

Committee Notices

Birmingham Heritage Week

Members may be interested in visiting some of the buildings open in the Birmingham area during Heritage Week, from 11-20 September, many of which are free and don't have to be pre-booked. Check the website:

<https://birminghamheritageweek.co.uk/accessible/>

In particular, you may be interested in the Castle Bromwich history event at Arden Hall on Sunday 13 September, 11am-3pm, where our Local History Group will have a display - come and see us!

On Sunday 20 September, Castle Bromwich Parish Church will hold Songs of Praise at 11am, following a short procession from the Hall when visitors are encouraged to wear period dress if they wish (Georgian, Victorian or Edwardian). The church will then be open from 12.30-4.00pm and will include a Heritage Fayre.

Heritage Week also coincides with the national Heritage Open Days across the UK, so even if you're away on holiday you're bound to find places to visit at no charge during this period.

Photo consent

A reminder to make yourself known to Frank Hill if you don't want to be included in any photographs taken at General Meetings/other events.

Paulette Burkill
Chairman

Events

Bakewell Market

***** 10 Seats remaining *****



Castle Bromwich u3a
September 2026

Bakewell Market

14 September 2026

Coach fare £18

Leave Arden Hall at 08:30 and return from Bakewell at 16:30

Please give your car registration to Bob if you are parking at Arden Hall

If you require further information please speak to Bob Brueton

Lost Landscapes - Medieval Castle Bromwich

Historical walk: Wednesday 16 September, 2.00-3.30pm £6.00 Meet at
Castle Bromwich Heritage Gardens courtyard from 1.30pm

Archaeologist Dr Mike Hodder, Honorary Lecturer at the University of Birmingham, will lead a gentle stroll from the Gardens as far as the Green, pointing out the view of the motte and bailey castle which gave the area its name, the parish church, road system and other glimpses of the Middle Ages.

Paulette has two spare tickets and two spare passes for members of the Gardens for anyone interested.

We are aware and apologise that trips might clash with interest groups; we will alternate days to avoid this. If you are attending an event and it clashes with one of your group meetings, please let the group facilitator know.

Future trips and events for your diary for 2026

October	Quiz Night – Details to be finalised
	Coronation Street Experience – This is now a weekend event due to filming – further details and price to be confirmed
November	Bath Christmas Market – 27 November - £22
December	Christmas Lunch 16 December, Grimscote Manor

If you have any ideas or places you would like to visit, please let one of the Events and Trips committee know

Non u3a members September attend trips and events but they will not be covered by the u3a insurance. For further details: [Events - Castle Bromwich](#)

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, or the Events and Trips subcommittee, 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 September be required. If trips are of a more extensive nature, then the Trips and Events Coordinator, Bob Brueton, should also 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.

Groups Information

The Yompers'

August walk will take place on Thursday 27 August.

Please meet at 9.30am for car sharing in the second car park behind Arden Hall. All U3A members are welcome.

Starting from Middleton Hall and bordering into Kingsbury Water Park, this is a picturesque 4-mile (approx.) walk taking in peaceful meadows, woodland and the beautiful RSPB Middleton Lakes. Car parking is available at Middleton Hall, B78 2AE. Please bring your own food and drinks. There are toilets and cafe facilities in the Middleton Hall Courtyard at the end of the walk, if needed.

September's walk will take place on Thursday 24th. Walk details are yet to be decided.



Facilitator: Bob Dadd

Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 1 September, 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 September, 10 am

10:00 am, Everyone welcome.

No charge

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

Poetry Group

Friday, 4 September, 2 pm

The theme will be 'Gardens'.

We will use the same theme for the open afternoon on Wednesday, 30 September.

At our next meeting we will choose which poems to read out at the open afternoon and decide who will read them. Additionally, we will have a table and display board which will need to be set up prior to the open afternoon and manned during the event from 1.00pm to 3.30pm (and packed away afterwards).

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott, 0121 770 1538

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 7 September, 2:00 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £2.50

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 8 September, 1:15 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £2.50

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

BSL Group (British Sign Language) Group

Thursdays 10 and 24 September, 10 am

There is a small charge (£3) to help with the room hire.

For more info' email: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Aylesford Hall, Shard End

Facilitators: Frank and Katrina Hill

Thursday Reading Group

Thursday 10 September

Facilitators: Jean Edwards

Table Tennis

Thursday 10 September 2:00 pm

All levels welcome

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Fridays, 11 and 25 September

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

Digital Photography

Monday 14 September

1:00 till 3:30 pm

Our meetings start at 1.00 till around 3.30 pm and is at a member's house. We are fee free, except for sharing the refreshments. For more info' about us and what we get up to – email Frank Hill: castleu3a7@gmail.com

Facilitator: Frank Hill

Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 16 September, 10:00 am

Gardener's Rest Tearoom, Orchard Nursery, Birmingham Road, Water Orton

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Papercrafts

Monday, 21 September, 1 pm

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

Join us for a different craft each month.

Last month we did bottle art with Anita Penn



Facilitator: Kath Buckley

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 23 September meeting,
10:00 am, Arden Hall

All members are welcome to attend.

Sunday Lunch Club

The Lake at Barston on 27 September

Full details from Josie

Facilitator: Josie Palmr

Astronuts,

Monday 28 September, 10 am

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

Please follow this link to view our once in a lifetime trip [Astronuts - Castle Bromwich](#)



Facilitators: Dawn Passant and Frank Hill

Board Games

Tuesday 29 September

2:00 pm till 3:30 pm

Castle Bromwich Library, Hurst Lane (next to the Infants School)

Join us for Scrabble or Rumikub

No charge. Tea and biscuits provided for a donation to the library.

All levels of play welcome.

Facilitator Margaret Riordan 07563774353

General Meeting

Wednesday 30 September
1:30 pm
Spencer Hall, Arden Hall

GM Speakers

26 August	Jo Galby	Maid in England
30 September	u3a Week	Open Day: Members will be able to see what happens in other groups and chat to members of those groups. (A bit of a mingle) and bring along a non-member friend. (or two)

Please see the General Meeting page on our website for details of other speakers.

Reserved seating

If you have trouble hearing the speakers at Arden Hall, because of their system and ours, we will reserve the first two rows of seats at General Meetings for you.

Refreshment Volunteers rota on 26 August: Jenny Hall and Diana Price
Volunteers are still needed please - signing list at the General Meeting.
Thank you to Josie and Ros, who are willing to look after refreshment stocks and to Mike Buckley who brings the flasks and buys the paper cups.

Welcome desk on 26 August: Maggie Lewis
We need volunteers to help with this from September onwards for the rest of the year please - signing list at the General Meeting.

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

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.

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

Lunartics

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

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

Note: The Model Railway exhibition this year has moved from Arden Hall to Coleshill Town Hall Saturday, 31 October, 10:00-16:00



Quizzes

Quizzes 25 and 26 are available on the website along with the previous quizzes. Thank you to Roger Hateley for providing the quizzes.

u3a Members welcome at these other Community Groups

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

Information books available to loan at the General Meeting

Age Concern

- Living with dementia
- At home with dementia
- When someone dies

Alzheimer's Society

- The dementia guide – living well after your diagnosis.
- Caring for a person with dementia – a practical guide
- The activities handbook

Please continue to 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