers', as I am not a lightweight! Sandwell u3a reigns supreme once again"**. We also visited Chatsworth House to see the beautiful decorations in the house, the gardens, the farm, and enjoy the Christmas Market and all their free samples! We all had a really enjoyable day, and fortunately the rain kept off, although it was cold!
- **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 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 Catchpole, Phil Page
Vice Chairman - Ivan Wyle
Treasurer - Brenda Evans
Speakers' Secretary - Alan Hobson
Group Liaison Officer - Pat Stevens

INTEREST GROUPS – group leader contact details below. If you require more information, please speak to our Group Liaison Officer, Pat Stevens or our Group Leaders. 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 13 November 10.30-12.30pm](#) 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 4 December 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 No more meetings until April 2024.

GERMAN

Judith Ridgway 0121 360 6152 / 07490 488144

Next meeting [Thursday 23 November 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 20 November 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 27 November 10-12pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich.

MUSIC

Phil Page 0121 682 5249

Next meeting [Wednesday 22 November 2-4pm](#) Gayton Road Community Centre, Training Room
Missed you all last month when I was struck down by Covid. Next week's programme is a combination of the best pieces from the October and November selections. It's the last session for 2023 so why not join us for a dose of musical therapy. You are all very welcome.

OUTINGS/HOLIDAYS

Ann Wyle 0121 553 0183 / 07789 776441

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

****Thursday 7 December 3-course Christmas Lunch at Marsh Farm.** Includes short stop in Lichfield. Please put your name down if interested. **Cost £35pp. Full payment TODAY with your menu choice.**

**** Thursday 22 February 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.

**** Thursday 18 April Shakespeare Distillery, Stratford on Avon.** Guided Distillery tour/sampling then free time in Stratford. Cost includes transport and tour £35pp. **£5 deposit.** See Ann or Pat if interested.

**** HOLIDAY – Saturday 22-Wednesday 26 June 2024,** 5 days half board at the Cavendish Hotel, Exmouth with Alfa Travel. Cost £385.00pp includes transport and excursions. If you are interested please see Ann today. £25.00pp deposit required. **Only double and twin rooms available.**

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 walk 7 December.**

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 4 December 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 11 December 1.30 for 2pm start. Tom Hayes will be singing for us. We will have a buffet of vegetarian samosas, sausage rolls, mince pies, raspberry Victoria sponge, lemon cake, plus tea/coffee. Don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper too if you have one. If you have a gift to donate to the Sandwell Young Carers, please bring it along to give to their representative today. Please mark the gift for a boy or girl and relevant age. THANK YOU.**