

Newsroundup

Sandwell u3a

DECEMBER 2023

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TOM HAYES will entertain us today with some well-known songs to remind us that Christmas is nearly upon us, some of which we may be able to sing along too.

A representative from Sandwell Young Carers will be here to receive gifts you have donated. On their behalf, we would like to thank you all for your generosity. Hope you all have a lovely afternoon, enjoy the entertainment and food [provided by SIPS], and we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year from the Sandwell u3a Committee.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Application forms will be issued at the January meeting when payment is due. Annual Membership [January to December] £15.00pp. For more information see Mike Matthews [Membership Secretary] at the Reception Desk, or ring on 0121 357 9018 / 07710 170099.

- 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 8 JANUARY 2024

DECEMBER – 18th Phil Page, 20th Brenda Baker, 26th Carol Green. **JANUARY** 6th Dave Cooper who will be 80 years old – **CONGRATULATIONS DAVE.** Have a lovely day all of you and please let us know if there are any events you would like put in Newsroundup.

- LOTTERY** Congratulations November winners Pat Brown, Alan Hobson, David Light and Dennis Webb. **Payment due today £5.00** for 10 weeks [50p per week]. More information from Brenda or Janet.

LUCKY DRAW

You were given a numbered ticket when you arrived, and they will be drawn out during the meeting. Prizes will be given out as follows: first ticket drawn gets prize number one, the second gets prize number two etc. Good luck everyone. **Raffle** – no raffle today, but Congratulations to November winners: Diane Axford, Joan Burns, Chris Burgess, Doreen Cooper, Martin Roebuck, Pat Stevens.

- SINCE OUR LAST MEETING** we enjoyed a superb Christmas lunch at Marsh Farm in a lovely atmosphere, served by very friendly and helpful staff who made us very welcome. A short stop beforehand in Lichfield in the rain, but otherwise a very enjoyable day.
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE ANY USED POSTAGE STAMPS OR SPECTACLES?** If so, please see **Janet Bailey** and **Paul Medhurst** who are collecting them for charity. **All donations welcome.**

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.

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER FOR ART, COMPUTERS, GREEK, ITALIAN, LATIN, MUSIC

ART Next meeting [Wednesday 17 January 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 5 February 10am](#) 104 Stanton Rd, Gt Barr. December meeting has already taken place. If you need any help with your laptop, tablet or 'phone, please come along, 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 21 December 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 15 January 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

Norma will keep in contact with current group members.

LATIN

Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

Next meeting [Monday 29 January 10-12pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich.

MUSIC

Phil Page 0121 682 5249

Next meeting [Wednesday 17 January 2-4pm](#) Gayton Road Community Centre,

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 22 February 3-course lunch. at Birmingham College of Food. £5 deposit. Cost £20. Transport is not provided. We now have a waiting list for this lunch.**

**** 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.

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.

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

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 5 February 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 8 January 1.30 for 2pm start, in the Ballroom.**

Max Keane will be talking about 'King Richard. The Third Murderer or Loyal Brother?'

