

TODAY IS OUR A.G.M. and members will be able to vote to elect the 2024 Su3a Committee. This will be followed by tea/coffee and cakes, and a fun musical quiz from Phil.

Welcome everyone to our AGM, and for visitors we hope you enjoy our meeting, although it is a little different to our normal meetings, and you like us enough to become members of our very friendly group. You will find a list of our interest groups over the page, and our existing committee members are always here if you would like any further information about us. We are a very friendly bunch, and enjoy learning and social activities. **Best wishes to you all from the Sandwell u3a Committee.**

- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £15 per person, is due TODAY and application forms are available from Mike 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. Thank you.**
- **SINCE OUR LAST MEETING**
Our interest groups have got back into the swing of things, and we would like to mention that the Italian group is now up and running again now that Norma is well enough to run this. Thank you Norma. Our meetings will be based in the Ballroom until September and we are trying to confirm that we can use the GP room after then. If you do have a mobility issue, there is a little lift to the Ballroom but you have to request a member of the Gayton Road staff to assist you. Please let us know if you have any problems.
- **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS BETWEEN TODAY AND OUR NEXT MEETING ON 11 MARCH**
March – 5th Mavis Catchpole, 10th Ann Wyle. Remember, if you would like us to print birthdays or any other celebration in Newsroundup, please let Ann Wyle know.
- **LOTTERY**
Congratulations to our January winners: , plus random draw winners **Next payment £5 due TODAY [and apologies for putting March in the last Newsroundup]** which covers 10 weeks (£0.50 per week). Please see Brenda or Janet at the lottery table.
- **RAFFLE, JIGSAWS and LUCKY DRAW WINNERS**
***Raffle tickets** can be purchased from Mavis or Ann Medhurst, 50p each. Congratulations to January winners Diane Axford, Pat Neale, Joan Richardson,
***Jigsaws.** We would welcome new jigsaws but PLEASE make sure all the pieces are there and in a bag inside the box. **Thank you** for donating them..
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2024.** Today is your opportunity to vote for members who have put their name forward to join the Su3a Committee. All candidates are volunteers and give their time freely to ensure the smooth running of all activities for members. We would like to thank members of the existing committee [see below] for their hard work, and also thank you for supporting them. Pat Stevens has decided not to re-join the committee and we would like to thank her for her hard work as Group Liaison Officer and Meet and Greet lady.
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE 2023 AGM FOR RE-ELECTION TODAY**
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, vacant post
Mavis Catchpole, Phil Page

INTEREST GROUPS – group leader contact details are given 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 Pat Stevens, our Group Liaison Office, who will be able to help you. Group Leaders will also be available today if you wish to speak to them direct.

ART Next meeting [Wednesday 21 February 10.30-12.30pm](#) 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 4 March 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.

GERMAN

Judith Ridgway 0121 360 6152 / 07490 488144

Next meeting [Thursday 22 February 10am](#) Central Library, West Bromwich

GREEK

Chris Prior 07816 059527 chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk

Next meeting [Monday 19 February 10am](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. You are welcome to come along and learn a little Greek, perhaps for your holiday this year!

ITALIAN

Norma Priest 0121 588 7716 / 07342 240715

Next meeting [Wednesday 14 February 10am](#) The Pavilion Dartmouth Park

More information from Norma at today's meeting.

LATIN

Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

Next meeting [Monday 26 February 10-12pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich

MUSIC

Phil Page 0121 682 5249

Next meeting [Wednesday 21 February 2-4pm](#) Café, Gayton Road Community Centre, West Bromwich.

OUTINGS **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. Cost £20 PAY IN**

FULL TODAY. Transport not provided. LUNCH IS NOW FULLY BOOKED.

**** 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.

**** Thursday 4 July Coughton Court, Alcester.** Cost includes transport, introductory talk, self-guided tour of house and gardens. **Cost to be advised, but NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS ONLY PAY FOR TRANSPORT. £5 deposit, full payment by June.**

**** VERY EARLY NOTICE. Tuesday 17 December,** The Down Inn, Bridgnorth. 3-course carvery lunch, entertainment Cost £32pp includes transport. Please put your name down 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, no hills, and we finish with a nice drink at the RSPB coffee shop. **There will be no organised walk**

Thursday 22 February due to our visit to the Birmingham College of Food.

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

No theatre dates arranged 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 March 2-4pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich.

- **NEXT MEETING - Monday 11th March 2024, 1.30 for 2pm start. The speaker will be John Homer 'Anything and Everything Black Country'**
- **There will be a £2 charge at each meeting to cover additional room hire charges.**