

## u3a PUBLICITY

We were busy at the beginning of August in Burnley Market Hall, for a one-off event at a dedicated u3a stall, speaking to lots of people about our activities. Thanks to all the volunteers who came to help. There are no more similar events planned for the near future but we'll continue to promote Burnley & District u3a in other ways.

## NEW GROUPS

**CHAIR EXERCISE GROUP** The first meeting **Tuesday 19th September** at Padiham Unitarian Chapel from 10.30am. Then 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Sonia Rawlinson

**BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS** in the small room at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley. The course will be starting on Friday 22 September and will run for approx. 10 weeks, times are 10.00 to 11.00. Contact Clifford Marsden

**SPANISH BEGINNERS GROUP** to start in October / November if enough people are interested. Contact Jean Atherton

**Intermediate Spanish** has a small change from its normal meeting routine in September and will meet on **Fridays, 1st and 22nd September**, the first and fourth Fridays. Meetings are between 10.00am-12.00 midday. For any further information, please contact Gil Beeke,

**Ukulele: Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:00am**, Padiham Road Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.

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

**Friday 1st September: Salterforth** Start from Colne Rugby Club, Harrison Drive, Colne BB8 9SF. Approx 7 miles Leader Peter Hartley

**Friday 15th September: West of Ball Grove** About 3 miles, a couple of easy stiles, some mud. Start from Cottontree car park by childrens' play area to rear of LBS garden Centre, off Winewall Road Trawden BB8 7BS

W3W: dripping.fidgeting.issue Leader Dave Hunt

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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# Newsletter

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Group Tea Rota

August 2023  
Photography

September 2023  
Quiz

October 2023  
Scrabble and  
Intermediate  
Spanish

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



I would like to express thanks on behalf of our members for the work that is done behind the scenes by the various group leaders, and everyone involved in making sure the groups and group members are kept informed. Having been a leader, and being involved in a small way with other groups, I can attest to

the fact that often understanding of the extensive work undertaken is not always fully realised. It is also apparent from feedback from other u3a,s that when it comes around to recruiting new leaders or committee members suddenly it is realised that there is work to be done in these positions! Perhaps the reluctance to take on a new task that involves extra time and work is partly to blame. The u3a does not run itself as it need people like you and I to make it happen.

The various speakers we have had recently have been informative and entertaining and I am sure all of us who attended have enjoyed, I am looking forward to more of the same.

The word queue is really quite ironic it's just a 'Q' with a bunch of silent letter's waiting in a line! The English language at best can only be described as quirky. *Stuart*

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS EARLIER DUE TO HOLIDAY COMMITMENTS—**  
**Wednesday 13 September 2023**  
email [burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com)

**Book Group:** We meet on **Monday 18th September** from 10am to midday in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church. The book for discussion is To Sir with Love by ER Braithwaite. The book for October will be The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Book 1 by Douglas Adams. Settle down with us for some reading as the season turns to Autumn.

**The Coffee Club** meeting is 11am. **September 14th** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley. All welcome, a chance for new members to meet others Contact Freda or sign up at the monthly meeting

**English Folk Dancing:** Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. on **Thursdays 7th and 21st September**. All welcome! Further information from Eric.

**The French Conversation Group** meets on the **first and third Thursdays** of the month at Molly Rigbys, 17/19 Mill Street, Padiham, from 1.45 p.m. Please contact 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.

**Handbell Ringing:** will be meeting on Wednesday, **30th August, and Wednesdays 6th and 20th September** at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, from 2.00pm-3.30pm. For any further information about the group, please contact Valerie Widdas

**History including Local History 7th September** 10.30 to 12.00 in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church Padiham. Illustrated talk by Denise North "Walking through 200 years of History Leeds Liverpool Canal" Further details ring Enid

**Indoor Bowls:** Meets **1st and 3rd Thursdays** at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley, 10.00 am to 12 Noon. £3.00 session.

**Italian Group:** meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. New members are welcome but some previous knowledge of the language would be useful. For information contact Jean Atherton.

**Knitting and Crochet Group: Monday 11th September** will be a meeting where we work on our own projects. **Monday 25th September** we shall have another attempt at crochet with making Granny Squares. You will need DK yarn and a size 4mm hook if you'd like to join us on this venture. Meetings 10am to midday in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church.

**Outings Group: Wednesday 11 October (NOT 18 October)** The Port Sunlight Experience! Discover the development and unique architecture of this delightful village founded by William Lever in 1888 to house the employees of his new soap works! £25 includes coach travel, admission to the Port Sunlight Museum, the Edwardian Worker's Cottage and "Soap Works" plus a coach tour of the village with a local guide. Free time for coffee before the guided tour and then the afternoon is free to explore the history of this special village, experience what life was like in the worker's cottage and discover the story and science of soap. Burnley Bus Station 0900 and Padiham Town Hall 0915 Contact Howard Mitchell

**Painting For Pleasure: Meets at 10.00 am on the first and third Monday of each month** at Padiham Road Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.

**Philosophy group** The next meeting will be **8th September @ 10am** Venue details from Jim Wallace. "Philosophy is at once the most sublime and the most trivial of human results" William James

**Photography:** 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre. Topic for Friday 8th September; Agriculture - anything connected with farming.

**Quiz Group:** will meet on **Monday 18th September** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

**Scrabble:** meets 1.30-3.30pm on alternate **Wednesdays, 23rd August, 6th September, 20th September** at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. Contact Christine Potter.

**Singing Group** will meet on **Monday 4th September** 11.00 am until 12.30 pm in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church. Contact Ann Bullas or Pamela Hopcroft

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