



Committee Notices

We were very sorry to hear that long-time member (and Strummer) Geoff Durrant died peacefully on 20 September, and send our condolences to Barbara and their three daughters. His life will be celebrated at Woodlands Crematorium at 11am on Friday 9 October and further information will be circulated soon.

Paulette Burkill
Chair

MacMillan Community Coffee Morning at Arden Hall, 19 September
Members of the committee took part in the Coffee Morning



Events

Quiz Night

Saturday 24th October, 7 pm

£6 per person

Aylesford Hall

Have you sorted your ticket for the quiz night on the 24 October? Tom will be back asking the questions. If you don't have a team, we can find you one. Will your team win the first prize or the boobie prize! Half way we will stop for

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.





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Day Trip to

Bath

Christmas Market







Friday 27 November

£22 per person



Coach leaves Arden Hall at 8am
and departs Bath at 5pm

There are just 6 seats remaining!



Please see Marion for tickets

☎ 07701010152





Christmas Lunch at the Grimscote Manor

Wednesday 16 December 12:30 – 4:30 pm

After yet another successful lunch last year, we are returning to the Grimscote. The cost this year is £36.50.

The menu/booking form will be available at the General Meeting open day. Payment can be made via bank transfer, details on the menu/booking form but cash is acceptable.

If you would like to sit with friends, please inform Ros Williams or Josie Palmer so that they can accommodate your wishes.



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A great afternoon out!

Beetle Drive

Tuesday 19 January 2027
1 pm to 3 pm

Baptist Church,
Timberley Lane, Shard End.

£3.50 per person
which include tea and cake,
and a lucky dip raffle.

**Signing sheet will be available at
the General Meeting.**

i If you need any more information
please see Diana Price.

Future trips and events for your diary for 2027

February	Skittle - Date to be confirmed
April	Coronation Street Experience: this is still hoping to go ahead but as a three-day trip, more details to follow if people are interested
May	National Arboretum – Date to be confirmed
September	Blist Hill Museum – Tues 21 Sept - Details to be finalised
December	Chester Christmas Market – Date to be confirmed

We need ideas for places you would like to visit, please let one of the Events and Trips committee know if you have any ideas



Non u3a members October 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 organising CBU3a workshops or their interest group trips, then can the organiser 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 October 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



We're thinking of starting a new group exclusively for the men — a space where they can share ideas, support each other, and have a bit of fun along the way.

They might start by going for a meal, breakfast or lunch. They could visit places of interest or a sporting venue.

Bob Austin has kindly offered to arrange the first meeting so if you are interested, please give him a text on

Castle Bromwich Local History Group

Monday 5 October, 2 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £2.50

Facilitators: Barbara Durrant and Paulette Burkill

Poetry Group

The poetry group meet again at 2.00pm on Friday, 2 October, usual venue. As the meeting is close to Halloween the theme is 'Something Spooky'.

We are a small group of members who love poetry. We do not write poetry but we search out poems based on agreed themes and read them aloud at our meetings. New members are very welcome. If you are interested in giving us a try, please contact Dave or Helen. Refreshments are provided at the halfway point of the meetings!

We have also agreed the dates/themes for the following meetings:

13 November - 'Bonfire Night'. No surprises there. Apologies for the change of date.

4 December - Christmas Traditions'

There will be no meeting in January

Facilitators: Dave and Helen Abbott, 0121 770 1538



Art and Craft Circle

Tuesday 6 October, 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, 7 October, 10 am

10:00 am, Everyone welcome.

No charge

Facilitator: Marion Ridsdill

BSL Group (British Sign Language) Group

Thursdays 8 and 22 October, 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 8 October

Facilitators: Jean Edwards

Table Tennis

Thursday 8 October 2:00 pm

All levels welcome

Timberley Lane Baptist Church

Facilitator: Diana Price

u3a Strummers

Friday, 23 October

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 12 October

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

Art Appreciation

Tuesday 13 October, 1:15 pm

Timberley Lane Baptist Church, £2.50

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson



Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays 14 October, 10:00 am

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

Facilitator: Elaine Johnson

Papercrafts

Monday, 19 October, 1 pm

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

Join us for a different craft each month.

Facilitator: Kath Buckley

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21 October meeting,

10:00 am, Arden Hall

All members are welcome to attend.

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Dates to be confirmed for the October meeting, and a November evening for an observation night

Methodist Church, Cat Lane

Facilitators: Dawn Passant and Frank Hill

Sunday Lunch Club

The lunch club are not meeting in October.

The group are looking at the possibility of a Christmas lunch at the Lake at Barlaston either on the 3 or 10 December. The cost will be £25-£30 and this will include entertainment. Josie will bring a signing list to the open day general meeting.

Facilitator: Josie Palmer

Cinema Ballet Group

Royal Sutton Coldfield

The new season starts on Tuesday 27 October, with *Manon*, a passionate tale of love, ambition, and moral complexity in 18th-century France, choreographed by Sir Kenneth Macmillan with music by Jules Massenet. A signing sheet will be available at the Open Day on 30 October. Paulette will be able to arrange lifts.

Facilitator: Paulette Burkill



Board Games

Tuesday 27 October

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 Open Afternoon

Arden Hall 1:00 to 3:30 pm (note change of start time for Sept only)

Instead of a speaker, we'll have displays and presentations by our various interest groups, so that existing and newer members (and hopefully members of the public) can see what the groups do and perhaps join a new one. The Spencer Lounge will also be open for people to sit with their refreshments (and perhaps play a few board games) as there won't be too much seating room in the main hall.

Setting up is from midday and the event is open to members (and the public) from 1:00-3:30pm. We hope it's a successful afternoon.

28 October: Alan from Blood Bikes Talking about Blood bikes and saving lives
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

30 September: June Anderson and Carole Farrer

28 October: Carole Farrar and Sue May

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

30 September: Dave and Helen Abbott

28 October: Angela Roberts

We need volunteers to help with this 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



The Yompers'

Thursday 29 October

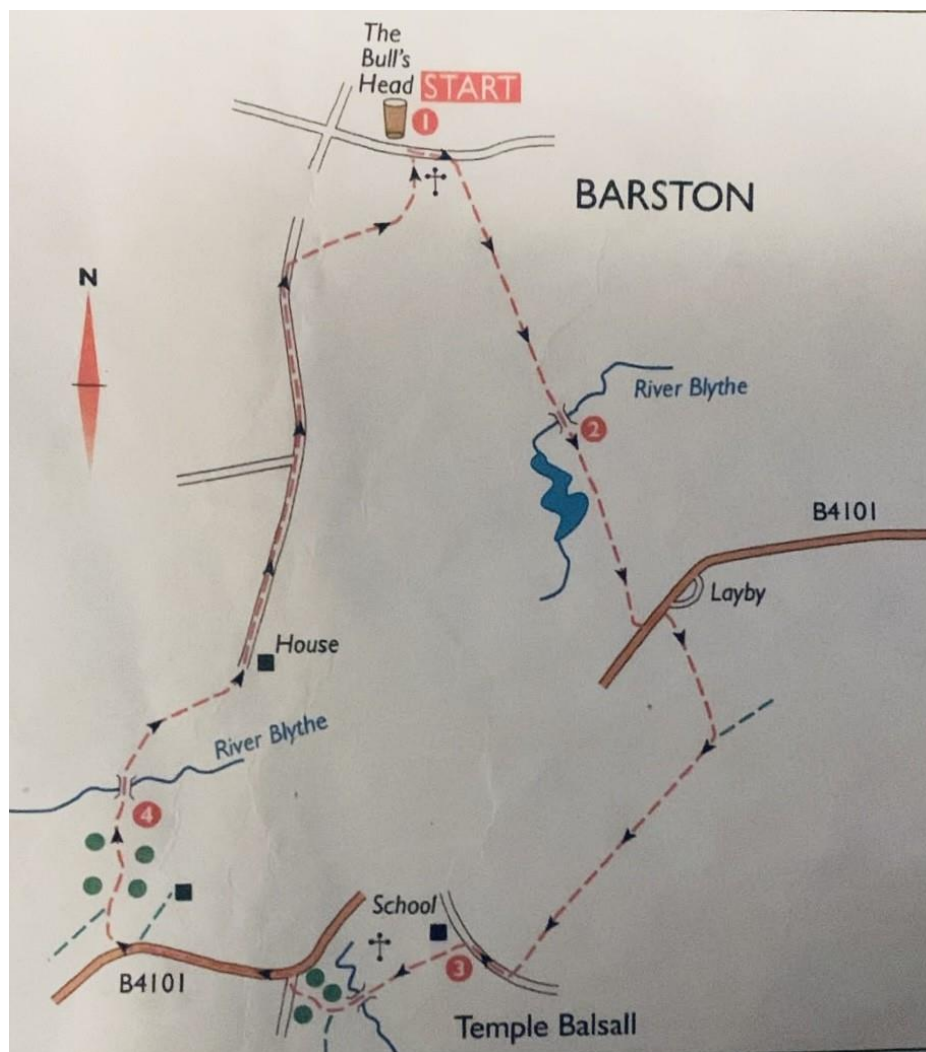
We'll meet in the Arden Hall car park at 9.30am as usual, for car sharing to the walk starting point.

The walk starts from the free car park at Temple Balsall, B93 0AL. If you're making your own way there, the car park is off Fen End Road West. Go past the primary school and the vicarage on your right, then turn down the small lane.

The walk is approximately 4 miles and includes 2 stiles.

We'll stop for lunch on the benches in Barston churchyard, so please bring your own lunch and drinks.

Everyone is welcome!



Facilitator: Bob Dadd



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

The most recent Quizzes 27 and 28 are available on the website along with 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