

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

It is the time of year when we need to think about our AGM in April and this year several members of the Committee come to the end of their term of office. These are the Chairman, the Vice Chair, the Treasurer, the Groups' Co-ordinator, the Speaker's Secretary and the Receptionist. As you can see this means we need some key people to join the Committee if we are to continue. We were heartened by the response to our appeal for a Newsletter Editor and Website Manager when three members came forward and we hope there will be a similar response now.

The next Committee meeting is on the 5th March and anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to come along. If you are interested and feel you can help please speak to any member of the Committee for further information.

The Exercise for Wellbeing Group needs you.

As you may have seen from the inside pages, the new name for the exercise group is Exercise for Wellbeing. It will cater for everyone, so why not go along, give it a try and support the group. Who knows, you may enjoy it, but, more important, you'll probably feel better for it.

U3A History Group December meeting

At the December meeting of the U3A history group members celebrated the forthcoming festive period with mince pies and an interactive session when members described the origins and history of various Christmas traditions. Brenda Taylor spoke about Christmas puddings, Marian

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

January 25	Roger Brown "Cole Porter"
February 22	Prof Paul Salveston MBE "Lancastrians, mines, mills and minarets"
March 28	Allan Shalks "My unusual early life and my experiences in theatre, television, films and radio"

Monthly Open Meetings are held at the Nazareth Unitarian Chapel, Padiham, BB12 8JH at 2:30 pm on the 4th Thursday in the month (except December) Visitors welcome at a charge of £2

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Group Tea Rota

January 2024
Book club, Coffee
club and Exercise
for Wellbeing

February
English Folk
Dancing

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



That's Christmas and New Year Eve done and dusted for this year, I sincerely hope you all had the celebrations you wished for. Myself and Anne certainly did. We can now look forward to Valentine's Day and then Easter. Not wanting to miss out, I have already bought my first hot cross buns. Apparently there could be a shortage!

2023 saw quite a few memorable events some really uplifting like the Coronation and some best forgotten, however now starting out in 2024 we all wish for a better outcome for the future year. I would like to wish you all the best and happiness for 2024.

Now would be the time to think about how you can help our u3a here in Burnley and District. We have had great success in the new newsletter production following Jim's resignation. But there will be vacancies on the committee in April that need filling so that we can fully function. Speak to any member of the committee if you would like to take on a role. Any u3a member can attend a committee meeting to get a flavour of various roles so please speak to a committee member if you would like to attend one. This could be your New Year's resolution.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
Wednesday 14th February 2024 12:00 noon
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Book Group: will meet on Monday 19th February from 10 - 12 noon in the Hameldon Room at Padiham Unitarian Church. The book for discussion will be The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith. The book for March will be Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day by Winifred Watson.	Marilyn Jones
Exercise for Wellbeing Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30am in the Unitarian Chapel. Everybody welcome. For further information contact Sonia or Maureen.	Sandra Rawlinson Sonia Rawlinson Maureen Brown
The Coffee Club: will meet on February 8th at the Prairie Sports village Bistro on Windermere Ave at 11-12 . Any one is welcome , a good way for new members to meet people. Please note due to the ever changing winter weather if it is snowing on the day we will not meet. Contact Freda Whittle or sign up at the monthly meeting	Freda Whittle
English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on Thursdays 1st and 15th February . Everyone welcome; you don't need a partner.	Eric Bushby
The French Conversation Group: meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at Molly Rigbys, 17/19 Mill Street, Padiham, from 1:45pm. Please contact Rhoda Gouldsbrough.	Rhoda Gouldsbrough
German Pre-intermediate Group: will meet at the reference room at Burnley Library on the second and fourth Tuesday 1-3pm. New members always welcome but please text or ring me and leave a message before coming, just in case we have had to unexpectedly change the date.	Laura Carter
Handbell Ringing Group: will meet at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham on Wednesdays, 7th and 21st February from 2.00pm - 3.30pm. New members would be very welcome, no experience necessary. Please contact Valerie Widdas for further information.	Valerie Widdas
History Including Local History: February 1st in the Hambledon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. 10.30 to 12.00. Illustrated talk by Annette Roady " The book of St.Peter" further details ring Enid.	Enid Thorp
Indoor Bowls: meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley. 10:00 am to 12 noon. £3 session. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.	Pat Ferguson
Italian Group: meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. New members are welcome, but some previous knowledge of the language would be useful.	Jean Atherton
Knitting and Crochet Group: February's meetings fall on 12th and 26th of the month. 12th Feb will be work on your own project. 26th will be more technical: Tension Calculations - how to find a substitute yarn for your pattern. What do you mean, you don't know how to knit? Come and join us and learn something new!	Melinda Jackson
Painting for Pleasure: Meets at 10:00 am on the first and third Monday of each month at Padiham Rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.	Pat Ferguson

Outings Group: Wednesday 7 February: Manchester city centre Walking Tour is now fully booked.	Anne Green
Wednesday 17 April: Coach trip to Ulverston for a lunch break, then on to Conishead Priory and its Buddhist Temple. £30 includes coach travel, guided tour of the Temple and Cream Tea afterwards. Burnley Bus Station depart 0900, Padiham Town Hall depart 0920. Please pay by card or cheque payable to "Burnley and District u3a"	Howard & Nancy Mitchell
Philosophy Group: The next meeting will be Wednesday 14th February . Speaker : Prof Paul Salveson MBE "Lancastrians,mines mills and minarets Venue details Jim Wallace.	Jim Wallace
Photography Group: 2pm start on the 2nd Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre. Topic for Friday 9th February 'Pendle in the frame' – landscape photos that include Pendle Hill	Peter Hartley Stuart Chattle
Quiz Group: The Quiz Group will meet on Monday 19th February , from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.	Ann Bullas
Scrabble Group: Scrabble group - meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-3.30pm, 7th February, 21st February , at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For more information contact Christine Potter.	Christine Potter
Singing Group: meets on the 1st Monday of each month 11:00-12:30pm in the Hameldon room, Unitarian Church.	Ann Bullas
The singing group will meet on 5th February 2024.	Pamela Hopcroft
Spanish Beginners Group: The Beginner's Spanish group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of February on the 12th and 26th February at Padiham Methodist Road Church between 2pm and 4pm. Newcomers welcome.	Jean Atherton
Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet on Fridays, 9th and 23rd February from 10.00am - midday. Please contact Gil Beeke for further information.	Gil Beeke
Ukulele Group: meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday on each month at Padiham rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.	Terry Ferguson
Walking Group: 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month.	Christine Storey
Friday 2nd February: Worsthorne. Start from Bay Horse pub BB10 3NH. Good paths, no bad styles 5.5 miles. Leader Julie Sparks	Peter Hartley
Friday 16th February: Victoria park. Start from car park, Carr Rd Nelson BB9 7SS, 4 miles. Leader Anne Pearson	