

TODAY we welcome our speaker David Bartley – Black Country Humour

We are continuing to try and provide our members with opportunities to socialise and offering interest group activities, day trips and visits to local theatres. New friends can be made and you can keep in touch with old ones. We are all volunteers and are always trying our best to support members whenever we can. If you have any questions, please see one of our committee members listed below. Best wishes to you all from the Sandwell u3a Committee.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £15.00 per person January to December 2026 Application forms and full membership information available from Mike and Janet on the Reception desk. Visitors are welcome and can attend a combination of any two meetings, i.e. monthly meeting or interest group meeting, after which they are asked to become members. **INSURANCE** all members are covered by Public Liability Insurance and if you require further information please check our website, address above.

- **CELEBRATIONS BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING ON 10 AUGUST 2026**

August – 2nd Doreen Lowe, 7th Wendy Brown. Congratulations on your birthday and enjoy your celebrations. I don't know of any birthdays in July and if you would like to have a note of any special events in Newsroundup please let Ann Wyle know.

- **LOTTERY £5 payment due today** covers 10 weeks [50p p.wk]. Congratulations to our June winners: Pat Brown, Alan Hobson, Ann Medhurst, Irene Page, Martin Roebuck. Please see Brenda to take part.

- **RAFFLE** Congratulations to all of our June winners: Joan Burns, Doreen Cooper, Maureen Doyle, Carol Green, Christine Stevens, Carol Watson. If you have any prizes you can donate to the raffle, they will be gratefully received, so please see Mavis or Ann Medhurst today.

- **BOOKS** there are plenty of books for you to take away and read on the table near to the door. You are very welcome to keep the book[s] or return them for someone else to borrow.

- **INDOOR BOWLING AT GAYTON ROAD**

Two-hour sessions £4.00 in the Ballroom, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings 9.45am-12pm [contact Janet Dearn 07960 785664 or Margaret Withers 0121 552 4512]. Tuesday and Friday afternoons 1.45-4pm [contact John Manders 07494 893387]. All welcome.

- **TRUSTED TRADERS - Sue Clothier** 0121 588 4164 If you have previously recommended a trader, please check that the details held are correct and we have the right information. Please contact Sue if you can recommend a trader or would like details of a particular service.

- **PLEASE REMEMBER - switch off or put your mobile phone on 'silent' during the meeting, and**

- **PLEASE refrain from talking to each other during introductions/presentations. THANK YOU.**

Committee elected at the AGM 9 February 2026:

Chair, Ann Hobson

Vice Chair, Ivan Wyle

Secretary, Ann Wyle

Treasurer, Brenda Evans

Membership Secretary, Mike Matthews

Speakers' Secretary, Alan Hobson

Communications Officer, Sue Clothier

Group Liaison Officer, Mavis Catchpole

Other Committee Members: Carol Green, Phil Page

INTEREST GROUPS. If you would like more information about any of our groups, please speak to a group leader [contact details below], our Group Liaison Officer Mavis Catchpowle, or a member of the committee. Next group meeting dates are shown below.

***ART- Wednesday 15 July** meet at Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre 11am. For more information contact group facilitator **Janet Linney** 0121 588 3543 / 07710 921375.

***CHESS – Martin Roebuck** 0121 532 3639 / 07710 294834 Hill Top Library, West Bromwich.

Tuesday 21 July 2pm Please come along, everyone welcome, regardless of your chess ability.

***COMPUTERS - Ann Hobson** 07595 987974

Monday 3 August 10am-12noon 104 Stanton Rd, Great Barr. If you need any help with your laptop, tablet, or 'phone, please come along and we will try to help you.

***CROWN GREEN BOWLS – Ann Hobson** 07595 987974

Thursday 23 July 2-4pm. Dartmouth Links Bowling Club, Birmingham Road, West Bromwich, near to WBA football ground. Everyone welcome whatever your ability, bowls are provided. Tea/coffee available during the interval.

***DISCUSSION GROUP - Marilyn Roebuck** 07906 911573

Wednesday 29 July 10am-11am Training Room, Gayton Road. Please try to come along and support this new group. Everyone can join in, whatever your views, and discuss whatever you feel like.

***GERMAN -Judith Ridgway** 0121 360 6152 / 07490 488144 Central Library, West Bromwich

Thursday 23 July 10am-12noon. Everyone very welcome to come along and join in.

***GREEK – Chris Prior** 07816 059527 chriscoce@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 22 July 10-12pm at Central Library, West Bromwich. All welcome to come along.

***ITALIAN – Claire McNally** 07769 842416

Wednesday 12 August 10.30-12.30pm Central Library, West Bromwich. Meetings will now be held on the second Wednesday of each month, and all are welcome.

***LATIN- Sue Clothier** 0121 588 4164

Monday 27 July 10.00am-12.00pm Central Library, West Bromwich. You may enjoy learning a little of this ancient language so please come along.

***MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP - Phil Page** 0121 682 5249

Wednesday 15 July 2pm Gayton Road Community Centre Training Room, 2-3.30 pm.

After a short break the next meeting of the group is just 3 days away. The programme includes the usual reminder of popular music of the second half of the 20th century, together with a short "memory jogger" of themes from popular radio programmes.

***OUTINGS - Ann Wyle** 07789 776441

On all outings members take priority. Non-members may come along, subject to availability.

***Friday 11 September Moseley Old Hall and Hollybush Garden Centre.** Cost £30.00 each includes transport and entrance to the Hall. National Trust members pay £17 each to cover transport as entrance to the Hall is free. Put your name on the list if interested and indicate if N.T. member. **Deposit £5pp, full payment August meeting latest.**

***Friday 11 December 3-course lunch at The Neville Arms, Redditch.**

The cost of the trip will be advised nearer the date and will include coach fare and three course lunch. If interested, put your name on the list, maximum number 45. **Deposit £5pp.**

***STROLLERS - Mike Matthews** 0121 357 9018 / 07710 170099

Every Thursday 10.30am Meet at RSPB entrance Tanhouse Ave, Great Barr. Parking free at the entrance, chargeable if you park outside the RSPB building, but free for RSPB members. Nothing strenuous and we finish with a drink and chat at the RSPB coffee shop. All welcome including well behaved doggies.

***SWIMMING - Ann Hobson** 07595 987974

Wednesdays 8.30-9.30 West Bromwich Leisure Centre, small pool. **Please try and come along and join the sessions.** Drinks available from Reception. Free entry for Sandwell residents who must take proof of residency [council tax bill/utility bill]. Car park fee is refunded at Reception.

***THEATRE - Peggy Desorgher** 07929 932362. No theatre dates planned at the moment.

- SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS 1.30 for 2pm start**
 - Monday 10 August Andrew Lound 'Spaced out in the 60's'**
 - Monday 14 September Quiz organised by Chris Wyle, plus light refreshments**
 - Monday 12 October Speaker to be confirmed**
 - Monday 9 November Andrew French 'Life and Times of Tony Hancock'**
- £2 charge at each meeting to cover additional room hire charges.**