



Retired Members - Programme of Events 2025

The retired members group meet every third Wednesday in the month at 11am, at: Dartmouth Central Club, Devonshire Drive, West Bromwich, B71 4AA (by Dartmouth Park front entrance)
We are a friendly, social group and have worked for Sandwell in a variety of locations during our working life. The group decides on activities/ social events throughout the year.

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 25th April 2025, 7.00pm. Dartmouth Central Club, Devonshire Drive, West Bromwich, B71 4AA. Teams up to 6, £2 a Player. All retired members are welcome.

We hold a quiz night every month, 2025 dates are: 30th May, 27th June, 18th July, 12th September, 17th October and 28th November. Please contact Ken Bradley on 07811 974216 for more information and to register a team.

WALKS

Tuesday 29th April 2025, 11.00am. Saltwells Nature Reserve Bluebell Walk. Meet at the Nature Reserve car park, followed by lunch at the Saltwells Inn. All retired members are welcome.

Tuesday 24th June 2025, 11.00am. Kinver Canal Walk. Meet at the Community Centre car park, Kinver, followed by lunch at the Vine pub. All retired members are welcome.

Tuesday 9th September 2025, 11.00am. Merrions Wood Nature Reserve Walk. Meet at the Nature Reserve car park, followed by lunch at the Bell pub. All retired members are welcome.

Tuesday 28th October 2025, 11.00am. Himley Hall Park Walk. Meet at the main car park, followed by tea and cake at the cafe. All retired members are welcome, bring your dog!

These are easy walks, followed by a pub lunch. Please contact Pete Holtham on 07914 705216 for more information, to let him know if you want to join the walking group or suggest future walks.

LUNCH

Tuesday 20th May 2025, 12.15 for 12.30pm. The Britannia, 124 Halesowen Street, Rowley Regis, B65 0ES. All retired members are welcome. Please contact Barry Clark on 07786 198100 if you would like to come.

Tuesday 14th October 2025, 12.15 for 12.30pm. The Crown and Anchor (known as Jinglers), Holyhedge Road, West Bromwich, B71 3BS. All retired members are welcome. Please contact Barry Clark on 07786 198100 if you would like to come.

Christmas Dinner, 17th December 2025. (Provisional date). Shaftesbury Casino, 377 High Street, West Bromwich, B70 9QW. This is always a very popular event. More details to follow. All retired members are welcome. Please contact Gina Rogers on 07901 856025 if you would like to come.

COACH TRIPS

To Chester, Saturday 14th June 2025, to visit the City or Chester Races. Coach leaves Jack Judge House, Oldbury at 9.00am, with drop offs first at the city centre then the racecourse. Return from Chester at 6.00pm from the city centre, then the racecourse. Unison members £10, non-members £20. Contact the branch office to reserve place - sandwellunison@btconnect.com 07736 923559. All retired members are welcome.

If you want to go racing arrange to buy your own ticket, preferably in advance.

To Gloucester, Saturday 19th July 2025, to visit the City or Gloucester Quays Food Festival. Coach leaves Jack Judge House, Oldbury at 9.00am and returns from Gloucester at 6.00pm. Unison members £10, non-members £20. Contact the branch office to reserve place - sandwellunison@btconnect.com 07736 923559. All retired members are welcome.

DAYS OUT

Shrewsbury, Friday 4th July 2024, for the Farmer's Market. We are going by train. Meet on the platform at New Street Station to catch the 10.22 train, 10.30 at Sandwell and Dudley or 10.41 at Wolverhampton. Meet at the Shrewsbury Hotel, Bridge St, Shrewsbury, SY1 1PU – 12.15 for 12.30 for lunch. If you have a West Midlands bus pass you can travel free as far as far as Wolverhampton, so buy a ticket in advance for Wolverhampton to Shrewsbury (£13.50 return, 33% off if you have a railcard). Keep proof of purchase, and you will be able to claim the cost from Unison branch, making this a free day out. All retired members are welcome. Please contact Barry Clark on 07786 198100 or Ken Bradley on 07811 974216 if you would like to come.

Worcester Christmas Market, Thursday 4th December 2025.

We will travel by train to Worcester Foregate Street - more details to follow, but get the date in your diary. Meet at the Crown pub, Crown Passage, Worcester, WR1 3LL – 12.15 for 12.30 for lunch. If you have a West Midlands bus pass you can travel free as far as far as Stourbridge, so buy a ticket in advance for Stourbridge to Worcester Foregate Street (33% off if you have a railcard). Keep proof of purchase, and you will be able to claim the cost from Unison branch, making this a free day out. All retired members are welcome. Please contact Barry Clark on 07786 198100 or Ken Bradley on 07811 974216 if you would like to come.

EVENING OUT

Canal Boat Fish and Chip Supper, Friday 19th September 2025. (Vegan and gluten free options are available). Departs from Park Gate Lock, Teddesley Road, Teddesley, Penkridge, ST19 5RH at 6.30pm for a 2 hour cruise. £28.50 per person for supper. Bar on board! We will arrange a return minibus from Jack Judge House, Oldbury, leaving at 5.00pm for those who require it, price to be determined. You will need to be able to step down into the boat to come on this trip.

Places limited to 28 only, first come first served. Contact the branch office to reserve place - sandwellunison@btconnect.com 07736 923559.

If you're not yet retired but would like to join us on any of these activities, you are more than welcome!