

TODAY we welcome Chris Wyle who will be testing our brains with his quiz.

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 12 OCTOBER 2026**
SEPTEMBER: 21st Ann Medhurst and her and Paul's wedding anniversary, 24th Diane Hitchon. Congratulations on your birthday and enjoy your celebrations. If you would like to have a note in Newsroundup of any special events, birthdays, anniversaries, or special days, please let Ann Wyle know.
- **LOTTERY £5 payment due October** covers 10 weeks [50p p.wk]. Congratulations August winners Mavis Catchpowle, Alan Hobson, Ann Hobson, Judith Longbottom.
- **RAFFLE** Congratulations August winners: Diane Axford, Chris Blakesley, Joan Burns, Janet Dearn, Ann Medhurst, Pat Neale. Donated prizes will be gratefully received, see Mavis or Ann Medhurst.
- **BOOKS** for you to take away and read are on the table near to the door. You are very 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**
- **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 Catchpowle

Other Committee Members: Carol Green, Phil Page

INTEREST GROUPS. For more information about any of our groups you can speak to a group leader [see below], our Group Liaison Officer Mavis Catchpole, or a member of the committee. Next group meeting dates are shown below.

***ART- Janet Linney** 0121 588 3543 / 07710 921375 Central Library, West Bromwich

Wednesday 16 September 10.00-12.30

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

Tuesday 15 September 2pm Please come along, everyone welcome, regardless of your chess ability.

***COMPUTERS - Ann Hobson** 07595 987974

Monday 5 October 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 **No more bowling in 2026.**

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

Wednesday 23 September 10-11am Gayton Road Community Centre, Training Room.

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

Thursday 24 September 10am-12noon. Everyone very welcome to come along and join in.

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

Wednesday 23 September 10.30-12.30pm Central Library, West Bromwich. All welcome to come along.

***ITALIAN – Claire McNally** 07769 842416

Wednesday 14 October 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.

LATIN- Sue Clothier 0121 588 4164

Monday 28 September 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 16 September 2pm-3.30pm Gayton Road Community Centre Training Room.

Just a few days to wait this month. The programme continues to explore the most popular music of the second half of the 20th century, but also includes a song from Dolly Parton, as a tribute to one of the "greats" following her recent death.

***OUTINGS - Ann Wyle** 07789 776441

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

***Friday 20 November Chester Christmas Market. £5 deposit today. Apologies, I advertised an incorrect price for this trip, it should be £25pp for the coach.**

***Friday 11 December 3-course lunch at The Neville Arms, Redditch.** The cost is £25pp and includes coach fare and three course lunch. If interested, put your name on the list, maximum number 45. **Deposit £5pp, full payment by November meeting.**

***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 dogs.

***SWIMMING - Ann Hobson** 07595 987974

Wednesdays 8.30-9.30am 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 12 October Heather Wastie 'Wum Med, Wum Growned'
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.**