

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 March or are available from the Secretary, Margaret Bushby, They must be returned to the Secretary by **13th April 2023**.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The Singing For Pleasure Group will be starting again but no date set as yet. 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

Walking Group

10:30am start on the first (longer walks) and third (shorter walks) Friday of each month.
Friday April 7, The Tolkein Trail: Set off from the Memorial Hall car park in Hurst Green (next to Bayley Arms: turn right at war memorial opposite Shireburn Hotel along Avenue Rd). 6.5 miles. Mostly easy tracks, field and riverside paths. Field paths can be muddy and slippery – care needed. One steep descent on uneven steps through woods. Last 0.4 mile very muddy, very slippery steep uphill. Care needed: consider bringing walking poles.

Only one stile, but a bit awkward. Leader Stuart Chattle

Friday April 21, Alkincoats Park: Start from Colne Rugby Club, Harrison Drive Colne BB8 9SF W3W/// flopped tumble. radically 4 miles, a few stiles and one or two steps but nothing tricky. Led by David Hunt.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

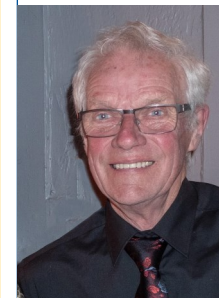
27th April - Martin Lunn: A Very British Meteorite

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.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



Spring is well on the way now with plants and trees beginning to show new growth. The outings group visit to Lytham Hall for the snowdrops was rewarded with a beautiful show of them and with the day being mostly bright and sunny it was a sight worth seeing.

With our AGM coming up we are yet again approaching a time when we will need new committee members. Nomination forms will be available at the open meeting. We welcome members to consider joining the committee as several offices will become vacant. New volunteers to these roles are needed to help with the running of our branch of the u3a.

It is a sobering thought but just look at how fast dramatic news such as a missing person, politicians misdemeanours, and a devastating earthquake can be all over the news for several days or more. Then without any warning it's gone to be replaced by the next big story.

A retired man now likes to entertain residents in a care homes. He visited an establishment in Burnley and brought along his portable keyboard. After telling jokes and singing songs for the residents, finishing he said his farewells with cheery "goodbye" and a "I hope you all get better." One elderly gentleman replied, "I hope you get better, too."

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Group Tea Rota

March 2023
Indoor Bowls

April 2023
Knit & Crochet

May 2023
Outings

June 2023
Painting for Pleasure +
Ukulele

Board and Card Games 2: meets at Padiham Road Methodist Church 1pm to 3pm. Refreshments included. Contact Dorothy Williamson

Book Group: Next meeting will be on **Monday 17th April**, 10 am to midday, in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church. We shall be discussing Small Island by Andrea Levy. The book for May will be Death of a Naturalist by Seamus Heaney - poetry for a change. Everyone welcome.

COFFEE CLUB

The next meeting of the coffee club will take place on **THURSDAY April 20th (please note the change of day)** at The Bistro, Prairie sports barn Eastern Avenue Burnley 11 til 12. To book a place please contact Freda Whittle or sign the sheet at the monthly meeting. It is important to book a place in order that the venue can organise seating

English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on **Thursdays 6th and 20th April**. Everyone welcome; you don't need to bring a partner. For further information contact 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 continues to meet at Sion Baptist Church, Church St., Burnley BB11 2DW 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: The Handbell Ringing group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month as usual, which will be **5th and 19th April**. The sessions are at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham and are from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas.

History including Local History 30th March 10.30 to 12.00 in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. Start of project "Theatres of Burnley and surrounds" - bring notes or any information you have. **Please note April meeting has been brought forward a week due to Easter**. 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.

Knitting and Crochet Group: We meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church from 10am to midday on Mondays. There will be only one meeting in April, on the **24th April**, at which members can bring their own projects to work on. In May there will also be only one meeting, on **22nd May** which will have a technical subject for members to try. Come and join us.

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.

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. All balances now due. Please note...this trip is now fully booked but there is a waiting list. 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. Topic for **Friday April 14;** Wildlife. All welcome. £2.50 per session, including refreshments.

Quiz Group: The March Quiz will take place on **Monday 17 April** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

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

The Intermediate Spanish group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month as usual, which will be on **14th and 28th April**. The sessions take place between 10.00am and 12.00 midday. For any further information contact Gil Beeke.

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

Walking Group: [See Back page](#)