

Third Age Matters

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Third Age Matters magazine, or TAM, is available to any u3a member. To receive your copy please contact your local u3a committee so that they can add your contact details to the TAM database.

THIS ARTICLE WAS INCLUDED BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE TO PUBLISH!

Gawthorpe Hall's Victorian Weekend December 3rd

The Handbell Ringing group will once again be playing at Gawthorpe Hall's Victorian Weekend on Sunday, December 3rd, at intervals throughout the day. Please pop in and support us and let us know if the practising has paid off.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

November 23	Frank Vignon "The strange birth of British television"
December 14	Ukulele Rocks
January 25	Roger Brown "Cole Porter"

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

November 2023
Walking

December 2023
Committee members

January 2024
Book club, Coffee club and Chair Exercise

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



As I am writing this we are well into autumn with the quickly changing scenery and lovely colours of the landscape Unfortunately it is all too brief and we are very quickly plunged into what seems like a monochrome outlook on wet and dull days. But it must be said that there is still plenty of things in nature to lift one's spirits if you care to look.

By the time you are reading this Halloween and Bonfire night will have passed. However as much these celebrations are enjoyed by children and families in a lighthearted way there is as we well know a much darker history associated that is often forgotten.

Supermarkets have stopped giving out plastic bags to help the environment, then come Halloween and they fill their shelves with plastic tat that mostly ends up in landfill!

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to leave. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."

Stuart

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS

Wednesday 6 December 2023

email burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Book Group: There will be **no meeting in December**. The reading list for 2024 is in preparation; more news next month.

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS - The group has closed down due to insufficient numbers

CHAIR EXERCISE GROUP 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10.30 in the Unitarian Chapel. Everyone welcome. For further information Further information contact Sonia or Maureen.

The Coffee Club The next meeting will be on **December 14th** at The Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley 11am

English Folk Dancing: Only one meeting this month, **Thursday, December 7th** at 2.00pm in Higham Village Hall. Jacob's Join -

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. **There will be no meeting in December.**

Handbell Ringing Group: will be performing at Gawthorpe Hall on **Sunday, 3rd December** throughout the day from 11.00am. The last meeting of the year will be at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham on **Wednesday, 6th December** between 2.00pm - 3.30pm. Please

History including Local History 7th December 10.30 to 12.00 in the Hambleton Room Unitarian Church Padiham. "History of Christmas trees and Christmas traditions " give a brief description of your favourite

Indoor Bowls: Meets **1st and 3rd Thursdays** at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley, 10.00 am to 12 Noon. £3.00 session. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.

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.

Knitting and Crochet Group: Monday 27th November—intarsia knitting (not as hard as it sounds) for which you will need two colours of DK yarn and 4mm needles. Meetings are in the Hameldon Room of the Padiham Unitarian church from 10am to midday. Everyone welcome.

Outings Group: Our next outing will be **Wednesday February 7th 2024** History Walk in Manchester City Centre with an official tour guide. Contact Anne Green.

REMINDER - we can no longer accept cash, all payments must be by card or cheque made payable to Burnley & District u3a. If this causes difficulties please see a member of the Committee.

Painting For Pleasure: Meets at 10.00 am on the first and third Monday of each month at Padiham Road Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.

Philosophy group The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 12th December @10 a.m** Venue details Jim Wallace.

"Why do they call it rush hour when nothing moves?" Robin Williams

Photography: 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre. No group session until January but we shall be putting on our usual exhibition for the monthly meeting on 14 December.

Quiz Group: will meet on **Monday 18th December** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Scrabble: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **29th November, 13th December, 10th January (no meeting on 27th December)**, 1.30-3.30pm, at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For further information contact Christine Potter.

Singing Group will meet on **Monday 4th December** 11.00 am until 12.30 pm in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church. Contact Ann Bullas or Pamela Hopcroft. **The Singing Group will not meet in January 2024**

SPANISH BEGINNERS GROUP will meet on the 2nd Monday **11th December** between 2pm and 4pm at Padiham Methodist Church (Brassey Street off Padiham Road). If you are interested please Contact Jean Atherton

Intermediate Spanish Group will meet in **December only on Friday 8th** between 10.00am and 12.00 midday. Please contact Gil Beeke for further information.

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

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

Friday 1st December NO WALK Friday 8th December Christmas Walk. Start from the car park in Barley at 10:30am for a short walk 4.5miles around Pendle Area (depends on weather) **FULL CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at the Cabin. 2 courses £15 or 3 courses £18. with tea or coffee (beer or wine available extra). 'Normal' lunch also available if booked in advance £5 deposit required to secure a place. For more details ring Christine Storey 01282 617224 **Friday 15th December** Start from Pendle Heritage centre car park at 10:30am. 3-4 mile circular walk around Higherford taking in the Water Meetings. Includes some field paths. In that area the route can be revised on the day to suit weather conditions. Contact Margaret & Ian Fletcher