

CARD READER FOR PAYMENT

We have now acquired a card reader which means that members will be able to pay for Subscriptions and Outings using their cards instead of cash. Cheques will still also be acceptable but we hope this will alleviate the problem of having to deal with large amounts of cash at our monthly meetings.

Walking Group

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

Friday 2nd June: John Barnes walk Start from Woodbank, Helmshore BB4 4PF. Find Grane Rd, Haslingden B6232. Between the Holden Arms and Holden Wood Antiques Centre BB4 4PA turn into Holcombe Rd, B6235. After 1.2 miles the road turns left. Just here turn right into `Woodbank to Sunnybank cottages. (Not marked until you have turned.) Park on the right opposite the new large houses. Leaders Eric & Margaret Bushby.

Friday June 16: Ball Grove to Wycoller Start from Ball Grove car park, off Keighley Rd, Colne BB8 7HZ Led by Howard Mitchell.

Outings Group

June 13th CRUISE ON LAKE WINDERMERE Coach leaves Burnley Bus Station at 9.00am. and Padiham Town Hall at 9.15am to Bowness on Windermere, where we board the boat, stopping at Brockhole, where we will have lunch (either take a picnic or at the cafe) and view the gardens and other attractions. Then join the boat again to Ambleside, Where you can get off again, before you return to Bowness where the coach will pick us up. Cost £30 (£10 non refundable deposit). Option 2. £20 Coach to Bowness only. NO cruise included. See Christine Storey at the table or ring her for more information.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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



We are now on our way into summer and with promise of better weather there will be more opportunities to get out and about. While I am on that theme several members of your committee have been busy working behind the scenes on publicly. They have arranged to have a presence at

some up and coming events. There will be more detail elsewhere in this newsletter and an email sent out to all members on when and where and how you can all help with this.

Sadly our membership is roughly only half the level it was before the pandemic. The implications of this have a far reaching effect on our ability to provide speakers and pay for room hire. This is the main reason for the publicity drive to increase our membership by bringing in new members and ideas to keep our u3a viable. Please make every effort to encourage friends and acquaintances to join us.

It may seem like we are playing the same old record over and over with our annoying requests for help for various things. It's a bit like only using the corner shop in an emergency, then oh dear! one day it's gone.

And finally the people living in Dubai don't fully appreciate the humour in the Flintstones but the people in Abu Dhabi Do! *Stuart*

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Group Tea Rota

May 2023

Outings

June 2023

Painting for
Pleasure and Ukulele

July 2023

Philosophy and Italian

August 2023

Photography

Book Group: Next meeting will be on **Monday 19th June** in the Hameldon Room at the Unitarian Church, Padiham, from 10am to midday. The book for discussion will be Death of a Naturalist by Seamus Heaney. July's book will be The Girls of Slender Means by Muriel Spark. Reading list August to November will be on the website shortly. Everyone welcome.

The Coffee Club will meet on **Thursday June 8th** at 11am This is the **second Thursday** not as previously the third Thursday to try and avoid clashing with other groups. The venue is the same. Prairie Sports Village bistro Windermere Ave Burnley with plenty of parking and is on a bus route. To book a place please sign up at the monthly meeting or contact Freda Whittle. If you book and then find you can't attend please let Freda know then she can give accurate numbers to the venue

English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00pm on **Thursdays 1st and 15th June**. It's not necessary to have a partner for our style of dancing. 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. **NEW VENUE**

Handbell Ringing: Group will meet at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on **Wednesday 31st May** between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. Come along to give it a try or contact Valerie Widdas for further information.

History including Local will meet 1st June 10.30 to 12.00 in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church Padiham. "History of Lancashire Quiz" something different to keep your brain working. Ring Enid for details.

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: Meetings will be **Mondays 12th June** (bring your own project) and **26th June** (technical matters). Meet in the Hameldon Room at the Unitarian Church, Padiham, from 10am to midday. Everyone welcome.

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 Group: See back page

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 will meet on **Tuesday 13th June**. Call Jim Wallace for details

Photography: 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre. Topic for **Friday 9th June;** Macro (extreme close-ups). Please note due to increased room hire charges and low attendance figures, the monthly cost is now raised to £3.50 per person

Quiz Group: will meet on **Monday 19th June** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Scrabble: Scrabble group meets 1.30-3.30 alternate Wednesday afternoons, **31st May at Pike Hill Library, Burnley**. New members always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For further information contact Christine Potter,

Singing Group - Monday 5th June 11.00 am until 12.30 pm in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church. Contact Ann Bullas or Pamela Hopcroft

The Intermediate Spanish Group will be meeting on **Friday 26th May** between 10.00am and midday. For any further information about the group, please contact.

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

Walking Group: See Back page