**Newsroundup Sandwell u3a**

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 **Website:** u3asites.org.uk/Sandwell

**SPEAKER TODAY: Rob Broadbent, talking about ‘Over and Under the Rowley Hills’**

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. **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**
**AUGUST** – 24th Sheila Rigby, 28th Cath Mills. **SEPTEMBER** – 9th Ann and Ivan Wyle will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to them all. Please let us know if there are any events you would like us to publicise in future editions of Newsroundup.
* **LOTTERY**Congratulations July winners Jackie Coleman and Ian Roberts, and random draw winners Pat Brown and Joan Burns. **Next payment at OCTOBER meeting £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 July winners: Diane Axford, Chris Blakesley, Dave Cooper, Pat Neale, Christine Stevens, 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** our committee have been busy organising speakers for meetings, sorting out Christmas party plans, getting ideas for day trips and a holiday next year, and making sure all our group leaders and members are happy with everything at Su3a. If you have any suggestions for activities from members, just see one of our committee members [see below]. We are here for you.
* **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 **Vice Chairman** - Ivan Wyle
**Secretary** - Ann Wyle **Treasurer** - Brenda Evans

**Membership Secretary** - Mike Matthews **Speakers’ Secretary** - Alan Hobson
**Communications Officer** - Sue Clothier **Group Liaison Officer** - Pat Stevens
**Other Committee Members:** 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 16 August 10.30-12.30pm** meet at The Oak House. 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 September 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 24 August 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 24 August 10am** Central Library, West Bromwich

**GREEK** **Chris Prior** 07816 059527 chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk

Next meeting **Monday 21 August 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

**No meeting in August**. Norma will keep in contact with group members about future meetings.

**LATIN** **Sue Clothier** 0121 588 4164

Next meeting **Monday 25 September 10-12pm** Central Library, West Bromwich. **No meeting in August due to bank holiday.**

**MUSIC** **Phil Page** 0121 682 5249

Next meeting **Wednesday 23 August 2-4pm** Training Room, WB Community Centre, Gayton Rd. Another afternoon of remembering and discovering music of all kinds, including tributes to two stars who passed away last month. A chance to LISTEN to music rather than just hear it.

**OUTINGS**  **Ann Wyle** 0121 553 0183 / 07789 776441

**\*\*Thursday 17 August day trip to Weston-Super-Mare.** **Cost £25pp FULL PAYMENT TODAY.**

**\*\*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. **Full payment in October.**

**\*\*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, £5 deposit will secure your place.**

**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 17 August.**

**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 9 September 2.30pm ‘Noises Off’ at the Birmingham rep.** Tickets £27.50 and £30.00 ready for collection.

**\*\*Saturday 30 September, 3pm. ‘The Witching Hour’ at the Blue Orange Theatre.** Tickets £11.00.Please give your name to Peggy 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 4 September 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 11 September 1.30 for 2pm start, when our speaker will be David Clark talking about ‘Tracks Banned by the BBC’.**