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The Annual General Meeting of Burnley & District u3a will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday 25th April in the Unity Centre of Nazareth Unitarian Chapel, Padiham. Please note this is prior to the regular Monthly Meeting. All members are invited to attend.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are still in need of Committee members. If you think you can help please speak to any member of the Committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It's that time of year again.

Annual subscriptions are due in April but to ease congestion we will be happy to accept them at the monthly meeting in March. We ask that payment is by card or cheque, made out to Burnley & District u3a, or bank transfer. Fees are £20 per individual, £38 for two people living at the same address.

Just a reminder that you can make an extra contribution if you are a taxpayer by putting a cross in the box on the Enrolment Form for Gift Aid. It won't cost you anything but we will be able to claim £5 from HM Government, which will make a great deal of difference to our finances.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

March 28	Allan Shalks "My unusual early life and my experiences in theatre, television, films and radio"
April 25	Paul Atherton " Billy's war"
May 23	Mike Sutcliffe "The Battle of the Atlantic"

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

March
Painting for
Pleasure and
Philosophy

April
Quiz and
Scrabble

May
Photography and
German

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



The First of March is classed as the start of the meteorological spring and I am sure we have all noticed the beginnings of plants and trees starting to green up. Hopefully, it gives us all a lift in the knowledge that warmer weather is not too far away now.

The newsletter is now in the safe hands of Alan having had to rebuild from the ground up to keep the format and design we are familiar with. Also to mention that the website is now being taken care of by David who again is working hard with the migration of the site to the new platform to ensure that our presence can be found on the net.

Stepping up to help with various roles is keeping your u3a running and is a vital part of being part of this organisations viability. Without volunteers to the committee the future of our group is in jeopardy, please read this sentence again and let that thought settle with you.

After dropping my car off for service I decided to try and thumb a lift for at least part of the way. A car stopped and I got in. Jokingly I said to the driver "Arn't you worried I might be a serial killer?" He replied "Nah! What's the chances of two serial killers in the same car!"

Stuart

**APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
Wednesday 17th April 2024 12:00 noon**
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

The Book Group: Book Group: will meet on Monday 15th April in the Hameldon Room, Padiham Unitarian Church from 10 - 12 noon to discuss The Glass Painter's Daughter by Rachel Hore. Our book for May is The Sewing Machine by Natalie Fergie. 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 April 11th 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: We will meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on Thursdays 4th and 18th April . Everyone welcome, no experience necessary.	Eric Bushby
The French Conversation Group: meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 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, 3rd and 17th April from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas.	Valerie Widdas
History Including Local History: 4th April 2024 , Visit to Pendle Heritage Centre Guided Tour of the museum and Lunch meet 11.00 am at the Heritage Centre.	Enid Thorp
Indoor Bowls: meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month 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: The next meetings are on Mondays 8th and 22nd April , at 10 to midday in the Hameldon Room at the Unitarian Church in Padiham. 8th April is another crochet session, revising what we've learned and trying new patterns. 22nd April is a session for your own projects.	Melinda Jackson
Painting for Pleasure: Meets at 10:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at Padiham Rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.	Pat Ferguson

Ukulele Group: meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday on each month 10:00am at Padiham rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.	Terry Ferguson
Philosophy Group: The next meeting will be Wednesday 10th April . Venue details Jim Wallace.	Jim Wallace
Photography Group: There will be no meeting in April. The next meeting will be on 8th May when the subject will be "Architecture"	Peter Hartley Stuart Chattle
Quiz Group: Will meet on Monday 15th April details as usual from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.	Ann Bullas
Scrabble Group: Scrabble group meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, 3rd and 17th April , 1.30 - 3.30 pm, at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For further information contact Christine Potter	Christine Potter
Singing Group: Singing For Pleasure will not meet in April due to the Bank Holiday.	Ann Bullas Pamela Hopcroft
Spanish Beginners Group: There will be only one meeting of the Beginner's Spanish Group in April on Monday 22nd April at Padiham Road Methodist Church between 2pm and 4pm. A reminder also that there won't be a meeting on 26th March	Jean Atherton
Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet on Fridays, 12th and 26th April from 10.00am until midday. For any further information, please contact Gil Beeke	Gil Beeke
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" - Last few places! Our next trips will be a mid-summer visit to RHS Bridgewater Gardens on Wednesday 19 June 2024 followed by the "Cheese Experience" at Wensleydale Creamery and Hawes on Wednesday 21 August 2024 Full details later!	Anne Green Howard & Nancy Mitchell
Walking Group: 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month.	Christine Storey
Friday 5th April: Worsthorne & 4 reservoirs: Start from Bay Horse PH, BB10 3NH 6.75 miles 8 stiles & 1 stepping stone crossing Leader Howard Mitchell	Peter Hartley
Friday 19th April: East Colne Way Start from Ball Grove car park, BB8 7HH 4.5 miles Leaders Jean & Joyce	