

TODAY we welcome our speaker Andrew Lound 'Spaced out in the 60's'.

Welcome everyone. Here at Sandwell u3a we provide members with opportunities to socialise, join interest group activities and day trips. New friends can be made and you can keep in touch with old ones. We are volunteers and try to support members whenever we can. If you have any questions, please see one of our committee members listed below. Always happy to help you.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP £15.00 per person January to December 2026 and £7.50 September to December 2026. Application forms/ full membership information available from Mike and Janet on the Reception desk. Visitors are welcome and can attend a combination of any two meetings [monthly meeting, or interest group meeting] after which they are asked to become members. **INSURANCE** all members are covered by Public Liability Insurance.

- **CELEBRATIONS BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2026**
AUGUST: 24TH Sheila Rigby. **SEPTEMBER:** 12th Chris Burgess and Paul Medhurst. Congratulations on your birthday and enjoy your celebrations. If you would like to have a note of any special events in Newsroundup please let Ann Wyle know.
- **LOTTERY £5 payment due October** covers 10 weeks [50p p.wk]. Congratulations July winners: Robert Bailey, Lesley Brookes, Joan Burns and Ivan Wyle. Please see Brenda to take part.
- **RAFFLE** Congratulations July winners: Chris Burgess, Dave Cooper Carol Green, Angela Hunt, Pat Neale, Jenny Porter. If you wish to donate prizes, they will be gratefully received, see Mavis or Ann Medhurst.
- **QUESTION:** we have been asked if we can serve tea/coffee at the end of our monthly meetings. We are willing to do this but volunteers would be needed on a rota system to set up and serve refreshments and clear up afterwards, and we would charge 50p per cup. If you would be willing to be on the rota and help out, please give your name to **Carol Green** and we will see whether the response is favourable to us arranging this. Thank you.
- **BOOKS** for you to take away and read are on the table near to the door. You are welcome to keep the book[s] or return them or bring along any books that you think others would like to read.
- **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 to 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 Catchpole, or a member of the committee. Next group meeting dates are shown below.

***ART- Wednesday 19 August** meet at Wolverhampton Art Gallery, main entrance 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 18 August 2pm Please come along, everyone welcome, regardless of your chess ability.

***COMPUTERS - Ann Hobson** 07595 987974

Monday 7 September 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 27 August 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

August meeting has been cancelled. September Newsroundup will give further meeting details.

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

Thursday 27 August 10am-12noon. Everyone very welcome to come along and join in.

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

Wednesday 26 August 10-12pm at Central Library, West Bromwich. All welcome to come along.

***ITALIAN – Claire McNally** 07769 842416

Wednesday 12 August 11-12.30pm This month we will be meeting at the Crown and Anchor pub, Hollyhedge Road [corner of Pennyhill Lane] West Bromwich B71 3EA. Bus no. 40 stops outside the pub. Venues for future meetings will be agreed and put in Newsroundup.

LATIN- Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

Monday 24 August 10.00am-12.00pm Central Library, West Bromwich. Date change due to Bank Holiday. You may enjoy learning a little of this ancient language so please come along.

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

Wednesday 19 August 2pm Gayton Road Community Centre Training Room, 2-3.30 pm. The name of all the performers begins with the letter 'O'. The programme includes a brass band from Switzerland playing James Bond themes, and a local lad that could not have been left out."

***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. THIS TRIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT. Refunds for any money paid will be given or transferred to another outing.**

***Friday 20 November Chester Christmas Market. Cost £22pp for coach fare. £5 deposit today.**

***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.

- **SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS 1.30 for 2pm start**
Monday 14 September Quiz organised by Chris Wyle, plus tea/coffee/biscuits
Monday 12 October Heather Wastie 'Wum Med, Wum Growed'
Monday 9 November Cathy Leyser 'Healthy Homes'
Monday 14 December Lydia Rae entertaining us with Christmas music

- **£2 charge at each meeting to cover additional room hire charges.**