



## Chorley u3a newsletter MAY 2026

Here is your guide to what's happening in *your* u3a, news from the groups and plans for the coming months.

### SPOTLIGHT on the **SEWING, KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP** [leader Jean Colwell]

The sewing knitting and crochet group are doing two projects for Preston and Chorley Hospitals as well as their own projects.

These are making drain bags for post-surgery recovery, and cardigans for babies. We had two generous donations of materials and a little wool. We have plenty of materials for the drain bags, some already taken to Chorley hospital. They were very gratefully received and more are being produced.

The Preston Baby Beat shop may have more requests for things such as toys etc; to make these we need more double and 4 ply wool and toy stuffing.

Do any members of Chorley U3A have any amount of any colours of wool, small buttons any colour, or toy stuffing that they are willing to donate to our group to enable us to start and continue these projects?

If you can give any donations or if you wish to join our merry band, please contact Jean Colwell on 01257 275586 or 07958243382. Thank you.

### Upcoming Trips:

#### NATIONAL ARBORETUM 13<sup>th</sup> May

This trip will start and finish at the bus lay-by opposite the bus station and Inspire on the Train station side of the road. The Land Train costs £7 per person and the coach fare is dependent on the number attending - 20 people will be £39.75, 30 people £26.50. The fare is divided equally between all those attending.



Anyone who wishes to attend please let Lynne Love know as soon as possible. Please can you pay a £10 deposit for the trip to hold your place. This can be done at coffee mornings or via BACS. When paying by BACS please give the reference NArb. Please email **Lynne Love - lloveu3achorley@gmail.com-with your name.**

**Coffee mornings** -weekly on Mondays, 10.30-11.45 am

**REMEMBER** -the first session of any group you join is FREE

## **News from the Groups**

**Canasta** [leader Yvonne Meadley]

This group is continuing : apologies for some disruption at Hollinshead Street Church as building work is underway.

Canasta (Spanish for "basket") is a card game of the rummy family of games. Groups of four players, in two partnerships, attempt to make "melds" of seven cards of the same rank and "go out" by playing all cards in their hands.

Canasta is a fun game to play and can easily be picked up by a new player. The ability to play is therefore not necessary to join the group. Tuition is available and the group offers a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

New members are always welcome to join us.  
On Friday afternoons, 2nd & 4th in month at 2pm

**Badminton** [leader Lynne Love]

Every Monday 10-12, St George's Church Hall

**Important:** we are opening this session to everyone who is on the list or the waiting list. Please come at 10 am.