

Committee Notices

Membership Fees

Your £25.00 subscription was due by the end of May, 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 subs are paid.

Saturday 19 July - Party in the Park

The Parish Council will be holding a party in Arden Hall Park again this year and we'll be having a stall. Would you be willing to help, even for an hour, to talk to members of the public about our u3a? Please contact Paulette for more details (pjb2@hotmail.co.uk)

Speakers

Unfortunately, Ray couldn't give his planned talk in May but we were entertained by poet and former English teacher Bert Flitcroft, originally from Lancashire but now living in Lichfield. He was Staffordshire Poet Laureate 2015-17, and his poems reflected on life, family and even something as mundane as queuing for mushrooms in Sainsbury's.

Our June speakers will be Dave and Pam Humphries, talking about *Those damn tin cans*, known to us as prefabs.

Tradespeople Register

I'd like to start a register of recommended tradespeople who could do small or large jobs, from changing a washer to decorating, as well as any members with particular skills who'd be willing to offer help with things like sewing repairs. Many of us are unable to do such jobs and as someone who got ripped off on a small job last year, having a recommendation would be a great help. Please contact Paulette with any suggestions (pjb2@hotmail.co.uk).

Third Age Matters Magazine

Please let Kath Buckley or Sue Mitchell know if you wish to continue receiving this magazine, as we have to pay for them.

When you've finished with them, you could leave them at your local surgery/hospital or bring them along to the book table or an event like Party in the Park.

Paulette Burkill
Chairman

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

Two day trips booked as follows

Tuesday June 3rd

Moreton in Marsh for Market continuing to Bourton on the Water, a lovely Cotswold village

Leaving Arden Hall 9:00 am Departing Bourton 4:30 pm giving plenty of time to look around and be back about 5:30pm

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



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

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 2 June, 2:00pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 3 June, 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, 4 June, 10:00 am

We will be discussing The Gathering by Lisa Stone

Everyone welcome

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

BSL Group (British Sign Language) Group

Thursday 5 and 26 June 10:00 till 12:00 noon.

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, 6 June, 2:00pm on, usual venue.

We are a small group with an interest in poetry which we find in advance of our meetings based on 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.

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

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 11 June, 10:00 am

Gardner's Rest Tearoom, Orchard Nursery

Water Orton Lane

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 12 June

Facilitators: Jean Edwards

Table Tennis

Thursday 12 June 2:00 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Fridays, 13 and 27 June

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

Papercrafts and Knit and Natter Group

Monday 16 June

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

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

Facilitator: Kath Buckley

Digital Photography

Date to be confirmed

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 18 June, 10:00 am

Arden Hall

All members are welcome to attend

Evening Reading Group

Tuesday, 24 June

Facilitator: Barbara Durrant

General Meetings

Wednesday 25 June

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 [refreshmenttips.pdf \(u3asites.org.uk\)](https://castlebromwich.u3asite.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



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

26 June

Walk details to be confirmed.

Facilitator: Bob Dadd 07711608591

Curry Club

1 July

Venue to be confirmed

Facilitator: Barbara Durrant

Astronuts

Monday: 14 July, 10 am

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

Facilitators: Dawn Passant and Frank Hill

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 June 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 £4.00

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

University of Oxford research project

Dr Jonathan Taylor of the Nuffield Department of Population Health, is currently leading a research project (reviewed and approved by the University's Ethics Committee) exploring the health and wellbeing concerns of older adults who spent part of their childhood in residential or foster care. Please contact him if you would like more details or, have any questions
(Jonathan.Taylor@NDPH.ox.ac.uk or 01865 617 912)

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