

Committee Notices

Happy New Year!

Notice of AGM

Members will shortly be receiving notification that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be taking place at the general meeting on Wednesday, 26 March 2025. This provides members with the minimum 28 days notice as required by the constitution.

All positions held by the current executive committee will become vacant in order that a new committee for the year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 can be filled. This does not disallow current committee members from standing in order to continue to serve on the committee for a further year. Proposers and seconders on nomination forms cannot be current members of the committee.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is a requirement of the constitution that the three executive positions on the committee i.e. chairman, secretary and treasurer are filled.

If any of these positions are not filled the Castle Bromwich u3a group will not be conforming with its constitution and therefore will cease to function.

Members have already been informed that Dave Abbott is standing down as chairman at the AGM and will no longer be a member of the committee.

It is most important therefore that all members give serious consideration to serving on the committee and in particular to the filling of the three executive positions.

Christmas Lunch

A most successful Christmas lunch took place on Thursday, 12th December at the Grimscote Manor Hotel.

On behalf of members, the committee would like to thank Ros Williams and Josie Palmer for all of their hard work in arranging the event which was most successful, and a good time was had by all.



Please forward any information, photographs to share or group updates to Marion Ridsdill at mridsdill@hotmail.co.uk or use the group email castleu3a7@gmail.com

Groups Information

Astronuts

Monday: date to be confirmed

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

**Facilitators: Dawn Passant
and Frank Hill**



Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 3 February, 2:00pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 4 February, 1:00 pm

Bring your paints, sewing project or any craft activity you are working on.

Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Curry Club

Tuesday 4 February, 7 pm

For our February Curry Club, we would like to suggest a new venue after having a lovely meal there last week. It is Spicewoods, by the Ice Rink on Hobs Moat Lane. The venue is very pleasant, and the manager and staff are most welcoming and there is plenty of parking. (Which is free when you put your registration on the screen in the restaurant.)

The cost of the meal, which includes poppadom, starter, rice or naan and coffee is £20 **but** this includes anything on the menu, so there is no extra charge for salmon, other fish, king prawns etc!

The restaurant is licensed but you can take your own drinks, as we did last week.

We are aware it is a little further away, but the route is straightforward, via the Radleys and just across the Coventry Road.

Please let me know if you would like to come and also if you are willing to offer a lift or would like a lift there.

Thank you

Email barbaraanndurrant@gmail.com

Facilitator Barbara Durrant

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 5 February, 10:00 am

Shard End Library

Everyone welcome

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

BSL Group (British Sign Language) Group

Thursday 6 and 20 February 10:00 till 12:00 noon.

There is a small charge (£2.00) to help with the room hire.

Tea, Coffee and Bikkies provided.

For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com



(currently hosted by Sue Mitchell and Katrina)

Facilitators: Frank and Katrina

Poetry Group

Friday, 7th February, 2:00pm on, usual venue.

The theme will be 'Winter'

We are a small group with an interest in poetry which we find in advance of the meeting based on the theme and we read it aloud to the group.

The meeting usually lasts a couple of hours, refreshments are provided at the halfway point. Please contact Dave & Helen Abbott on 0121 770 1538 if you are interested in joining us.

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

Digital Photography

Monday 10 February

1:00 till 3:30 pm

We are currently meeting at a member's house, so number are limited at present, but if anyone is wishing to show their photos can contact me either at the General Meeting or via our CBU3a email: castleu3a7@gmail.com.

Facilitator: Frank Hill

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 11 February, 1:15 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 12 February, 10:00 am

Orchard Nursery' Water Orton Lane

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 13 February

Facilitators: June Conley

Table Tennis

Thursday 13 February 2:00 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Fridays, 14 and 28 February

10:15 for 10:30 start till 11:30

Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £3

You will need your own instrument and music stand

Facilitator: Graham Ridsdill

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19 February, 10:00 am

Arden Hall

All members are welcome to attend.

Ballet at the Cinema

The next screening from the Royal Opera House is *Swan Lake* on Thursday evening 27 February, with a repeat screening at some cinemas on Sunday afternoon 2 March.

There'll be a signing-on list at the January meeting.

Contact: Paulette Burkill

General Meetings

Wednesdays 29 January and 26 February

1:30 pm

Arden Hall

GM Speakers

30 January – Bob Brueton – Memories of Birmingham

26 February – John Wilson – Buddy Bags – Children fleeing violent situations

26 March – Annual General Meeting

The full list is published on the General Meeting page of the website.

Can we remind members that the hire of the Spencer Hall is until 4:00 pm. So as not to incur additional hire costs can we ask that members leave Arden Hall before 4:00 pm please.



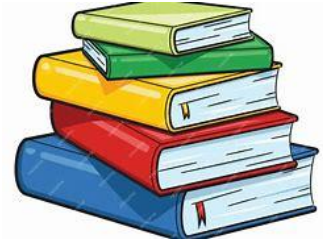
Refreshment Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the tea rota, please contact a committee member if you are able to help one month. There are guidelines/tips for the tea rota which is on the committee webpage [refreshmenttips.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/refreshmenttips.pdf)

GM Book Swap

Do you have any books/magazines you would like to swop?
If so, bring them to the General Meeting.

Facilitator: June Dadd



Yompers

Thursday 30 January

Meet at 9:30 am in second car park behind Arden Hall for car sharing.

The walk is around 4 miles and starts from the car park in Shadowbrook Lane Hampton in Arden. (Driving from Meriden, take the first road on the right after passing the Railway Station past the war memorial turn right under yellow height barrier into car park).

The route is along pavements, pasture fields with a few patches of surface mud most can be avoided, no high stiles or cattle.

Toilets only available at the halfway point, where picnic benches are also situated.

Please bring your own packed lunch and drinks, plus plastic bags or similar to sit on if benches are wet.

Please note I will not be able to lead the next two walks (Thursdays 27 Feb & 27 Mar) Diana might be able to help leading the walk in February, but I still require someone to lead a walk in March. Please let me know if you can help, I have plenty of walk books if anyone wants to use them.

Looking forward to seeing you all for the first walk of 2025.

Facilitator: Bob Dadd 07711608591

Railway and Railway Model Club

Thursdays 10:00 am until 1:00 pm

Model Club Cadbury Drive, Castle Vale, B35 7JE.

£3 to cover room rent and refreshments.

Come and have a look. You can choose which one(s) you would like to help with.

We go out to exhibitions and hold our own exhibition at Arden Hall in January as well as we have lots of other activities, outings etc. Come and have a look. Ladies welcome especially with craft and art skills to work on scenic (you might also want to play trains).

Group Facilitator Bob Brueton

Jotters Corner

Jotters Corner now has its own page on the new website: Head over to the site to find the latest stories. If you have any short stories to share, please email them to Marion.

Lunartics

This is a website-based group, and you will find lots of information on our u3a website page. Details on the CB website

Facilitator: Frank Hill

Quizzes

On the website the monthly quiz now has its own page. Find the previous quizzes plus the current months on the page.

This month quiz numbers 01 and 02.

Thank you to Roger Hateley for providing the quizzes.

Workshops and Members Organizing Interest Trips

If members are organizing CBu3a workshops or their interest group trips then can the organizer inform the Interest Group Co-ordinator, Elaine Johnson, of the project. This ensures that the event is noted and also in the unlikely event of an accident we can help process any insurance support that may be required. If trips are of a more extensive nature, then the Trips and Events Coordinator, Bob Brueton, is also to be informed. Please note that a risk assessment could be required to be completed to ensure that the event is undertaken safely for members and/or visitors.

Elaine Johnson

U3a Members welcome at these other Community Groups

Young at Heart Dancing

1.30 - 3.30 pm £3.00

At The Remembrance Club.

U3A members are always made welcome.

Organised by: Bob Brueton



Generations Choir

More choir members needed male and female. No auditions just enthusiasm and wanting to meet like-minded people and have lots of fun! Choir meets for rehearsals.

Thursdays 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Sanctuary Community Centre, Tangmere Drive, Castle Vale B35 7PX. Sing Gary Barlow's song plus Sea Shanties, plus more new songs. Several performances being planned. We also sing popular songs and from musicals. If you can talk you can sing!

U3A Members very welcome.

Organiser: Bob Brueton 07766923361