

PHILOSOPHY GROUP

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OUTINGS GROUP

We would still like 1 or 2 members to join our team to help arranging outings for the future and to ensure the continuity of the group. Contact any Leader

Neighbourhood Watch advice

Neighbourhood Watch believe neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is key to reducing burglary, so they've extended the WIDE acronym to WIDE(N):

W: WINDOWS: Keep your windows locked

I: INTERIOR: Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb

D: DOORS: Double or deadlock your doors

E: EXTERIOR: Put outside lights on a sensor

(N): NEIGHBOURS: Keep an eye out for your neighbours

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

26th January - Frank Vignon: Politicians with feet of clay

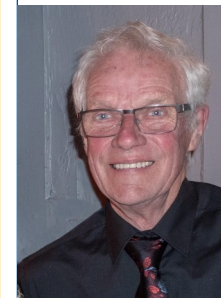
23rd February - Christine Green: Working with Auntie

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.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



It was lovely to have the Cliviger Ukulele band to entertain us again at our December meeting, they certainly get one in the mood for Christmas with the lively tunes and seasonal music. Looking back over last year our monthly meetings attendances have gradually increased, but still not up to pre pandemic levels.

What's now evident is covid is becoming a way of life and many of us will have had it in some form. Fortunately the vaccine seems to be doing a good job of making the impact of it less severe to most of us.

So here we are at the start of a new year - who knows what it will bring us? Let's all hope it's an improvement on the last few years, surely it can't be any worse! One thing that is apparent and is already having an impact is the cost of venues for groups which could have serious consequences on the viability of some groups to be able to function. Some new and inventive ideas, ways and venues are having to be found so that they can carry on. Your committee will help and support leaders with this challenge where possible as we move forward.

A farmer was out walking with his Collie, turning to the dog he says "how many sheep have I got in that field?" The dog runs off and circles the sheep several time come back and says to the farmer "100" (Collies are clever they can talk). The farmer says "how that can be I only own 98!" The Collie replies "it's simple I just rounded them up!"

Stuart

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

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Group Tea Rota
January 2023
French , German &
Handbell Ringing

February 2023
History

March 2023
Indoor Bowls

April 2023
Knit & Crochet

May 2023
Outings

Board and Card Games 2: Meets alternate Fridays

1pm to 3pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church. Next meeting **27 January**. All welcome and 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 next meeting is on **Feb 15th 11am** at the Prairie Sports village Colne Rd Burnley. 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.

English Folk Dancing: English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on **Thursdays 2nd and 16th February**. 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, 1st and 15th February** between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas

History including Local History 2nd February 2023
10.30 to 12.00 in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church Padiham. Talk, by Roy Mackrell "English Civil War in the 1600's" 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** meetings will be on **Monday 13th** (bring your own project) and **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.

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. ONLY 2 places left and names taken for waiting list. Contact Ann Green. ***We would still like 1 or 2 members to join our team to help arranging outings for the future and to ensure the continuity of the group.***

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

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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 next meeting will be on **10th February** at 2.00 pm when the subject will be "The Colour Red"

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

Scrabble: Scrabble group meets alternate Wednesday afternoons **25th Jan, 8th Feb, 22nd Feb**, 1.30-3.30pm, at 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 Fridays, **10th and 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 3 February 7 miles Singing Ringing Tree from Clowbridge reservoir car park, Manchester Rd BB11 5PF, Leader Peter Hartley.

Friday 17 February 4 Miles Ightenhill to Padiham. Meet at junction of Ightenhill Park Lane Burnley and Helvellyn Drive BB12 0LP (1/2 mile from Padiham Rd) Leaders Margaret & Eric Bushby.