

## Committee Members

As announced last month several members of the Committee reach the end of their term of office in April. These are the Chairman, the Vice Chair, the Treasurer, The Groups' Co-ordinator, the Speaker's Secretary and the Receptionist.

Two people have expressed an interest, for which we are most grateful, but we still need more volunteers if we are to continue to run our successful u3a. The duties are not too onerous, they might even be considered interesting, and we are a friendly group.

The next Committee Meeting is on the 5th March at 10.00am in the Unity Centre and anyone interested is welcome to come along to see what is involved. In addition job descriptions and nomination forms will be available at the monthly meeting or from the Secretary. If you feel you can help in any way please speak to a Committee member for further information.



Outings Group visit to Manchester for a guided tour with our guide Eileen Allen. A very informative trip with thanks to Anne And Howard for organising.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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| <b>February 22</b> | <b>Prof Paul Salveston MBE "Lancastrians, mines, mills and minarets"</b>                               |
| <b>March 28</b>    | <b>Allan Shalks "My unusual early life and my experiences in theatre, television, films and radio"</b> |
| <b>April 25</b>    | <b>Paul Atherton " Billy's war"</b>  |

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

February  
English Folk  
Dancing

March  
Painting for  
Pleasure and  
Philosophy

April  
Quiz and  
Scrabble

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



Local News and Interest is something that I have always been interested in and fascinated with. This is one of the reasons why I listen to local news on the TV and Radio Lancashire,

The Breakfast show with Graham Liver is one of my favourites for real time local information on weather and traffic updates. Also one of the main interests of this programme is that local people can phone in and take part by giving extra local info and comment on issues raised. Not being backwards at coming forwards some of you may have heard myself on a few occasions. Only just recently I was successful with the regular morning quiz!

It was with a pleasure to see that the general meetings recently have been so well attended, this I feel is an indication of things getting back to a pre pandemic normal and with some exceptional speakers recently. As as I failed to give you a joke last month you get a bonus this month.

I entered the local paper's pun contest. I sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did. I went to the doctors the other day and I said, 'Have you got anything for wind?' So he gave me a kite!

*Stuart*

**MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS**  
**Wednesday 20th March 2024 12:00 noon**  
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

**The Book Group:** will meet on **Monday 18th March** in the Hameldon Room, Padiham Unitarian Church from 10 - 12 noon. We will be discussing Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day by Winifred Watson. Our book for April is The Glass Painter's Daughter by Rachel Hore. New members welcome.

Marilyn Jones  
Sandra Rawlinson

**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.

Sonia Rawlinson  
Maureen Brown

**The Coffee Club:** The coffee club will meet on **March 14th at 11.am** at The bistro Prarie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley . All welcome please book a place with Freda Whittle at the main meeting Thanks Freda

Freda Whittle

**English Folk Dancing:** Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on **Thursdays 7th and 21st March**. Everyone welcome.

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, 6th and 20th March** 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: March 7th 10.30 to 12.00** in the Hamledon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. Talk by Molly Haines "Interesting Times"..

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:** March meetings fall on **11th and 25th** of the month. 1What 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 17 April:** Coach trip on a full size 49 seater coach to Ulverston for a lunch break, then on to Conishead Priory and its Buddhist Temple. £30 includes coach travel by 49 seater coach, 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"

Anne Green

Howard & Nancy  
Mitchell

**Philosophy Group:** The next meeting will be **Wednesday 13th March**. Speaker : Allan Shanks "My unusual early life and my experiences in theatre,television and radio" 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 8th March** Wheels

Peter Hartley

Stuart Chattle

**Quiz Group:** Will meet on **Monday 18th March** details as usual from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Ann Bullas

**Scrabble Group:** Scrabble group - meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-3.30pm, **6th March, 20th March**, 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.  
The Singing Group will meet on **Monday 4th March**

Ann Bullas

Pamela Hopcroft

**Spanish Beginners Group:** There will only be one meeting of the Beginner's Spanish Group in March on **Monday 11th between 2pm and 4pm** at Padiham Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend. Jean Atherton Group facilitator.

Jean Atherton

**Intermediate Spanish Group:** will meet on Fridays, **8th and 22nd March** 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.  
**Friday 1st March: Wycoller.** Start from Wycoller car park BB8 8SY 8 miles. Leader Dave Hunt  
**Friday 15th March: Gawthorpe.** Start from Gawthorpe car park, BB12 8UA 4.5 miles Leader Lesley Hartley

Christine Storey

Peter Hartley