



BROMBOROUGH u3a
NEWSLETTER
December 2025



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and a peaceful New Year

Our website address is: bromborough.u3asite.uk

Our new committee

Chair – Chris Kellett
Vice Chair – Penny MacDonald
Secretary – Jessica Frizell
Treasurer – Denis Toohey
Membership Sec. – Val Clark

Other committee members include – Irene Crowder, Lindsey Lawrence and Frances Marmion.

Speaker Meetings - 10:30am in Bromborough Village Hall

December 1st sees our last Speaker Meeting of 2025. The talk will be given by Christing Spencer entitled 'Christmas Unwrapped'.

5th January 2026 sees us begin a new year of morning meetings. On January 5th we look forward to seeing you after Christmas at the **drop-in session in St Barnabas Village Centre between 10.30am and 12noon.** There you can sign up for the new year ahead, collect your 2026 programme. After you've signed up why not linger in the café for a coffee or maybe even lunch.

Remember payment for your 2026 membership (**£20 each**) can be made by bank transfer, cheque or cash.

For bank transfer

Sort Code – 20-29-50 Acc. Number - 10464511 Acc. Name - Bromborough U3A. Note this is a case sensitive Business Payee Account.

Reference it with your name. Print out proof of payment and bring it with you on the 6th so that Denis can quickly identify your fee.

Cheques should be made payable to Bromborough U3A.

If you will not be at the drop-in on 5th Jan, you could post your proof of payment or cheque to Denis Toohey (Treasurer), 76 Beechwood Road Bromborough CH62 7BJ

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

Keep a lookout for the next Local History visit or contact Jim directly.

LUNCHEON CLUB – Irene Crowder – 334 6684

Contact Irene about the next meal.

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. There will be no meeting in December. Next time will be **Friday January 30th 2026**.

Our final sing along was on November 28 where we sang carols and Christmas songs sporting our finest Christmas jumpers.



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

On Monday 17th November Denis led us on a walk in Storeton Woods. The weather was cold but very bright with fantastic Autumn blue skies and sunshine. We had a lovely time and stopped off for refreshments at the Village Café in Bromborough.

Keep a lookout for details of our next walk.



We are always happy to include new interest groups so if you have any ideas speak to me (Jane Kemp – Group Leaders Convener) or anyone on the committee.

What's On

BROMBOROUGH U3A NEW YEAR LUNCH. On Monday 12th January there is a lunch planned at the Lever Club in Port Sunlight – 12.00 for 12.30. It is envisaged that the cost will be no more than £12. A deposit of £5 will secure your place. This can be paid at the December speaker meeting and the balance paid on the 5th January at the drop-in. Contact Irene Crowder or Jessica Frizell for further details.

Get into the Christmas spirit with a visit to see **Peter Pan-To**. Lifeline Productions will be presenting the family friendly, fun pantomime at the Carlton Little Theatre in Birkenhead. Performances on Thursday 4th December to Saturday 6th (7:30pm) with a matinee on Saturday (2pm). Tickets available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lifeline-productions> Only £12 adults, £8 children & concessions.

Saturday 6 December St David's Church, Mill Park Drive, Eastham Christmas Tea 2 pm, £10, Tickets tel. 0151 334 2857 a.s.a.p.

Saturday 6 December, Methodist Church, Bromborough, 7.30 pm Bel Canto Christmas Concert £10

Sunday 7 December, Hulme Hall, Port Sunlight Flea Market, 9.30 am – 2 pm.

Sunday 14 December Christmas Craft Market, 9.30 am – 2 pm.

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December at Bromborough Odeon 7.15 pm, André Rieu's Merry Christmas concert.

Sunday 7 December at Lady Lever Art Gallery, Port Sunlight Orchestra Christmas Concert at 2 pm for 2.30 pm. Donations.

Sunday 7 December, Wirral Hospice St John's Light Up A Life from 4 p.m. fundraising stalls, tea and cakes, view books of people's names. 5.30 p.m. switch on of 10,000 lights. (To sponsor a light, telephone 0151 343 0778)

Wednesday 10 December at 7.30 for 8 pm free lecture by Peter May about the Battle of Brunanburh at Mayer Hall, Bebington.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Saturday 25 December, 12.30 pm - 3 p.m at Delamere Centre, Mill Park, Eastham for local residents. Spaces limited and must be booked by 15 December. Phone 0151 327 8767.

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

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.

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 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.

BOOK NOW for new classes at Age U.K, Meadowcroft, Spital Road Bromborough, starting January 2026:-

Every Wednesday 1 pm - 2 pm, Chair Based Tai Chi
Every Thursday 2.30 - 3.30 pm Low Impact Aerobics.
Both £5 per session. Call in on any weekday.

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

Monday May 11 - Friday May 15, 2026 David Ogden coach holiday to South Wales, staying in the 4 star Parkway Hotel, Cwmbran (with ground floor public rooms and bedrooms). Home pick-ups. Included trips to The Royal Mint and Brecon Railway. **Book with Andersons, Bromborough a.s.a.p.**

Remember, if **you** have news to include in the monthly newsletter, please pass it to Chris Kellett (07719 103 929) by the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Did You Know?

25 December 354

The earliest document to place Jesus's birthday on December 25 is the Calendar of Filocalus (in the year 354), which also names it as the birthday of the 'Invincible Sun'.

