



**BROMBOROUGH u3a**

**NEWSLETTER**

**August 2025**

**Our website address is:** [bromborough.u3asite.uk](http://bromborough.u3asite.uk)

Speaker Meetings - 10:30am in Bromborough Village Hall

On August 4<sup>th</sup> we welcome Greer Lacey from Jackson's Animal Rescue Centre to give a presentation about their work.

We meet in September on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Chris Grant will be presenting a talk on Online Safety.

Forward Planning

Our AGM will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in Bromborough Village Hall. This is a reminder that we are looking for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary roles to be appointed at the meeting. Nominations are welcome and offers of shadowing the roles remain open. There's only 2 months left!

Scam Warning

On July 23<sup>rd</sup> Glennis had a message supposedly from DWP. It was telling her that she hadn't yet claimed for her winter fuel allowance, and she must do so before July 24 or lose it. She has reported it to the National action fraud department. If you get this message DO NOT open the link. You do not have to register or claim for winter fuel allowance.

Interest Groups

We are still looking for a permanent volunteer to take on the role of Group Leaders Convener. Speak to Jessica or myself for more information. Jessica is taking on the role temporarily.

A reminder – if you would like to join a group please contact the leader, initially.

**Beginners UKULELE Group (BUG)** – Jane Kemp – 3281284

Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 2pm in members' homes. Our next meeting will be 8<sup>th</sup> August. Please contact Jane for further details.

**COFFEE 'MORNING'** – Sheila Fitchet – 334 6413

Meeting Tuesdays at The Merebrook pub, **2pm**. Don't forget to register your car details if you use the car park. Contact Sheila if you wish to attend.

**FRENCH (GCSE Level)** – Diana Selmer – 327 5093

The group meets once a fortnight on Wednesday mornings on Zoom, starting at 9.30 am. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Diana.

**LOCAL HISTORY** – Jim Tunley – 327 7413

The next Local History will be on Tuesday 26th August. This will be having a guided tour of St Barnabas Church and/or graveyard. Meet in the car park at 2pm. All are welcome to join us.

**LUNCHEON CLUB** – Irene Crowder – 334 6684

Contact Irene about the meal for August.

**QUIZ GROUP** – Chris Kellett – 07719 103 929

The group meets on the second **Monday** in the month at 2pm. Newcomers, please contact Chris.

**RUMMIKUB** – Penny MacDonald – 07791 286 972

Please contact Penny for details.

**SINGING FOR PLEASURE** – Jane Kemp – 328 1284

We usually meet on the last Friday of the month in St Barnabas Village Centre, 2pm. The next meeting will be 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**WALKING – Denis Toohey – 343 1555 – [denroamin@gmail.com](mailto:denroamin@gmail.com)**

Some of our members enjoy the walks with other groups so it has been decided that a specific Bromborough u3a walking group is not needed at present. DO go along and join them. From time-to-time Denis will arrange specific walks for us when requested.

Here are two groups you may want to join:

Bromborough village walk on **Mondays 10.30 - 11.30 am** (not on Bank Holidays). Meet at St Barnabas Church car park for walks to Eastham Country Park or Dibbinsdale 2-3 miles.

**Thursdays 11.30 am - 12.00 pm**, Eastham Group Practice, 47, Bridle Road, Bromborough.

Contact Fiona (Wellbeing Walks Coordinator) for more info, tel. 0776 967 4718

We are always happy to include new interest groups so if you have any ideas speak to Jessica or anyone on the committee.

## What's Ons

**Saturday 9 August**, Farmer's Market at New Ferry Village Hall 9 - 12 p.m. There is a fantastic plant stall with reasonable prices, as well as a fresh fish van and Edge the Butcher.

**Thursday 14 August** Age U.K Coach Trip to Betws-y-Coed Pick up Royal Oak 10.00 a.m, return 4.30 p.m. £26. Tel. 0151 482 3456 Option 3 or call at Age U.K. Sylvandale Spital Road, Bromborough 10 am - 3 pm weekdays.

**Wednesday 17 September** Age U.K Coach Trip to Colwyn Bay, pick up outside The Royal Oak, Bromborough 10.00 a.m and returning at 4.30 p.m. £25 per person. Book a.s.a.p. Tel. 0151 482 3456 Option 3 or call at Age U.K. Sylvandale Spital Road, Bromborough 10 am - 3 pm weekdays.

**Every Wednesday and Friday 12.30-14.00 and Sunday 14.30-16.00** Panoramic Lounge, Floral Pavilion, Free Music Concert.

Members who lived in Bebington in the 60s may remember Elizabeth Smolen. She was a Polish refugee who became a champion scooter racer and ran a scooter shop with her father in Bebington Road, near Dacre Hill. There is a small exhibition about her at the **Williamson Art Gallery**. It runs until **20 December**.

### Eastham Library Events

Eastham library is now on the list to be saved from closure. Please call in during June to fill in a survey. (The library is not open on Monday, but is open 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Tuesday - Friday and 9am - 1pm on Saturday). Or go to Wirral Council's Have Your Say website.

Thursdays 10 -11.15 am TABLE TALK at Eastham Library. Discussing book extracts, poetry and art. Organised by St Mary's Church community.

Knit and Natter. This is a free regular weekly activity held at Eastham Library, where like-minded friends meet for a chat and coffee/tea on **Wednesdays, 10.30 - 12.00** in the section of the library where the One Stop Shop used to be.

Eastham Library events for the future to look out for.

Eastham Country Park talk in August

Wildlife in Wirral in October.

### Age U.K, Meadowcroft, Spital Road, Bromborough:-

Monday	1.30 - 3.30 Art and Drawing
Tuesday	10 -12 Singing for Health 10.30 - 12.30 Flower Arranging 12-15-1.15 Chair based Exercise 1.30 - 2.30 Yoga. No experience necessary
Wednesday	10.00-11.00 Tap Dancing 10 -12 Crochet Corner 11.30-12.20 Zumba Gold 12 - 2 Soup and Sandwich Lunch 2.30 - 3.30 Reading Group 2.45 - 3.45 Tai Chi
Thursday	10 - 12 Art and Drawing 10.30-11.30 Chair Based Exercise 1.15 - 2.15 Balance and Stability with Julie Ann. Stand/sit exercises 1.30 – 4 Papercraft for all skill levels 2.30-4.00 Ukelele no longer has a tutor, but players who have some knowledge are welcome to play in a group of 8. Stands and music provided. £3. No need to book.
Friday	10.00-11.00 Pilates 11.15-12.15 Pilates 10 - 12 Jewellery Workshop ( <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Friday</b> )

Age UK offer One 2 One Computer Sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at £5 per session.

Also, DIY Computer Club with Sue is on Wednesdays from 10am - 12.

Age UK can also help with advice on a range of issues including application for Pension Credit. If your telephone call goes to answer machine leave your name and number and they WILL get back to you. Call 0151 482 3456 Option 7.

Line Dance classes, taught by Judy, are held every Wednesday at Bromborough Village Hall. 10-11am Intermediate, 11am-12 Beginners, 6-7pm Complete Beginners and 7-8pm Intermediate.

Bellringers are needed for St Mary's Church, Eastham village. Tel. Sharon Lyons, Belltower Captain, 07977 339 876.

St David's Church Food Bank, Mill Park Drive, Eastham every Wednesday 12 noon - 2pm  
For emergency food voucher tel. 0151 606 2005 (option 4 emergency financial aid)  
Monday - Friday 9am - 5 pm OR tel. Citizens Advice Bureau (freephone) 08082 78 78 48 Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm. At other times, including Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, tel. 0151 6776557

Remember, if **you** have news to include in the monthly newsletter, please pass it to me by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

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## Did You Know?

- **August 5, 1962:** Marilyn Monroe, iconic actress, was found dead.
- **August 24, 79 AD:** Mount Vesuvius erupted, destroying the city of Pompeii.
- **August 28 1207:** Liverpool is created a Borough by King John.
- **August 28, 1833:** The Slavery Abolition Act was passed in Britain, abolishing slavery in most British colonies.
- **August 30, 1797:** Mary Shelley, author of "Frankenstein", was born.

Jane Kemp (Bromborough u3a chair)