

Committee Notices

Membership fees reminder

Your £25.00 subscription should have been paid by the end of May but it's not too late. Please pay preferably by bank transfer to sort code 30 84 33, account number 23918560, remembering to add your name to the payment so we know who it is from, or alternatively by cheque payable to Castle Bromwich u3a which should be passed to the Treasurer. Your membership card will be issued once your subscription has been paid.

Castle Bromwich u3a website

Hope you have all had the chance to look at our new website (castlebromwich.u3asite.uk). It's informative and easy to navigate and we'll be adding photos, articles, and events all the time, together with the latest news and quizzes. If you have any ideas for further improving the website or if there is anything you think is missing, please let Marion or one of the Committee know.

Party in the Park

The Parish Council are again organising this event at Arden Hall playing fields on Saturday 19 July, 12-5pm. There'll be craft and food stalls, music and children's activities. Please come and support the event and your u3a, which will also have an information stall, and if you can spare a little time to help us, so much the better.

Fire Drill reminder

We will be carrying out a full fire drill and evacuation during one of our future meetings. When the fire alarm sounds, you will be required to exit the building as quickly as possible and go to the assembly point in the rear car park by the tennis courts. A roll call will take place and the fire drill will be managed by Arden Hall staff and our Committee members.

Don't forget that if you leave a general meeting early you must inform the ladies with the register who are located at the tables as you come in.

Later Live 28 June

Later Live planning at the Onward Club Chelmsley Wood 10:00 – 16:00
refreshments available and free.

Our U3A will have a stand there, an opportunity for us to get more members or for you to volunteer to help - please contact Paulette.

Paulette Burkill
Chairman

CBu3a has a new Facebook Page, please follow this link to join and post news
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Events

Bilston Market and Wolverhampton Trip

***** There are still places available *****

Friday July 18th

Bilston for giant market, continuing to Wolverhampton for the superb Art Gallery or City shops

Leaving Arden Hall 9:00 am

Leaving Wolverhampton 4:30 pm giving plenty of time to enjoy day and be back about 5:30 pm

Cost £12, payable in full to Bob Brueton or Diana Price



‘Bring a Friend for free’

Members are encouraged to bring a friend for free to the General Meeting on 25 June. If you have a friend or relative who is thinking about joining us please bring them along so that they can meet the group and get a feel for what goes on at our general meetings and so they can find out about our interest groups.

Groups Information

Curry Club

1 July, 7 pm

Bengal, 35 Castle Vale

Please contact Barbara for places available

Facilitator: Barbara Durrant

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 1 July, 1:00 pm, Aylesford Hall

Relaxed afternoon crafting, so bring your paints, sewing project or any craft activity you are currently working on.

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

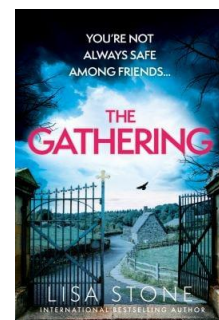
Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 2 July, 10:00 am

We will be discussing The Gathering by Lisa Stone

Everyone welcome

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill



BSL Group (British Sign Language) Group

Thursdays 3 and 17 July

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

For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Facilitators: Frank and Katrina

Poetry Group

Friday, 4 July, 2:00pm on, usual venue.

We are a small group with an interest in poetry which we find in advance of our meetings based one an agreed theme and we read pieces aloud to the group. The meeting usually lasts a couple of hours; refreshments are provided at the halfway point. The theme this month is Hobbies.

Please contact Dave & Helen Abbott on 0121 770 1538 if you are interested in joining us.

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 7 July, 2:00pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 10 July

Facilitators: Jean Edwards

Table Tennis

Thursday 10 July 2:00 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price



u3a Strummers

Fridays, 11 and 25 July

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: 14 July, 10 am

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

Facilitators: Dawn Passant and Frank Hill

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 16 July, 10:00 am

Gardner's Rest Tearoom, Orchard Nursery

Water Orton Lane

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Papercrafts and Knit and Natter Group

Monday 21 July

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

Join us for a different craft each month or just come and knit and natter.

Facilitator: Kath Buckley

Digital Photography

Tuesday 22 July

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

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 23 July, 10:00 am

Arden Hall

All members are welcome to attend

General Meetings

Wednesday 30 July

1:30 pm

Arden Hall

GM Speakers

25 June

David and Pam Humphries

Those dam tin cans!



30 July

Lynda Sharpe Flappers,

Fun and Fashion 1920's

The full list of speakers 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 speak to Sue Wilcox or Kath Buckley if you are able to help. 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: July Dadd



If group facilitators (or members) wish to present information to CBU3A about their group or activity in the presentation then contact Frank Hill via our email: castleu3a7@gmail.com or at the General Meeting

Yompers

Thursday 26th.June, meet at 9-30am. For car sharing in the second car park behind Arden Hall.

****Please Note** - The U3A have been warned not to park in the first car park behind

Arden Hall as it can affect others using the hall if left for there for hours, so Yompers should be alright as long as they use the second car park and don't stay too long. Most walks should be OK but if we have any extended walks or longer distances to travel then we might need to consider parking elsewhere.



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The walk starts from the car park Brueton Park Warwick road Solihull.

Parking is free for 3 hours, so try to leave getting a ticket until we are ready to start the walk if possible.

The Visitors building has toilets & Drinks, it should be open on a Thursday but closed on Monday and Tuesday owing to staff shortages. Please bring your own lunch & drinks.

The walk is around 5 miles on tarmac paths through the park, then pavements, grass footpath's & a canal

towpath on rest of walk.

Main hazards are crossing several busy roads, one road barrier to step over, and tripping over on the canal towpath or falling in the canal.

There are no steep hills or cattle.

We must watch the time as we only have 3 hours as displayed on you tickets which must be visible through the window screen.

Diana has set up a (Yompers (WhatsApp) so we can all hopefully find it easier to stay in touch with each other and check walk information.

Please contact Diana if you wish join us.

31 July

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.

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

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

Young at Heart Dancing

1.30 - 3.30 pm £4.00

At The Remembrance Club.

U3A members are always made welcome.

Organised by: Bob Brueton 07766923361



Heart of England Singers

Do you love singing? Are you looking for a welcoming community of music enthusiasts? Whether you're a seasoned performer or just love to sing in the shower, our choir is the perfect place to share your voice and passion for music!

Why Join Us?

Inclusive Atmosphere: All voices are welcome! No auditions required.



Fun Rehearsals: Weekly gatherings filled with joy, laughter, and music.

Exciting Performances: Showcase your talents at local events and concerts.

Grow Your Skills: Learn from experienced choir directors and develop your vocal ability.

Make Friends: Connect with a supportive community of music lovers.

Details:

Rehearsals: Every Monday at 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

Location: The Baptist Free Church, Land Lane, Marston Green, Birmingham B37 7DE

Who Can Join: Everyone! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

How to Join:

Simply show up at one of our rehearsals or contact us at 07853 841619 or

hoessecretary@gmail.com

You can also visit our website at <https://heartofenglandsingers.org.uk> for more information.

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