

The Handbell Ringing group NEEDS YOU!

YES YOU!

It's fun and a lot easier than it looks (says the Editor who has never rung in his life but wants you to prove him right)!

The Group will be meeting on Wednesdays 4th and 18th January 2023 between 2.00 -3.30 pm at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. The group is in desperate need of new recruits so please contact Valerie Widdas for more information

THE NEW COFFEE CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING

It will meet at Prairie Sports Village Colne Rd on January 18th at 11:00 am. If you are interested in joining us , please sign the sheet at the monthly meeting or contact Freda Whittle Future meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

26th January - Frank Vignon: Politicians with feet of clay
23rd February - Christine Green: Working with Auntie
23rd March - Michael Astrop: Origins and Oddities of English Inn Signs
27th April - Martin Lunn: A Very British Meteorite

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

December 2022
Folk Dancing

January 2023
French , German &
Handbell Ringing

February 2023
History

March 2023
Indoor Bowls

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



A Big thank you to all who were able to attend the EGM in November. I feel very heartened by the response of our members with regard to our finances. I feel sure that with the positive attitude of the members in understanding the financial issues we can look forward to a more secure future.

When it was pointed out that the proceeds from the book stall go towards our after meeting refreshments, the resulting takings were very substantially up with many extra donations and sales so it looks very likely, fingers crossed, mince pies will be on the December meeting menu.

It has become necessary for me to clear as much loft space as possible for urgent work to be carried out. During this process I have been reunited with long lost and forgotten items that will later be returned to their safe place for another day, other things I have found have already gone to my favourite charity shop for a new life. Whilst much more has gone to be recycled or worse. But all in all a worthwhile long overdue job and quite therapeutic. *Stuart*

Deadline date for the January Newsletter is Wednesday
18 January 2023—email burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Board and Card Games 2: Meets alternate Fridays

1pm to 3pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church. All welcome and refreshments included. Contact Dorothy Williamson

Book Group: Next meeting **Monday 19th December** in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church, 10am to midday, when we shall discuss *On the Black Hill* by Bruce Chatwin. We start 2023 books on **Monday 16th January** with *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Books for 2023 will be taken from the leaflet *The Big Jubilee Read* available from libraries.

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English Folk Dancing: English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on **Thursdays 5th and 19th January**. Everyone welcome; you don't need to bring a partner. For further information contact Eric.

French group will run on the **first and third Thursday of the month** at Molly Rigbys, Mill Street Padiham. 1:45 to 3:45. Please contact Pauline Watson

German Pre-intermediate Group The German group will meet from 1-3pm **every second and fourth Tuesday of each month** at Sion Baptist Church in Burnley. **Please note there will only be one meeting in December that is Tuesday 13th December**. If you are new to this group please ring or text me before coming.

Handbell Ringing: The Handbell Ringing group will be meeting on **Wednesdays 4th and 18th January 2023** between 2.00 -3.30 pm at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. The group is in desperate need of new recruits so please contact Valerie Widdas for more information,

History including Local History 5th January 2023

10.30 to 12.00 in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham, "A Discussion on ideas and talks for 2023 have a think and bring your ideas and thoughts to the meeting"

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

Knit and Crochet Group: January meetings will be on **Mondays 9th** (bring your own project) **and 23rd** (practice recovering dropped stitches and other technical matters). We meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church, 10am to midday. Everyone welcome.

Outings: Lytham Hall Snowdrop Festival Tuesday 14th February 2023 £25 including coach, introductory talk with tea/coffee and biscuits. Plus tour of the Hall and Snowdrop walk. Coach leaves Burnley Bus Station at 9am. Padiham Town Hall at 9.15am. Contact Ann Green

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: The next meeting of the Philosophy Group will be **Tuesday 10th January** at 10am at the Padiham Road Methodist Church

Photography: The Photography Group meets at 2.00 pm on the second Friday of the month in the Hameldon Room at the Unity Centre, Padiham. The subject for the meeting on **13 January** is 'Graffiti'

Quiz Group: The **December Quiz will take place on Monday 12th** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Scrabble: Meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **28th December, 11th January, 25th January**, 1.30-3.30pm at Sion Baptist Church, Church Street, Burnley. New members always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. Contact Christine Potter.

SPANISH Intermediate Spanish group will be meeting on **Friday, 9th December between 10.00 am - 12.00** for games and entertainment in Spanish as a Christmas treat. Please contact Gil Beeke for further information.

Beginners Spanish - Year 2: will meet at 10.00am to 12.00 noon **every 2nd and 4th Tuesday** at the Sion Baptist church on Church street in the centre of Burnley. Contact Alan Wiseman

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 January 6th Ightenhill Park; leaders Ian & Margaret Fletcher

Friday January 20th Rowley Lake from Thornton (Arms); leaders Jean Atherton & Joyce Pinnington