



**BROMBOROUGH u3a**

**NEWSLETTER**

**May 26**

**Our website address is:**

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

**Speaker Meetings - 10:30am in Bromborough Village Hall**

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Bromborough U3A will meet from 10.30am for our speaker meeting.

At the March meeting, those present were asked if they wished the meeting scheduled for **4<sup>th</sup> May** to go ahead, bearing in mind that this a Bank Holiday. It was agreed by the meeting that this should go ahead. Please come along if you can!

**Interest Groups**

As a club we own 4 card tables. These are currently stored at a member's home, but this is no longer possible. Are you thinking of starting a bridge group, canasta, Scrabble or anything where these might be useful? If not, we will look at passing them on to another U3A group. The tables are in good condition, foldable with a leg at each corner.

**New Special Interest Group – Knitting/crochet**

Group Leader Lindsay writes. 'I put out a list at the last meeting, but am aware that not everyone had the chance to see it and sign up. If you didn't see it and want more details, please get in touch with me. I knit baby blankets to an easy pattern. Reasonably priced wool can be bought at Poundstretchers in Bromborough village.' The group will initially meet at member's homes. Costs will be kept to a minimum. Lindsay is trying to find a crochet instructor for those who want to learn – unless of course there is someone within the group with knowledge to help support that. Those wanting to put their name down, or for more information, please contact Lindsay on 0151 327 4879 or 07969 226 185.

It is great that we have a new group starting. Is there anyone else who has an idea for another?!

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 – 0151 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 when available.

**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.

**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 – 0151 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.

## What's On

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Gladstone Theatre, 7.30. Mama Mia, The Musical – tribute act.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Liverpool Phil, 5pm. Sir Phil Redmond in conversation – A Roscoe Lecture. Free, but tickets must be pre booked.

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May, Bromborough Odeon, 7pm. National Theatre Live's Playboy of the Western World. (JM Synge)

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Liverpool Phil, 1pm. 17<sup>th</sup> birthday concert by Liverpool children. Free, but seats must be pre booked.

## Regular Events

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

Spring 2026 The Floral Pavilion, New Brighton

Lunchtime Music Wed, Thurs and Fri, 12.30 - 14.00 Panoramic Lounge. Free entry.

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.

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.

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month – 10.30 – 12.00. Singing Café at the Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight. Free event. Hot drinks and raffle available. Live music from 50s – 80s. Words provided if you want to join in, or just sit and listen, or chat.

Every Tuesday, 1pm at Bromborough Odeon – Silver Cinema and free coffee

### 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.**

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.

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 on 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.**

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.

Chris Kellett – 07719 103 929 or 0151 327 8286 or [Christinekellett@sky.com](mailto:Christinekellett@sky.com)

### **May Bank Holidays**

In this country, we celebrate 2 Bank Holidays in May. The first, on the first Monday in May, was established here in 1978. It recognises International Worker's Day, observed in many countries on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, but to avoid it being 'too socialist' it was decided to use the first Monday here. It also, follows our practice of attaching Bank Holidays to a weekend. However, it has its origins in the Gaelic festival of Beltane which marks the start of Summer when bonfires were lit and Maypoles were danced round. I remember once in Primary School a Maypole being erected with lots of coloured ribbons, that we danced round!

The second May Bank Holiday falls on the last Monday in May. From 1871 – 1971 the holiday was on Whit Monday, but as this is a movable feast, dependant on the date of Easter and therefore the moon, it was decided that, especially for school terms, a fixed date for the holiday was preferred. Nowadays it is referred to as the Late May or Spring Bank Holiday. This year, it happens to fall on Whit Monday!