

SANDWELL CULTURAL FORUM

April 2025 Newsletter

Spectra's Community Company



Meeting on **Wednesday mornings** in Bearwood
For adults with learning disabilities
£5 per session



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by exploring music, movement, acting and visual arts

For more information, or to discuss how we can support access
to these sessions, please email hayley@wearespectra.co.uk

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Join in!

Spectra's Community Company is open for new members! This group for adults with learning disabilities meets on Wednesday mornings in Bearwood. The Community Company is at the heart of what Spectra does, and works together to create shows, films and performances by exploring music, movement, acting and visual arts. The cost is £5 per session. Please share with anyone you think may be interested.

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[Explore here the previous projects and performances by the Community Company.](#)

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED MEMBER IS...THE ART YARD

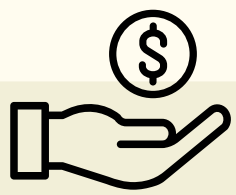
The Art Yard is managed by Midland Film And Art [MFAA] a group constituted in 2014 to promote art education in communities and to advance activities to do with art, craft, film and associated techniques.

The Art Yard gallery and studios is managed by a dedicated group of volunteers who give their time freely to curate exhibitions.

They do a whole load of exciting classes and exhibitions.
[More information here](#)



FUNDING NEWS



ME Dance received Arts Council funding for their project 'The Chrysalis Graduate Training Program' which will be in collaboration with Black Country Dance Hub and De Montfort university and Black Country Touring.

Congrats to all!

Next meeting date:

Tuesday 29th April 2025,

1.00pm-3.00pm

Bromwich Hall

Bromwich Hall, Hall Green Road, West Bromwich B71 2EA

Agenda confirmed



**“Creativity takes courage.”
Henri Matisse ”**



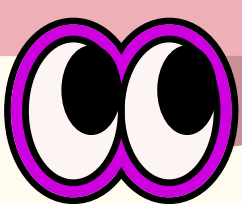
CALL OUT FOR FREELANCE ARTISTS!

Women & Theatre | Getting to know Freelancers (no deadline)

W&T want to broaden their connections with Freelance Facilitators based in Birmingham, and the surrounding areas, for our projects from 2025. We are looking for Facilitators that have an artistic practice and have experience in working in community, hospitals, and with young people.

The call out is open to all, we are particularly keen to hear from freelance artists who are underrepresented in the industry including those from the Global Majority, the LGBTQ+ community, people who identify as deaf, disabled or neurodiverse and those who are working class.

Please note this is a general call out to widen our knowledge of local freelance artists, and not an application for a current role. Send through your name, CV, or any link to your work to info@womenandtheatre.co.uk



Join the Sandwell Cultural Forum

NOW

Do you know someone who wants to join the Sandwell Forum?

Email Stacey via:

stacey_bagdi@sandwell.gov.uk

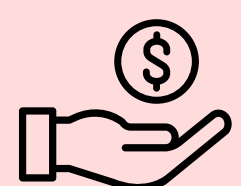


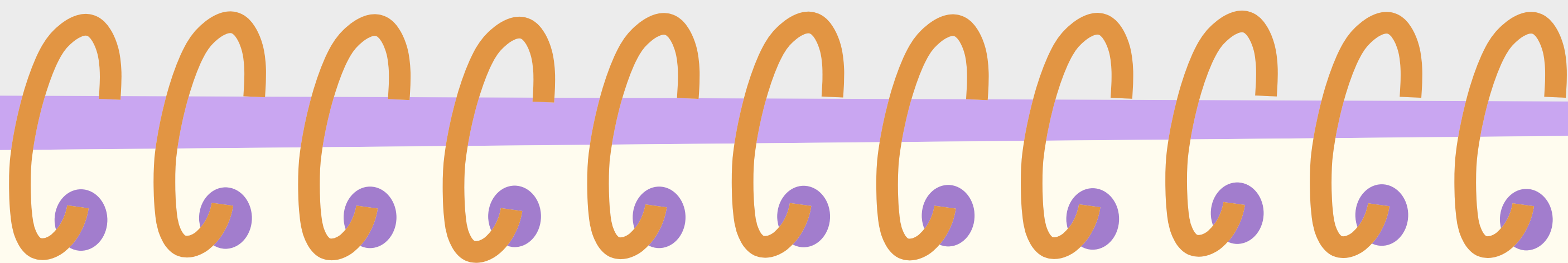
Funding News!

Sandwell Council's Archives Service is celebrating receiving £19,580 of funding as part of The National Archives 'Resilience' grant programme to strengthen the service through expert advice and staff development.

Congrats to all!

[Read more here](#)





Feature Events Listing



Click on the text below to find out more about the events and to book

Sandwell Museums:

Haden Hill House

- **Easter School holiday Fun** - With activities and adventures Thursday and Fridays in the school holidays and Easter Bank Holiday Monday.

Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery

- **Easter crafts and trail**- Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 April 11am-3pm
- **Spring Activities** -Wednesday 23 April 11am – 3pm. Enjoy our spring crafts and trails. Suitable for all ages. Crafts 50p - £2.50. Just drop in.
- **Superhero Day**.- Thursday 24 April 11am-3pm Enjoy our superhero crafts and trails; 50p-£2.50, drop in

Oak House Museum

- **Easter Discos** - Tuesday 15 April 11:30am, 12:45pm and 2:00pm
- **Easter Crafts and Trails** - Wednesday 16 April 11:00-3:00pm
- **Springtime fun!** - Tuesday 22 April 11:00-3:00pm – Join in with exciting outdoor games with Go Play and learn all about our local police heroes
- **St George's Day** - Wednesday 23 April 11:00-3:00pm - Come and see our knight in armour and learn about the real St George.

Bromwich Hall

- **Creative Memories with Age UK**: Every Wednesday 11am – 2pm, starting February 5
- **Bump to Baby Fayre (Sandwell Family Hubs): Saturday 5 April, 10am – 2pm. Book here**
- **Go Play at Easter** - Monday 14 April and Tuesday 15 April, 10am – 3pm, drop in, small charges apply
- **Nature Makers** - Wednesday 16 April, sessions at 10.30am and 12pm, book here
- **Easter Celebration**: Saturday 19 April, 12am – 3pm, drop in, small charges apply
- **Dinosaur Day**- Monday 21 April, 11am – 2pm, booking essential here

Galton Valley Pumping Station

- Galton Valley Pumping station is opened by our volunteers on the 3rd Saturday of the month from April to October 11am-3pm.
- **Events for April will be their website and Facebook** <-click here

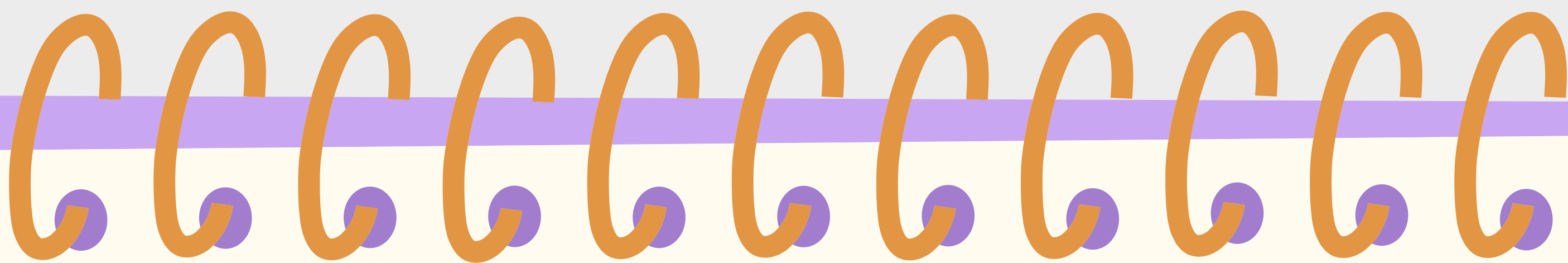
Sandwell Libraries:

- **Latest brochure here!** <-click here
- **Lots coming up, book via Ticketsource** <-click here

CALL OUT FOR EVENTS IN SANDWELL!

If you have an event in Sandwell, PLEASE add it to Visit Sandwell by clicking here!

We want more Sandwell events on Visit Sandwell - if you need any help with adding events, please contact Stacey!



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AMALIA DYSON-CARROLL PRESENTS
Classical Guitar Recital
THIMBLEMILL LIBRARY



25TH OF APRIL 2025
 FRIDAY, 7PM

TICKETS £10 ON THE DOOR
 WEBSITE: AMALIADYSON-CARROLL.CO.UK


ME DANCE YOUTH

Teaching the dancers of the future to be
STRONG and DIVERSE

Join ME Youth:
 Saturdays: 10:30-1:30pm @Central Library West Bromwich,
 B70 8DZ


For dancers aged
11-16

Contact: medanceco@gmail.com



Chatterbox Library

for parents & babies/toddlers




Wednesbury Library
 Walsall Street
 WS10 9EH



Session 31/03/2025 10.30am till 11.30am
 (then the last Monday of every month)

Free book!
 (First Session Only)

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 Play
 Talk



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 email:
early.years@singlepointplus.org
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 DJ PREHISTORIC MAN & DJ DOM



1000 Trades on the Park
 Bearwood

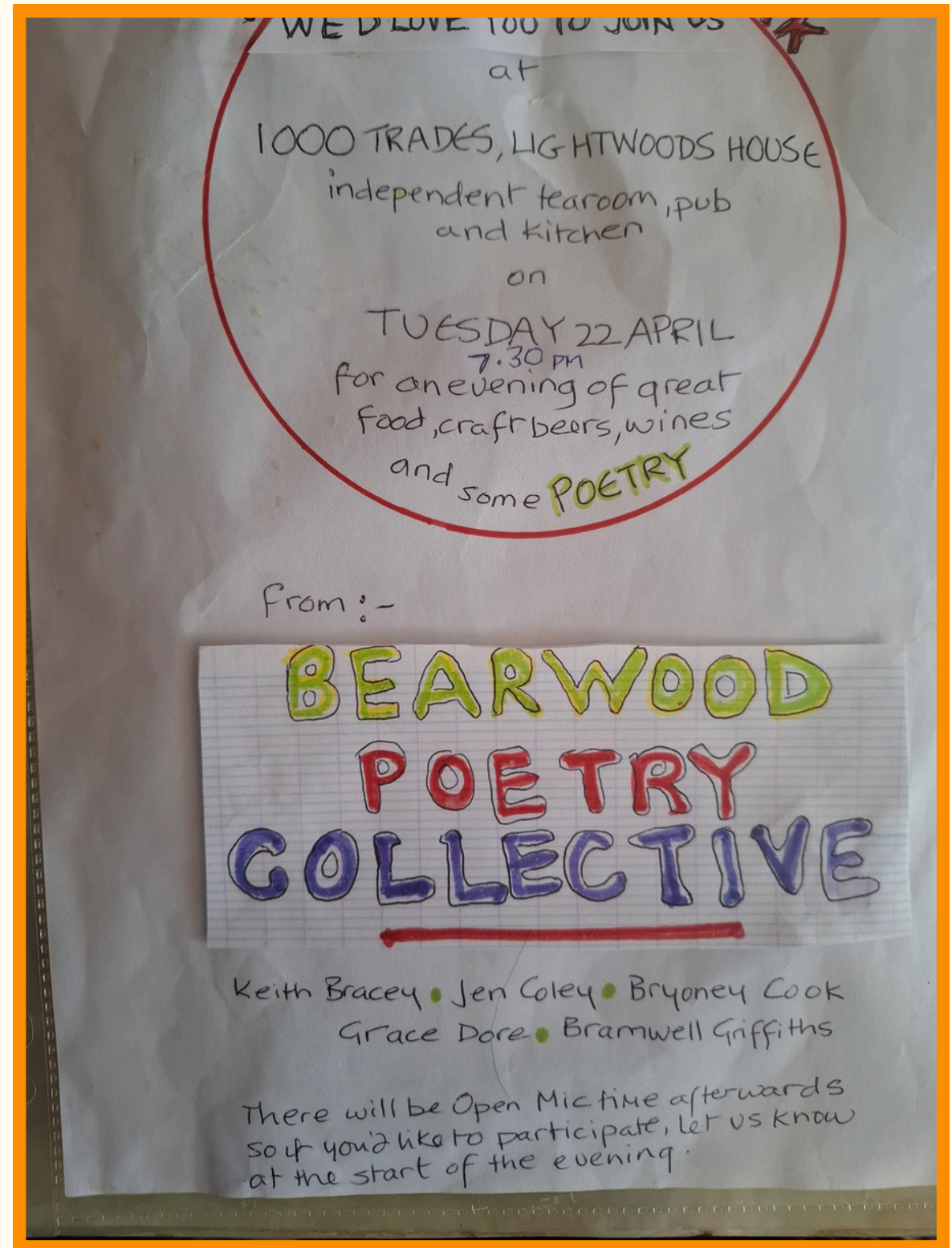


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Talking About The Fire by China Plate and Staatstheater Mainz

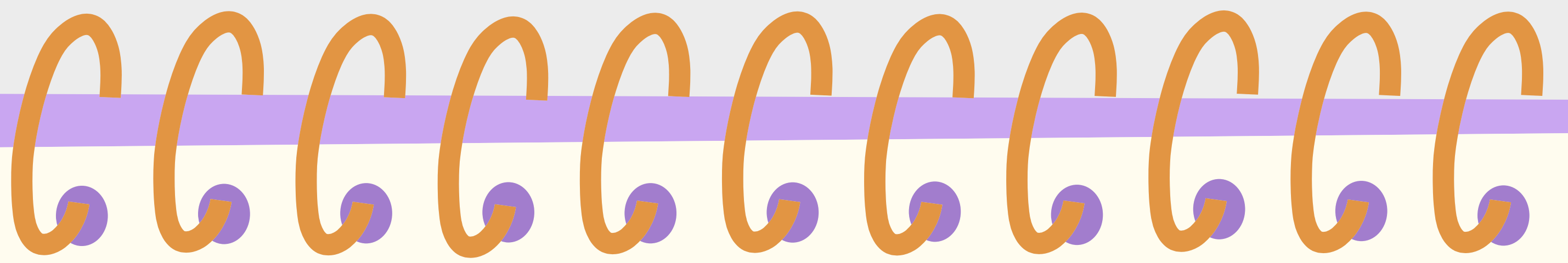
Nuclear weapons could destroy us all, right now - so why aren't we talking about them?
Sometimes the threat slides into view - Russia invades Ukraine - but that doesn't make the weapons more dangerous. They're always dangerous. And one day, deliberately or accidentally, they'll be used again.
From the team that created the award-winning Status and Confirmation, comes a show about a new nuclear weapons treaty - one that's trying to give the power to eliminate nuclear weapons to the states, and people, who don't possess them.

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7pm
Thimblemill Library, Thimblemill Road, Smethwick B67 5RJ

Monday 12th May 2025 at 7pm
Tipton Library, Carnegie Building, Victoria Road, Tipton, DY4 8SR

FREE to attend, suitable for ages 14+

BOOK NOW: www.bctouring.org.uk/talking-about-the-fire



Easter Fun



Climbing Wall

Tuesday 15th April 2025
 Ratcliffe Park, Dial Lane,
 West Bromwich B70 0EG
 11.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday 17th April 2025
 Balls Hill Open Space, Surrey Crescent,
 Wednesbury B71 2PN
 11.00am to 3.00pm

Tuesday 22nd April 2025
 Ratcliffe Park, Dial Lane,
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 11.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday 24th April 2024
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Archery

Riverside RHF4047-MED0425

Valuation Day at Haden Hill House Museum

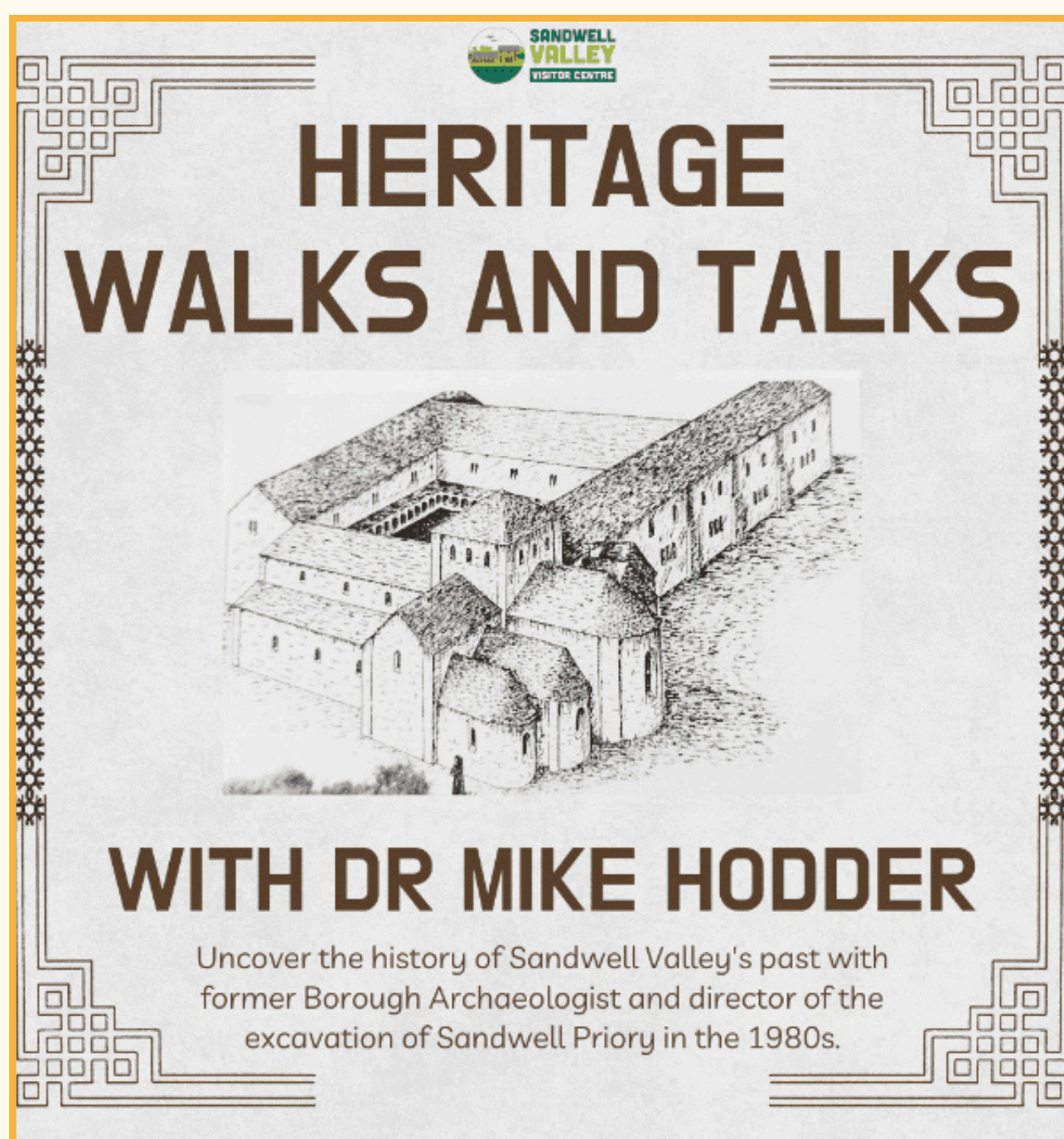
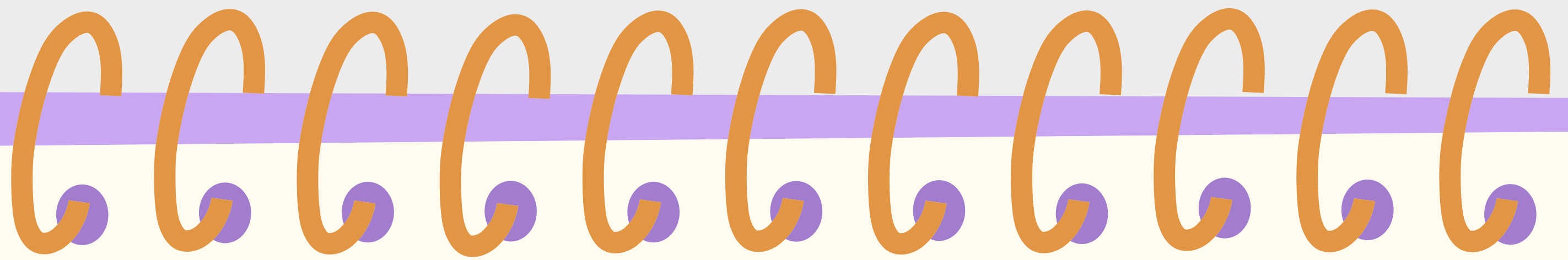
Wednesday 2 April 11am - 2pm

£5 for three items - small to medium items that can be carried in a large shopping bag.



Drop in event, no booking required





Join us for Dr Mike Hodder's illustrated walks and talks about the archaeology and history of Sandwell Priory and its relationship to other parts of medieval West Bromwich, including Bromwich Hall and All Saints' church. Coffee and Tea will be provided by our Tea Rooms.

Heritage Talks:

Sunday 13th April 2025
Sunday 1st June 2025
Sunday 3rd August 2025

Heritage Walks:

Saturday 10th May 2025
Saturday 12th July 2025

Heritage Open Day Walk - FREE
Thursday 18th September 2025

Event Details

From 11:00AM to 12:30PM

Location

Sandwell Valley Visitor Centre (formerly Sandwell Park Farm), West Bromwich, B71 4BG

[More information and to book click here](#)



TAI CHI EVERY TUESDAY - 11.30AM - 12.30PM

Join us for a rejuvenating Tai Chi class that blends movement, meditation, and mindfulness. Tai Chi aims to help you relax, reduce tension, and improve your overall well-being with gentle movement, physical postures and controlled breathing.

No experience is necessary - we advise you wear comfortable clothing and be ready to move at your own pace.

Follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) page for latest class updates.

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