

TODAY our speaker is: Heather Wastie 'Wum Med, Wum Growed'

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.

SINCE OUR LAST MEETING, the Committee have been sorting out catering for our Christmas party; collecting books for you to borrow or keep and booking speakers for next year. We are also looking at whether it is feasible to provide tea/coffee at the start of monthly meetings. We would like to wish Alan a speedy recovery from his recent operation and Joan Richardson who has been poorly, and send our best wishes to Pat Neale and Sheila Rigby who are in hospital and hope they feel better soon.

- **CELEBRATIONS BEFORE OUR NEXT MEETING ON 9 NOVEMBER 2026**
OCTOBER: 19th Joan Burns, 26th Sue Clothier. **NOVEMBER:** 4th Andrew Lowe. **Congratulations** and enjoy your celebrations. If you would like to have a note in Newsroundup of any birthdays, anniversaries, or special days, please let Ann Wyle know.
- **LOTTERY £5 payment today** covers 10 weeks [50p p.wk]. Next payment due January. Congratulations September winners Lesley Brookes, Joan Burns, Ann Medhurst, Phil Page, Marilyn Roebuck.
- **RAFFLE** Congratulations September winners: Diane Axford, Janet Bailey, Joan Burns, Doreen Cooper, Pauline Lawley, Martin Roebuck. 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. Please contact Sue to recommend a trader or if you 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 Catchpole

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 21 October 10.00-12.30

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

Tuesday 17 November 2pm Please come along, everyone welcome, regardless of your chess ability. There will be no meeting in October due to Martin being on holiday.

***COMPUTERS - Ann Hobson** 07595 987974

Monday 2 November 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.

***DISCUSSION GROUP - Marilyn Roebuck** 07906 911573 This group has now disbanded due to lack of support. Disappointing, as initially the interest was very good. Any queries contact Marilyn or Mavis.

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

Thursday 22 October 10am-12noon. Everyone very welcome to come along and join in.

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

Wednesday 28 October 10.30-12.30pm Central Library, West Bromwich. All welcome to come along.

***ITALIAN – Claire McNally** 07769 842416

Wednesday 14 October 11-12.30pm Meet 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 26 October 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 21 October 2pm-3.30pm Gayton Road Community Centre Training Room. Another exploration of meaningful popular music, to bring back memories from 60's and 70's. Contributions from The Platters to The Proclaimers. Plus, a new release, a modern parable about a man who digs potholes for a living!!!"

***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, full payment November.**

***Friday 11 December 3-course lunch, The Neville Arms, Redditch. £25pp includes coach fare and 3-course lunch. Deposit £5pp, full payment/meal choice today if possible, November meeting latest.**

***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, 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 8.30-9.30am 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 refunded at Reception.

- **NEXT MEETING MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026**

West Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Road, West Bromwich B71 1QS

- **SPEAKER Cathy Leyser 'Healthy Homes'**

- **SPEAKERS AT FUTURE MEETINGS 1.30 for 2pm start**

Monday 14 December, buffet and Lydia Rae will entertain us with Christmas music

Monday 11 January 2027 Kevin Thomas 'Birmingham Top Hats and Tails'

Monday 8 February A.G.M.

Monday 8 March Max Keen 'The History of Dudley Castle 1071-1933'

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