

SPEAKER TODAY: Cas Graham will tell us all about 'Handcuffs to Hot Glass'

Welcome everyone and we hope you enjoy the afternoon. For any visitors today, all our activities are detailed in Newsroundup, and on line. Please take a look and come along again, you will be very welcome. As Ann and Alan are not here today, Brenda and Ivan will be stepping into their shoes once again to look after you. **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**
Unfortunately we don't know of any birthdays etc., for this period, but please let us know if there are any events you would like us to publicise in future editions of Newsroundup.
- **LOTTERY**
Congratulations June winners Christine Burgess, Janet Dearn, Phil Page, and random draw winner Peggy Desorgher. **Next payment 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. Congratulations June winners: Dave Cooper, Janet Dearn, Carol Greene, Paul Medhurst, Joan Richardson, Christine Stevens. Prize donations welcome, thank you.
***Jigsaws** – if you have jigsaws to donate, please bring them along as our stocks have depleted.
- **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> There are leaflets at the front of the hall which you can display in your window to deter cold callers, please take one.
- **SINCE OUR LAST MEETING**
A group of us spent the day at the Jodrell Bank Observatory where we learned about its' history through films and presentations, and really enjoyed a fascinating insight into the far distant universe and what may be out there! Great day, lovely weather, and very good company. An enjoyable day out.
- **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 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 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 19 July 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 7 August 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 27 July 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 27 July 10am](#) Central Library, West Bromwich

GREEK

Chris Prior 07816 059527 chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk

Next meeting [Monday 17 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

There will be no meetings in July or August. Norma will keep in contact with group members about future meetings.

LATIN

Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

Next meeting [Monday 31 July 10-12pm](#) Central Library, West Bromwich. **No meeting in August.**

MUSIC

Phil Page 0121 682 5249

Next meeting [Wednesday 19 July 2-4pm](#) Training Room, West Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Rd. Join us in our new venue for an afternoon of music therapy. The programme includes some old favourites, together with new recordings of all types of music.

OUTINGS

Ann Wyle 0121 553 0183 / 07789 776441

****Thursday 17 August day trip to Weston-Super-Mare.** Cost to be advised but will be no more than £20 per person, and will depend whether there is enough interest for the trip to go ahead. Timings approx. leave West Bromwich 8am, leave Weston 6pm. **£5 deposit today, full payment at August meeting.**

****Thursday 9 November 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 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.

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

[Saturday 30 September, 3pm. 'The Witching Hour' at the Blue Orange Theatre.](#) Peggy is hoping to book this so please give your name to her if interested.

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 7 August 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 14 AUGUST 1.30 for 2pm start, when our speaker will be Rob Broadbent, talking about 'Over and Under the Rowley Hills'**