

## Extraordinary General Meeting

2.00pm on the 24th November immediately preceding the monthly meeting.

### The Handbell Ringing group

will once again be performing at the Victorian Weekend at Gawthorpe Hall on Sunday, 4th December. If you are in Padiham, please drop in and show us your support.

### MESSAGE FROM PETER HARTLEY

I've been subject to (yet another) scam attempt, this time received via the u3a e-mail address. The message was to the effect that the Paypal account was to be closed within 24 hours but that I could contact them to resolve the issue. This seemed so obviously wrong that I had no hesitation whatsoever in simply deleting the message - firstly u3a doesn't have a Paypal account and secondly, if we did, the message should surely have been addressed to the Treasurer rather than me! I'm sure, had I followed the contact invitation, the next request would have been to 'log in' via my username and password, thus allowing the person to buy things online and charge them to my account.

Please be aware of this sort of thing and think twice before responding to unexpected e-mails. Here's a link to the Citizens Advice website with help on the subject: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/get-help-with-online-scams/>

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

24th November - Joan "Wilkie" Wilkinson - Margaret Brown  
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

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.

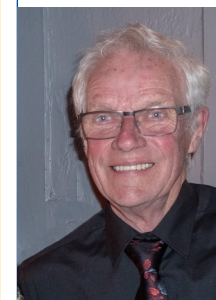
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# Newsletter

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



This month's general meeting will be preceded by an EGM at 2.00pm, you may be aware from the previous newsletter that this has been called to inform the membership of our financial position. Due to various reasons but mainly

lockdown it will be necessary to increase our membership subscriptions, we are putting a proposal to the membership to be able to implement this. It is very important as many members as possible attend this meeting.

I recently watched the film "The Dig" it was about how the Sutton Hoo ship burial was found. Whilst away recently I had the opportunity to visit the site having been inspired by the film. The craftsmanship of the artefacts on display is truly breathtaking it was a visit that did not disappoint. If you haven't seen the film make a point to see it, the portrayal of events is quite accurate and interesting.

"Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera."

*Stuart*

Deadline date for the December Newsletter is Wednesday **7 December 2022**—email [burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com)

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**Group Tea Rota**  
**November 2022**  
Book group

**December 2022**  
Folk Dancing

**January 2023**  
French, German &  
Handbell Ringing

**February 2023**  
History

**March 2023**  
Indoor Bowls

**Board and Card Games 2: Meets in December on the 2nd and 16th**

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

**Book Group: 19th December** in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church. The book for discussion is On the Black Hill by Bruce Chatwin followed by choosing books for 2023 from the leaflet The Big Jubilee Read available in libraries.

**English Folk Dancing:** Meets **Thursday 1st December** at 2.00 in the Unity Centre, Padiham Unitarian Chapel, Padiham, BB12 8JH. **Please note change of venue for this one time.** 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:** will meet only once in December, on **Wednesday 7th** at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham from 2.00pm. We will have a relaxed session with mince pies and discuss our future programme. For more information, please contact Valerie Widdas

**History including Local History 1st December** 10.30 to 12.00 in Hambleton Room Unitarian Church Padiham. 2 talks this month Denise North "Christmas Truce in the 1st World War " and Roy Mackrell " A Christmas theme." Also a discussion on ideas for 2023 meetings. Further details 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.

**Italian:** Group suspended until further interest is shown

**Knit and Crochet Group: 28th November and 12th December.** Meeting in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church from 10am to midday. November meeting will be technical matters (bring your practice swatch) and December your own projects.

**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 will be **Tuesday 13th December** at 10am Padiham Road Methodist Church.

**Photography:** The group meets at 2:00pm on the second Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre, Padiham. **BUT no meeting in December...**the subject for the meeting on **9 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 Wednesdays, **14th and 28th December** at 1.30-3.30pm at Sion Baptist Church, Church Street, Burnley. New members always welcome.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: Friday December 2nd** CHRISTMAS WALK and AGM. Meet at 1 Heatherlea Road Fence BB12 9EJ, leaving at 10:30am for a walk from Fence towards Roughlea (length dependent on weather conditions, approx 3 miles or less) Wellies or boots recommended. AGM and Refreshments afterwards Numbers please by Monday Nov. 28th. Ring Christine Storey **Friday December 16th IRWELL VALE.** Meet alongside the bank of R Irwell at the far end of Meadow Park, Irwell Vale BLO 0QB (W3W///frost.tells.pump). Take the B6527 Manchester Rd, past Haslingden Cricket Club and follow the road downhill as far as Ewood Bridge. By the sharp bend at the bottom of the hill, turn right onto Irwell Vale Rd, past the water treatment works and into the village. Cross 2 bridges over R Ogden and R Irwell and turn right, just past the Irwell Vale railway station, onto Meadow Park. Park at the far end of a very bumpy road near the bridge. This 3 mile circular walk follows the line of the E Lancs Railway and the R Irwell and is mostly flat but rather uneven along a short slope. Probably muddy alongside the river bank. No stiles. At the end of the walk there is the option of a further short (1.5miles) loop via Snig Hole and back alongside R Ogden where a part of the path is collapsed and rocky. Contact Peter Hartley