

Committee Notices

Later Life Planning event - Saturday 28 June

We had a u3a stall at this event at The Onward Club in Chelmsley Wood, which was very poorly attended by the public, partly due to its location. However, we had some interesting chats with other stallholders and thanks to Michael and Helen for accompanying me.



Party in the Park - Saturday 19 July

Thank you to our helpers last Saturday, despite the awful weather that morning: Josie for providing the gazebo/small table/bottled water/sweets, Dave and Helen for publicity material and collecting/returning the bunting etc to Solihull Cluster, and Bob Dadd for the very useful side panels/table/mallet/string etc.



Thank you also to our afternoon volunteers: Barbara Durrant, Gillian Fitzpatrick, Carol Harper and Annette Lyndon-Smith. There was some interest from visitors to

the event, but often they were too young, still working or didn't live locally!

We might consider selling some of our book swap books next year, in an effort to attract interest to the stall, as the Lions Club might not take too kindly to another tombola so close to them! There are more photos on the cbu3a website.

Mayoral visit - 27 August

Frank and I recently attended a King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) Workshop at the Scout House in Brownsover Close which was also attended by the Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Annette Mackenzie, and Clive Stone, Lead Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands, who explained the criteria for nominations for this award, which is the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups rather than individuals.

The Mayor asked me about u3a after the formal part of the meeting and said she'd love to attend one of our general meetings and say a few words in the second half of the meeting. This has now been confirmed for Wednesday 27 August.

Membership

Despite the end of May deadline, the Treasurer will still be happy to take your payment of £25 by cheque payable to Castle Bromwich u3a, or you can send a bank transfer to sort code 30 84 33, account number 23918560, remembering to add your name to the payment reference. Your membership card will be issued once subs are paid.

Unwanted Extension Leads

If you have any extension leads you no longer need, please bring them along and Frank will PAT test them.

Paulette Burkill
Chairman

CBu3a has a new Facebook Page, please follow this link to join and post news
[\(7\) Castle Bromwich u3a | Facebook](#)

Events

Day Trip to Weston Super Mare

Monday 15 September, depart Arden Hall 8:00 am, back approx 8:30 pm
Fare £21 (cheap compared to other coach companies). To book contact Bob on 0776692336. Bob will **not** be at the July General Meeting



Groups Information

Please note some interest groups will not be meeting in August

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 4 August, 2:00pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 5 August, 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

Digital Photography

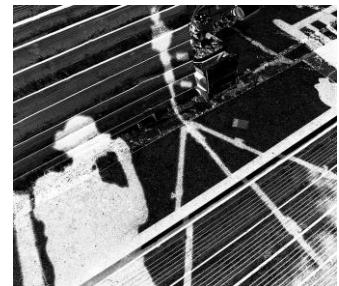
Wednesday 6 August

1:00 till 3:30 pm

The subject this time is 'Exploring the Camera'. We meet at a member's house from 1.30 until 3.30 so if you want to join us let me know via our CBU3A email.

CBu3a email: castleu3a7@gmail.com.

Facilitator: Frank Hill



BSL Group (British Sign Language) Group

Thursdays 7 and 21 August

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

For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Facilitators: Frank and Katrina

u3a Strummers

Fridays, 8 and 22 August

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: 11 August, 9:00 pm (subject to weather)

Furnace End Church Hall car park, for meteor watch.

Facilitators: Dawn Passant and Frank Hill

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 13 August, 10:00 am

Gardner's Rest Tearoom, Orchard Nursery

Water Orton Lane

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 14 August

Facilitators: Jean Edwards

Table Tennis

Thursday 14 August 2:00 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

Papercrafts and Knit and Natter Group

Monday 18 August

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

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

In July the group made stain glass window cards



Facilitator: Kath Buckley

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 20 August, 10:00 am

Arden Hall

All members are welcome to attend

General Meeting

Wednesday 27 August, 1:30 pm

Arden Hall

GM Speakers

30 July Lynda Sharpe Flappers,
27 August Keith Clenton

Fun and Fashion 1920's
Birmingham Past and Present

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

Thursday 31 July

Meet at 9.30am for car sharing in the second car park behind Arden Hall.

The walk starts from the car park of the Dog Inn, Nether Whitacre, B46 2DU. The pub doesn't open until 12noon, but we have permission to park 2 or 3 cars there whilst walking.

Please bring your own lunch & drinks.

The walk is around 5 miles through the fields and country lanes. There are no stiles, steep hills or cattle. We can visit the cafe (and use the seating area and toilet) at the Lucky Tails Alpaca Farm, Dexter Lane, which is approximately halfway round. There is a road sign stating Dexter Lane will be closed from **29 July**, but the staff at the farm haven't been notified of any disruption to their business, so we're confident we'll be able to walk through.



August 28 Walk details to follow

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Dadd

Facilitator: Bob Dadd 07711608591

Book Club No 4 at Shard End Library

Wednesday, 3 Sept, 10:00 am

Everyone welcome

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Poetry Group

Friday, 5 Sept, 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

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 August 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

Free Event at Shard End Library

Birmingham Opera event
at
SHARD END LIBRARY
on
Tuesday 19th August
11:00-12.00



Join Birmingham Opera Company as we perform an exciting programme of songs and Arias we're sure you'll enjoy and will be humming along too!

OFFICIAL

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