

Committee Notices

Notice of AGM

Members will have received 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.

Please note: A member who stands as Vice Chairman does not necessarily become Chairman next year'.

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.

Events

Quiz Night

24 April 2025

7 pm start

Tickets £6

Maximum 6 to a team

Including a ploughman's supper

Tea and coffee available

Bring your own alcohol

Aylesford Hall, Shard End, B34 7RU

Tickets from Marion 07701010152 or the Committee

Groups Information

New Group

Papercraft Interest Group

Hi, I am starting a papercraft group that will meet at the Methodist Church in Cat Lane, Shard End, B37 6PU. The first meeting will be on Monday 17th March from 1-3 pm. If there is enough interest it will then be held every third Monday of the month at that time. There will be a charge of £2.50 to cover the hire of the room and tea/coffee and biscuits. Anything money left over will be kept to help cover the rent if numbers are low and perhaps to purchase supplies for demonstrators.

I am by no means an expert and everything I have learnt is by watching crafters on TV, Pinterest and YouTube, so hopefully we will all learn from each other.

For the first meeting I am aiming to bring enough supplies for us all to try Iris Folding. If you could just bring along some Sellotape and scissors that would be great. Some members have offered to take a turn in leading the group in different projects and other weeks you can bring your own projects to work on.

I am also hoping we can have a "Swap Box" where we can leave supplies we know we will never use but hopefully will be of use to someone else.

Please sign the sheet available at the General Meeting on Wednesday if you are interested.

P.S. A couple of ladies are hoping to come along and do some knitting instead, so if you'd rather do that please join us for a "Knit and Natter"

Thanks

Kath Buckley

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.

Contact: Paulette Burkill



Sunday Lunch

There'll be a list to sign at the general meeting if you want to be notified about our occasional Sunday lunch outings (not as regular as Curry Club). Numbers are usually limited to fewer than twenty, depending on the venue, so I only propose to notify those who might be interested in attending.

Contact: Paulette Burkill

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 3 March, 2:00pm

Ted Richards will be speaking to the group

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 4 March, 1:00 pm

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

Aylesford Hall

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 5 March, 10:00 am

Shard End Library

Everyone welcome

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

BSL Group (British Sign Language) Group

Thursday 6 and 20 March 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



Facilitators: Frank and Katrina

Poetry Group

Friday, 7 March, 2:00pm on, usual venue.

The theme is 'Nostalgia'.

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

Tuesday 18 March

1:00 till 3:30 pm

Our next project for March will be 'Tools'. The February project was 'Integrated Colour and Black and white'.

We are currently meeting at a member's house, so numbers 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 March, 1:15 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 12 March, 10:00 am

Orchard Nursery' Water Orton Lane

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 13 March

Facilitators: Jean Edwards

Thank you for taking this over Jean! (DA)

Table Tennis

Thursday 13 March 2:00 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price



u3a Strummers

Fridays, 14 and 28 March

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

Astronuts

Monday: 17 March, 10 am

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

**Facilitators: Dawn Passant
and Frank Hill**

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 19 March, 10:00 am
Arden Hall

All members are welcome to attend.

General Meetings

Wednesdays 26 February and 26 March
1:30 pm
Arden Hall

At the General Meetings we are running a rolling Power Point presentation that introduces the months speaker and gives information about Castle Bromwich U3A for members and visitors. This is also an opportunity for groups to introduce themselves to the wider membership. If group facilitators (or members) wish to present information to CBU3A about their group in the presentation then contact Frank Hill via our email: castleu3a7@gmail.com or at the General Meeting.

GM Speakers

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 [refreshmentstips.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://u3asites.org.uk/refreshmentstips.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

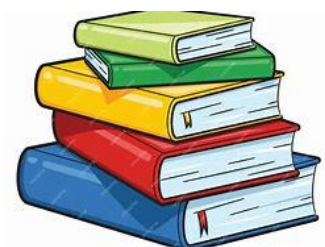
Yompers

February and March Walk details to be confirmed.

Facilitator: Bob Dadd 07711608591

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

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 October 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



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 03 and 04.

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

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