

## Gift Aid

Many thanks to those members who were able to Gift Aid their subscriptions last year. We have received £690.90 from HMRC for 2023, which is a welcome addition to our coffers. If you are a tax payer and haven't done so already please consider putting a cross in the box on the enrolment form so we can claim against your subscription. It won't cost you anything.

## A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of Burnley & District u3a will take place at 2.00pm on Thursday 25th April, 2024 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.

## NOMINATIONS

As reported in the message from our Membership Secretary we still do not have a nomination for Vice Chair. This is an essential, though not onerous position, which must be filled. If you feel you can help please contact any member of the Committee urgently. Contact details are on the front of the Newsletter.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<b>April 25</b>	<b>Paul Atherton " Billy's war"</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Mike Sutcliffe "The Battle of the Atlantic"</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Martin Lunn MBE,FRAS "A very British Meteorite"</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

Burnley and District

# Newsletter

u3a  
learn, laugh, live

April 2024 Issue 185

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



This will be the last edition of chairman's notes from me so there will just a few things I need to mention to bring my Chair role to a close. Firstly it has been a pleasure to have been given the opportunity to undertake this role and with help and support from the committee it has been made a pleasurable experience.

The highlights for me have been able to address the monthly meetings and interact with the various speakers and members during these meetings. I sincerely hope my successor will gain as much from this role as myself.

We are well into spring now and it is great to see the progression of the greening up of our environment. It heralds the warmer days to come when we can look forward to getting out more. Looking out of my window recently I saw two Blackbirds that appeared to be stuck together, it was then I realised they were actually Velcrows

Learning new things is what the u3a is about, all my life I often wished I could play a musical instrument now through the u3a I have at last found an instrument I can make work reasonably well (still a work in progress). Myself and Anne consequently joined the Cliviger Ukulele Group just before last Christmas and now we play at various gigs, and this is something I never ever thought would happen and thanks to our u3a that this was made possible

*Stuart*

**MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS**  
**Wednesday 15th May 2024 12:00 noon**  
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Chair  
Stuart Thorn

Vice Chair  
Maria Chattle

Secretary  
Margaret Bushby

Treasurer  
Sandra Byrne  
treasurerblyu3a@outlook.com

Membership Secretary  
Peter Hartley

burnley.district.u3a  
@outlook.com

Groups Co-ordinator  
Stuart Chattle  
grpcoord.bly@outlook.com

Newsletter Editor  
Alan Nicholls  
burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Website Administrator  
David Hunt  
dave@carrybridge.co.uk

## Group Tea Rota

April  
Quiz and  
Scrabble

May  
Photography and  
German

June  
Handbell ringing  
and Singing for  
Pleasure

**The Book Group:** We will meet on **Monday 20th May** in the Hameldon Room, Padiham Unitarian Church from 10 - 12 noon to discuss The Sewing Machine by Natalie Fergie. Our choice for June is Friday Nights by Joanna Trollope. New members welcome.

Marilyn Jones

Sonia 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:** will meet on **May 9th at 11.am** at The bistro Prarie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley . All welcome book a place with Freda Whittle at the main meeting

Freda Whittle

**English Folk Dancing:** Only one meeting this month due to elections, Meet **Thursday 16th May at 2pm** in Higham Village Hall. Everyone welcome, no partner or 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 1-3pm **Please note changes to dates for May and June - May 7th and 14th and June 11th and 18th.** New members always welcome but please text or ring me and leave a message before coming, 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, **1st and 15th May** from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas.

Valerie Widdas

**History Including Local History: 2nd May 10.30 to 12.00** in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. Bring any item of age you have in your home ( pottery, jewellery, pictures, photos books, toys etc. Give a brief talk about its history.

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:** Only one meeting in May as the Spring Bank Holiday intervenes. Next meeting will be on **Monday 13th May** from 10.00am to midday in the Hameldon Room in the Unity Centre in the Padiham Unitarian Church. Bring your own project to work on.

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 **Monday 13th May @10.am** Venue details Jim Wallace.

Jim Wallace

**Photography Group:** 2:00pm start on the **2nd Friday** each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre.

Peter Hartley

**Friday 10th May:** Architecture (deferred from April)

Stuart Chattle

**Quiz Group:** Will meet on **Monday 20th May** details as usual from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Ann Bullas

**Scrabble Group:** Scrabble group meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **1st and 15th May**, 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:** will not meet in May due to the Bank Holiday

Ann Bullas

Pamela Hopcroft

**Spanish Beginners Group:** Meet on the **2nd and 4th Monday** of each month at Padiham Road Methodist Church between 2pm and 4pm. Newcomers welcome.

Jean Atherton

**Intermediate Spanish Group:** will meet on Fridays, **10th and 24th May** from 10.00am until midday. For any further information, please contact Gil Beeke.

Gil Beeke

**Outings Group:**

**Wednesday 19 June:** Join us for a mid-summer visit to RHS Garden Bridgewater with its widely acclaimed "gardens within a garden", lakeside and woodland walks! £33 (RHS Members with their cards £20) includes travel by 49 seater coach, admission and a guided tour. Burnley Bus Station depart 0930, Padiham Town Hall depart 0950 (Please note the later than usual times to coincide with our timed entry. **Wednesday 21 August:** Enjoy the "Cheese Experience" at Wensleydale Creamery followed by a visit to Hawes. Full details later.

Howard & Nancy Mitchell

Anne Green

**Walking Group:** 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month.

Christine Storey

**Friday 3rd May: Salterforth** Start from Colne Rugby Club, Harrison Drive, Colne, BB8 9SF. 7 miles Leader Peter Hartley

Peter Hartley

**Friday 17th May: tbc** Start from 1 Heatherlea Rd, Fence BB12 9EJ, 3-4 miles, route weather-dependent Leader Christine Storey