



**BROMBOROUGH u3a**

**NEWSLETTER**

**March 26**

**Our website address is:**

**[bromborough.u3asite.uk](http://bromborough.u3asite.uk)**

Speaker Meetings - 10:30am in Bromborough Village Hall

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> Bromborough U3A will meet from 10.30am for our speaker meeting.

Many of you will already be aware of the sad passing of Sheila Fitchett, early in February. Sheila was a staunch member for many years, ran interest groups arranged trips and holidays and also gave long and valued service to the Committee. She will be missed.

Following the January Lunch – I still have one raffle prize outstanding, belonging to Helen Corrigan. It would be good to pass this on on Monday either to Helen or someone who can deliver it to her!

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 2pm in members' homes. Please contact Jane for further details.

**COFFEE 'MORNING'** –

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

**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

Jim will announce details of the next trip asap.

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

Contact Irene about future meals

**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](mailto:denroamin@gmail.com)** Look out for an email about future walks.

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

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

### **What's On**

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

Every Thursday, 11.00-12.00. Tea, coffee, sausage rolls and cake at St David's URC, Eastham. Donations welcomed.

### Eastham Library Events

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.

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

Monday 1.30 - 3.30 Art and Drawing

Tuesday 10 -12 Singing for Health  
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  
12 – 1 Salsa Gold  
12 - 2 Soup and Sandwich Lunch  
1.30 – 2.30 Chair based Tai Chi  
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 Strong and Steady with Julie Ann. Stand/sit exercises  
1.30 – 4 Papercraft for all skill levels  
2.30 – 3.30 Zumba Aerobics

Friday 10.00-11.00 Pilates  
11.15-12.15 Pilates  
10 - 12 Jewellery Workshop (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

**Please note that some of the classes above have changed recently.**

Spring 2026 The Floral Pavilion, New Brighton  
Lunchtime Music Wed, Thurs and Fri, 12.30 - 14.00 Panoramic Lounge. Free entry.  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Book Fair, Plaza Lounge. Free entry.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March., Mayer Trust free public lecture, 'Vintage advertisements to make you smile ' by Dominga Devitt. 7.30 for 8pm start, Mayer Hall, Bebington.

Book now for coach trip to Bury Market with Age U.K, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> April. £28 full payment required when booking. Pick up 9am Meadowcroft, Spital Road, Bromborough. Coach departs Bury 4.30 pm for the return journey.  
Phone 0151 482 3456 option 3 or call in age U.K, Meadowcroft weekdays.

2nd Saturday every month. 9am - midday, Farmers' Market at New Ferry Village Hall. Coffee and homemade cake for less than £1.

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.

St David's Church Food Bank, Mill Park Drive, Eastham, Wednesday 1pm – 2.30pm  
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.

Gladstone Theatre Port Sunlight has a range of shows over the next few months. Box Office 0151 643 8757

Justin Madders – local MP for many of us holds drop-in surgeries at Eastham Library on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 10-4 (closed 1-2) and at Bromborough Village Centre and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month 10-4.

**If any of these announcements are now out of date, please let me know, so they can be amended or deleted.**

## **Helping Children with Reading and Comprehension**

Is anyone interested in spending a couple of hours a week back at school, listening to children read? 2026 is the National Year of Reading and helping children with their reading and comprehension can be key to improving their chances of accessing higher education and further life chances. Volunteers visit the schools in term time, although 'time off' for holidays etc can be accommodated. No specific skills or experience are required. Volunteers will need a DBS check which is arranged and funded by the school. Anyone interested should contact Michelle Bailey at [m.bailey@schoolreaders.org](mailto:m.bailey@schoolreaders.org)

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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**Holi, celebrated as the Festival of Colours, rejoices in the triumph of the virtuous Prince Prahlada over the demon Holika, symbolizing the ultimate defeat of evil by good. It also celebrates the eternal and divine love of the deities Radha and Krishna and celebrates the arrival of Spring. While it originates in India, Holi transcends borders and is celebrated around the globe. Participants throw coloured powders, share sweets, and enjoy cultural performances. This year it is celebrated on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The date changes every year as it is based on the lunar cycle.**