

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 16th Annual General Meeting of Burnley & District u3a will take place at 2.00pm on **27th April 2023** at the Unity Centre, Nazareth Unitarian Chapel, Padiham, BB12 8JH. All members are invited to attend. Nominations are requested for a Secretary and also Committee Members. Nomination forms will be available at the monthly Open Meetings on 23rd February and 23rd March or are available from the Secretary, Margaret Bushby, They must be returned to the Secretary by **13th April 2023**.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

Singing For Pleasure - if you are interested in joining this group would you please put name and contact details on the sheet at the monthly meeting or contact Ann Bullas

ITALIAN GROUP

The reformed Italian group will meet on **Wednesday 8th March** at 2pm at 2 Woodfields, Simonstone BB12 7SB.

Classes will be every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. New members are welcome but some previous knowledge of the language would be useful. Contact Jean Atherton.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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

25th May - John Winter: Blame It On The Beatles

22nd June - Fools Gold: A Musical Surprise

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 2023
History

March 2023
Indoor: Bowls

April 2023
Knit & Crochet

May 2023
Outings

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



The general meeting in February was to say, at the least, extremely revealing about our political leaders. We will all have heard about the various revelations of the political scene but Frank brought home the detail and extent of the misadventures of some of our

MPs. I for one didn't know of the full stories behind the headlines so found it of great interest.

I briefly mentioned the setting up of a Facebook page for our u3a group at the last open meeting. We fully understand that for some of our members that do not have smartphones or computers this will not be something they can engage in. However, those of you who do and are not on Facebook, we would encourage you to sign up as this will be a valuable asset for you to keep up with an odd comment on things happening in our u3a group. To find our page put (u3a Burnley & District) in the main Facebook search box. We also hope that our FB page will be found by potential new members and encourage them to join us.

Recently in the popular press a Monk claimed to have seen the face of Jesus in a Margarine Tub. He was heard to say "I cant believe it's not Buddha." *Stuart*

Deadline date for the February Newsletter is Wednesday **15 March 2023**—email burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Board and Card Games 2: Next meeting **24th February then 10th and 24th March** at Padiham Road Methodist Church 1pm to 3pm. Refreshments included. Contact Dorothy Williamson

Book Group: Next meeting **Monday 20th February** in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church from 10am to midday. The book for discussion is Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart. The book for the March meeting will be Life of Pi by Yann Martel.

COFFEE CLUB

The coffee club is a chance for members to get together to meet up and chat. It's a great opportunity for new members and visitors to get to know people from different groups. The next meeting will be on Wednesday **March 15th** 11 am at the Prairie Sports barn bistro. Can I ask anyone interested to sign the sheet at the monthly meeting or contact Freda before 13March in order for me to give numbers at the venue?

English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on **Thursdays 2nd and 16th March**. 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 that because the room is unavailable for one of the usual sessions, we will only meet on February 28th.** If you are new to this group please ring or text me before coming.

Handbell Ringing: The Handbell Ringing group will be meeting at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham on **Wednesdays**, between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas

History including Local History 2nd March 10.30 to 12.00 in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. Talk by Denise North. "The Life of Mrs John Brown a Burnley doctors wife. Also this month a introduction to using the computer for presentations and talks. For further information 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.

Knit and Crochet Group: The **February** meeting will be on **Monday 27th** (try some crochet). We meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church from 10am to midday. Come along and see what we are up to. Everyone welcome.

Italian Group: The Italian group will meet on **Wednesday 8th March** at 2pm at 2 Woodfields, Simonstone BB12 7SB. Classes will be 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 on 07936 584634.

Outings: Wednesday 19th April. Visit to Astley Hall, Chorley with introductory talk and tour of the Hall. Also gardens and café. Followed by visit to Preston England (Mormon) Temple with talk about the history and architecture of the building. Access to gardens but not inside. Family History Centre open £20 including coach. 9.00 a.m. Burnley Bus Station. 9.15 a.m. Padiham Town Hall. £10 deposit required to secure your place. Contact Sandra Thompson

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

Photography: The photography group meets from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the second Friday of each month in the Hameldon Room at the Unity Centre, Padiham. Our next meeting will be on **10th March** when we will be reviewing our Monochrome Landscape photos. All welcome. £2.50 per session, including refreshments.

Quiz Group: The March Quiz will take place on **Monday 20th March** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Scrabble: Scrabble - meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **22nd Feb, 8th March, 22nd March**, 1.30-3.30pm, Sion Baptist Church, Church Street, Burnley. New members are always welcome, both beginners and more experienced players. For further information contact Christine Potter.

SPANISH Intermediate Spanish group will be meeting on Friday **24th February** between 10.00am and midday. For 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 walks) and third (shorter walks) Friday of each month.

Friday March 3: Queen St Mill, Briercliffe, led by Julie Sparks.
Friday March 17: Jumbles reservoir, Waterfold car park off A676 Bradshaw Rd, Bolton BL2 4JS, led by Peter Hartley.