



BROMBOROUGH u3a

NEWSLETTER

October 2025

Our website address is:

bromborough.u3asite.uk

Speaker Meetings - 10:30am in Bromborough Village Hall

On October 6th Bromborough u3a AGM will be held at 10.30am in Bromborough Village Hall. After the business there will be a short singalong followed by a cake and a cuppa!

Our meeting in November will be on Monday the 3rd. Kate Russell will be giving a talk entitled, 'One Foot in the Gravy'. Intriguing!

Interest Groups

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 2nd Friday of the month at 2pm in members' homes. 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 14th October when Jenny Hope will be taking us into St. Barnabas church to talk about its history. Meet in the car park area at 2pm.

LUNCHEON CLUB – Irene Crowder – 334 6684

Contact Irene about the meal for October.

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.

WALKING – Denis Toohey – 343 1555 – denroamin@gmail.com

Look out for an email about future walks.

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 me or anyone on the committee.

For your information

Eric Midwinter, the last surviving founder of U3A in 1982, died in August 2025. He wrote a book called 500 Beacons: The U3A Story, which was published in 2004. He had asked for contributions and included every one that was sent to him including:

'Bromborough, on the Wirral, was established with the backing of and part funding by Bebington U3A, when the latter's membership grew precipitately. Ian Norris, its Publicity Secretary, tells how the Bromborough group began with just 38 members in 1998 and now has 192, with more than a score of activities on offer and an attractive welcome pack for new members, ... In turn, Bromborough was responsible for launch of the Neston U3A, affiliated in 2002.'

What's Ons

PLEASE NOTE: The talk by Dr Hilary Ashe at Eastham Library in October is fully booked.

Saturday October 4, afternoon performance at Bromborough Methodist Church Hall by Dennis Collings, singer and guitarist. £10 ticket includes buffet. Booking essential. Tel. Anne Horrocks 334 8252 or 07794 964 232

Saturday October 11, 10 am --2 pm car boot sale St David's Church, Mill Park Drive, Eastham. Cash only.

2nd and 4th Friday, 11.30 - 1.30 Meet and Eat at St Mary's Community Church Hall, Eastham Rake. Donations welcomed.

Fairs at Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight 9.30 - 2 pm:-

Sunday October 5, Flea Market

Sunday October 19 Antique and Vintage Fair.

Sunday October 26 Craft and Gift

9, 10 and 17 December, Pensioners' Christmas Lunches at Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight @ £23. Early booking essential. Tel. 0151 644 8797 or ENQUIRIES @ Hulmehall.com

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.
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 (3rd Friday)

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 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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Did You Know?

October 8th 1967 Transport Minister, Barbara Castle, introduces the breathalyser. The breathalyser offered a way of testing a person's BAC (*blood alcohol concentration*) level at the roadside.

