

SPEAKER TODAY: John Butterworth will tell us about 'The Nurse who changed Guinea Bissau'.

Welcome everyone and we hope you enjoy the afternoon. For any visitors today, all our activities are detailed in Newsroundup, and on line, so please take a look and come along again, you will be very welcome. **The Sandwell u3a Committee send best wishes to you all.**

- **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £15 per person.** 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 AND ANNIVERSARIES BETWEEN TODAY AND OUR NEXT MEETING**
June – 21st Annette Welch. **Congratulations.** If you would like us to print birthdays or other celebrations in Newsroundup, please let Ann Wyle know.
- **LOTTERY**
Congratulations May winners Sue Clothier, Ann Hobson, David Light, Andrew Lowe, Dennis Webb.
Next payment JULY £5.00 covers 10 weeks [50p per week]. More information from Brenda or Janet.
- **RAFFLE and JIGSAWS**
***Raffle** – tickets 50p each from Mavis or Ann. Prize donations very welcome, thank you.
***Jigsaws** - we now have a lot of jigsaws that you can borrow, or keep, but are running out of storage space, so please don't bring any more at the moment. **Thank you** for your donations in the past.
- **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** – here is a link to the Sandwell MBC Scam Awareness site. Please take a look as there is some very useful information there <https://sandwell.gov.uk/scams> There are leaflets at the front of the hall which you can display in your window to deter cold callers, please take one. There will also be information about scam awareness displayed on the overhead before the meeting.
- **SINCE OUR LAST MEETING**
A group of us spent the day at RAF Cosford and enjoyed it very much. We saw lots of aircraft from WWII which had been restored, both British, American and German, and read a lot about how they were used as well as all the people involved. A very interesting Museum to visit, and you can even take a 4D ride and be a Red Arrows Pilot for a few minutes! Well worth a visit – and it's free to go in too.
- **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:
Vice Chairman - Ivan Wyle
Treasurer - Brenda Evans
Speakers' Secretary - Alan Hobson
Group Liaison Officer - Pat Stevens
Mavis Catchpowle, Phil Page

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 21 June 10.30-12.30pm](#) Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre for some outdoor sketching. 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 [Tuesday 4 July 10am](#) 104 Stanton Rd, Gt Barr. If you need any help with your laptop, tablet or 'phone, come along and we will try to help you.

CROWN GREEN BOWLING

Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

Next meeting [Thursday 22 June 2-4pm](#) Dartmouth Links Bowling Club, near WBA ground, no charge. Tea/coffee available. You can also go along on **Tuesdays between 10-12noon, cost £2.50.**

GERMAN

Judith Ridgway 0121 360 6152 / 07490 488144

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

GREEK

Chris Prior 07816 059527 chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk

Next meeting [Monday 10 July 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

Next meeting [Wednesday 14 June 10am](#) the Pavilion, Dartmouth Park.

LATIN

Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

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

MUSIC

Phil Page 0121 682 5249

Once again, our venue at Central Library is not available, so we will be moving to our "new" venue from this month here at Gayton Road [Training Room]. Unfortunately, Monday afternoons are not available so we are moving to Wednesdays. **The next meeting will be Wednesday 21 June 2-4pm as usual.**

Programme details will be given today.

OUTINGS

Ann Wyle 0121 553 0183 / 07789 776441

****Thursday 29 June 2023 trip to Jodrell Bank Visitor Centre.** Cost £33.00pp including transport, Dome Show presentation and free time to look around the Centre. Please see Ann or Pat to book your place. £5 deposit today, **pay in full TODAY latest.**

****Thursday 9 November 2023 Chatsworth House/Gardens/Christmas Market.** Cost £45pp covers timed entrance to Chatsworth House, gardens, Christmas market and coach fare. **£5 deposit** will secure your seat and if you wish to pay in instalments, please see Ann or Pat.

****Thursday 7 December 2023 Christmas Lunch at Marsh Farm.** Will include a stop in Lichfield. Please put your name down if interested. **Cost to be advised, deposits collected nearer the date.**

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 Thursday 29 June.**

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 3 July 2-4pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich.

You are very welcome to come and join us.

- **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 10 July 1.30 for 2pm start. Speaker Cas Bailey, 'Handcuffs to Hot Glass'**