BROMBOROUGH u3a NEWSLETTER

Oct 26

Our website address is: bromborough.u3asite.uk

Speaker Meetings - 10:30am in Bromborough Village Hall

On Oct 5th, Bromborough U3A will meet from 10.30am for our AGM.

This will be followed by a buffet lunch at the Merebrook. The room will be available from 12.00. There will be a raffle and possibly a quiz! Come along, mix and mingle and meet some of our newer members. Lifts to the Merebrook can be arranged.

Interest Groups

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

THEATRE/CONCERT TRIPS – Anne O'Connor on 0151 334 1952
As arranged. Please contact Anne if you are interested in joining this group.

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

KNITTING/CROCHET - Lindsay - 0151 327 4879 or 07969 226 185.
Knot Just Knitting
Research shows that knitting & crochet can be carried on into very old age.
In the long term it can improve mental & physical health.
I am aware there is a knit & natter group at Age UK & the Village Centre, but am setting this crafting group (embroidery etc) up as another activity for Bromborough u3a, where we can learn from each other, laugh, & make new friends.
I will be available at the AGM speaker meeting & at the Merebrook lunch to capture email & mobile phone nos & discuss starting the group first Wednesday afternoon in November either at the Royal Oak Bromborough or the Merebrook. Please come & speak to me. Lindsey Lawrence

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 – Many thanks to Jim Tunley who has organised this group and is now stepping down. Would anyone like to step up and take over?

LUNCHEON CLUB – Irene Crowder – o151 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 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.

For those who weren't able to be at the last Speaker meeting

There were 40 members present with 2 prospective new members.

Gillian Russell gave us a very in depth talk on **Japenese culture**.

Having lived and worked there for four years with her family she was able to give us a very interesting talk on all things Japanese. For example; the history of Japan, their many festivals, their art and culture, all types of kimonos, varied types of entertainment, the origins of the famous tea ceremony, and the art of origami. Whilst living there Gillian was most impressed by the cleanliness of the streets, no litter bins, people were expected to take their rubbish home with them. Also, there were no street names, you gave a taxi driver a land mark and then directed them to your destination from there.

Fran thanked Gillian for coming to talk to us on such a fascinating subject.

One-off Events

Until 1st November Lady Lever Art Gallery is displaying 'Crafting, a Lagacy', showcasing the work of May Morris.
Saturday 2 October Harvest Afternoon, Bromborough Methodist Church. Singer Paul Parsons and buffet tea, £10, tickets Anne Horrocks, tel 334 8252
Tuesday 6 October, Cinema Club, Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight, Brigadoon, 1.30 pm for 2 pm start.
Wednesdays 7 and 21 October Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight, Singing Café,10.30 am - midday. Free.
Wednesday 21 October free Mayer Lecture, Mayer Hall, Bebington. Friends of Bebington Cemetery by Steve Morgan and Val Beecroft. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start.
22 - 24 October (including Saturday matinée) St Paul's Musical Theatre Company, Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight, Wirral première musical The Wind in the Willows

Saturday 24 October St David's Church, Mill Park Drive, Eastham, Sing Me Merseyside choir. Tickets £10, light refreshments. Tel. Judith 07845 266 831.

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

Chris Kellett – 07719 103 929 or 0151 327 8286 or Christinekellett@sky.com

Regular events are posted on the notice board

October

The Anglo-Saxons' name for October was Winterfylleth, with its name being the words for winter and full moon respectively. It was named this because winter was said to begin from the first full moon of the month. The Saxons had a name for October, too. Theirs was Wyn Monath, which translated into "wine month" because it was the time of the year for making wine.

The Twyford church in Hampshire, has a tradition of ringing its bells every year on October 7th. This goes back to the 18th Century when local resident William David became lost in heavy fog while riding home at night. Much to his luck, he heard the church bells toll and followed them home. When he died, he left some money to the church to ring their bells on October 7th every year, just in case there were any other lost travellers.

Look to the skies this month and you may see the Draconid Meteor Shower. It contains a single comet that is visible in the northern hemisphere between October 6th and 10th.

An even more impressive meteor shower is the Orionid meteor shower, which runs from October 2nd until early November. It is named after Orion as it is usually visible in the same part of the sky as the constellation. At the peak of the meteor shower, as many as 20 meteors are visible every hour.