

Newsroundup

September 2019



Speaker: KATHRYN WOOD, Trading Standards Officer, Sandwell MBC 'Trading Standards and Scams'

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Welcome to our meeting everyone. For more information about our activities, Group Leaders or Peggy Membership/Group Liaison Officer, will be pleased to help you. U3A members are eligible to use facilities offered by The Third Age Trust [www.u3a.org.uk] including activities and resources available through them. Interest group meeting dates for mid-September/early October are listed overleaf, our website gives more details. Groups have interesting names – please read carefully.

SPECIAL NOTE 1. When you put your name down for an outing, lunch club, or theatre visit, £5.00 pp non-refundable deposit must be paid and full payment made before the event takes place.

SPECIAL NOTE 2. Were you aware that if you need to ring 999 and are unable to speak for any reason, you should then press **55** which will alert the operator to this fact, otherwise they will put the phone down, assuming no-one is there and it may have been a hoax call.

SPECIAL NOTE 3. CHRISTMAS PARTY. Monday 9 December at the Mercure Birmingham West Hotel [same place as last year, hotel has changed its name]. The cost of the meal will be £12 for members, and £18 for non-members. Please see Mavis or Brenda to book your place.

Lottery – Congratulations to our August winners: Joan Richardson, Dennis Webb, Jackie Williams, Ann Wyle. Please see Cynthia or Olwen on the Lottery table if you would like to have a go. One £6.50 payment covers 13 weeks [50p per week] - **the next payment is due in November.**

Raffle tickets 50p each from Linda, the draw will take place at the end of the meeting.

Trusted Traders – details from Sue. We are always looking to update our list of traders so if you have any recommendations please see Sue and complete one of the forms on the table.

'Talking Newspaper' – if you can volunteer to help, please see Peter Beasley or Sue Clothier.

“SO WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING SINCE OUR LAST MEETING?”

- * We held our first **Line Dancing group** at the Town Hall with our new leader Lesley Naughton. It was an enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to the next session in October.
- * Belated congratulations to **Pat and Norman Hares** who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, and received a very nice card from the Queen. Congratulations from us all.
- * Congratulations to **Win Guest**, a founder member of SU3A, who celebrates her 100th birthday today [9 September]. Happy Birthday Win, from us all.

AT YOUR REQUEST – If there are any special occasions, events or good news stories in your life happening soon that you would like to share with other members, please let me know and I will put a note in 'newsroundup' for you. Thanks, Ann [Wyle]

****Please refrain from chatting amongst yourselves during announcements and presentations as this may distract people who are trying to listen. Please switch off or put mobile phones on 'silent' during meetings. At 2pm all tables will close so that helpers can join the meeting; they will reopen at the end.**

Have a good journey home, hope to see you at 1.30pm on Monday 14 October when Alan Thornton will tell us about 'A Day in the life of a Seaside Hotelier.'

INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS PRIOR TO OUR NEXT MEETING [Monday 14 October]

'SPLASH OF COLOUR-ART' Wednesday 18 September, Town Hall, [the group is not facilitator led, members help each other]. We will be looking at memories of summer, using any medium. Contact Janet Linney 0121 588 3543

'ALL THINGS I.T.' Monday 7 October 10-12noon 104 Stanton Road, Great Barr. All welcome so bring your laptop, i-pad or tablet and we will try to solve any problems you may have. Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

'BOWLS ON THE GREEN' Thursday 12 September 2-4pm Dartmouth Ladies Bowling Club, West Bromwich. All welcome, please wear flat shoes. Tea/Coffee/biscuit break at half time. Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

'LET'S BEGIN WITH GERMAN' Thursday 26 September 10-12noon Town Hall, West Bromwich. This is a relatively new group for beginners which needs your support, so please come along. Judith Ridgeway 07490 488144

'STEP BACK IN TIME' HISTORY/ENVIRONMENT Tuesday 24 September 2-4pm West Bromwich Town Hall. Tony Fowler 0121 358 1938

'IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME!' Monday 16 September 10-12noon Central Library, West Bromwich. Do come along and learn some easy phrases and words for your holidays, you will be very welcome. Chris Prior 07816 059527

'BOWLING INDOORS' Every Tuesday 11am Leisure Centre, West Bromwich. Meet in the Coffee Bar at the Centre and enjoy a fun game of bowls. Cost £2 pp. Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

'WHEN IN ROME' ITALIAN Wednesday 11 September 10-12.45pm The Pavilion, Dartmouth Park. Following the main session there will be a conversation class from 12-12.45pm. Norma Priest 0121 588 7716

'ANCIENT ROMAN' LATIN Monday 30 September 10-12noon Kenrick Park Community Centre. All welcome to come along. Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

'BOOK WORMS' LITERATURE Tuesday 10 September 2-4pm Community Room, Central Library, West Bromwich. Bring along a favourite poem to share. Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

'LET'S DO LUNCH'. SEE SPECIAL NOTE 1 OVERLEAF. Thursday 24 October, meet at 12.30pm at the Halfpenny Farm restaurant, Wolverhampton Road [nr Birchley Island]. Carvery £4.99 small plate, £6.99 large plate. Pay individually at the restaurant. Please see Sylvia to book your place. Sylvia Waters 0121 421 3541 / 07706 428184

'STRICTLY COME LINE DANCING' Friday 18 October 1.30-3pm Town Hall, West Bromwich. Do come along and join our new group led by Lesley Naughton, bit of fun, beginners very welcome. Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

'FESTIVAL OF FOLK MUSIC' Monday 16 Sept 2-4pm Council Chamber, Town Hall, West Bromwich. Featured album of the month includes over 100 folk songs, some traditional, centuries old, others more recently written in the UK and America. Over the years many classical composers were influenced by folk music of their own country or places they visited. Put together they form an afternoon "Folk Festival" with a bit of "skiffle" for nostalgic measure. Phil Page-0121 682 5249

'DAYTRIPPERS' SEE SPECIAL NOTE 1 OVERLEAF.

** Thursday 19 September BUZZARDS VALLEY VINEYARD, Sutton Coldfield, and Afternoon Tea at PIGEONS PARLOUR Tea Rooms, Great Barr. Cost £35pp includes vineyard tour/wine tasting/afternoon tea/travel. Payment in full today please. Two places remaining. Ann Wyle 0121 553 0183 / 07789 776441

** Thursday 28 November ABBEY CWM HIR, Llandrindod Wells. £35pp, transport/house tour £5 deposit today please

** Friday 6 December STRATFORD ON AVON Christmas Market. £12pp transport. £5 deposit today please.

** Thursday 19 December MARSH FARM CHRISTMAS LUNCH and CURBOROUGH CRAFT CENTRE. £27pp includes transport, visit to Curborough Craft Centre and 4-course lunch. £5 deposit today, pay in full at December meeting.

'READ ALONG WITH PAT' PLAY READING Thursday 26 September 2-4pm West Bromwich Central Library. All very welcome to come along. Pat Perry 0121 558 1857

'WATER BABIES' SWIMMING FOR THE 50+ Every Tuesday, Leisure Centre, W.Brom. 50+ sessions in teaching pool 8.30-9.30am. Sandwell residents free, otherwise concession rates apply. Ann Hobson 0121 358 1662 / 07595 987974

'MARTIAL ART' TAI CHI Every Tuesday 1.15-3pm The Pavilion, Dartmouth Park. All welcome to join our friendly group. NO SESSION 10 SEPTEMBER Ivan Wyle 0121 553 0183 / 07712 250963

'SHOWTIME'. SEE SPECIAL NOTE 1 OVERLEAF Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton. Saturday 9 November 2.30pm 'A Taste of Honey', £25pp. names to Peggy today please. Peggy Desorgher 0121 358 5093

'PLINKY, PLONKY' UKULELE GROUP Mondays 16 September and 7 October 2-4pm Council Chamber, Town Hall, West Bromwich. Come along, learn how to play or improve your technique. Linda Price 0121 532 6115 / 07905 255251

'MIND AND BODY' YOGA Every Tuesday 11am-1pm The Pavilion, Dartmouth Park. All welcome to join and maybe stay for Tai Chi afterwards. NO SESSION 10 SEPTEMBER Ivan Wyle 0121 553 0183 or 07712 2250963