

OUTINGS GROUP

After 12 years Christine and Sandra have decided to stand down from the Outings Group. They, along with Brenda Taylor, have done a sterling job and given many days of enjoyment to our members. They will still be on hand to help Anne and Howard and Nancy should they be needed. We thank them most sincerely for all their hard work over many years.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE PAYMENTS

We have now got our card reader operational and due to the difficulties in handling large amounts of cash it has been decided that in future all payments for Outings must be by either cheque or card.

Unfortunately, in future we will no longer be able to offer refunds if you are unable to go, unless we can re-sell the place. If this causes you difficulties please speak to any member of the Committee.

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

October 26	Mervyn Saunders "The world of entertainment"
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.

Chair
Stuart Thorn

Vice Chair
Maria Chattle

Secretary
Margaret Bushby

Treasurer
Sandra Byrne
treasurerblyu3a@outlook.com

Membership Secretary
Peter Hartley
burnley.district.u3a@outlook.com

Groups Co-ordinator
Stuart Chattle
grpcoord.bly@outlook.com

Newsletter Editor
Jim Sutcliffe
Burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Group Tea Rota

October 2023
Scrabble and
Intermediate
Spanish

November 2023
Walking

NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



Well officially summer is over! Or the rainy season as we know it in the UK and guess what? In September we had a heatwave! We can now look forward to the fruits of autumn and enjoy even more unpredictable weather.

We shall now be encouraged to put our Christmas trees up, get festive and spend, spend and spend. You might be think I am being a tad cynical. How could you even harbour such a thought!

We recently decided to have a day out in York and the park and ride certainly takes the stress out of finding a parking space. We visited the Jorvik experience and the Treasurer's House and in the spirit of the u3a's learning we certainly fulfilled that. The tour of the Treasurer's House was good value and extremely informative.

The u3a outings group paid a visit to Port Sunlight earlier this month and following u3a learning mantra, we had an interesting tour and talk. The highlight I learnt was that local ladies would put a packet of OMO soap powder in their windows, this was when their husbands were away to advertise the fact that the Old Man's Out!

The biggest joke on humanity is a computer asking you to prove you're NOT a robot (apparently I am, the computer keeps asking me to try again). *Stuart*

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS
Wednesday 15 November 2023**
email burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Book Group: Next meeting **Monday 20th November**, 10am to midday in the Hameldon Room of the Padiham Unitarian Church. We shall be discussing *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. There will be no meeting in December. The reading list for 2024 is in preparation; more news next month.

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS The first class will start at 10am on **20th September** at the Unitarian Church Padiham and will run for approximately 10 weeks. Contact Clifford Marsden

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 meeting will be **November 7th** at the Bistro prairie sports village Burnley meeting. Contact Freda or sign up at the monthly meeting. Please note there will be **no meeting in December** due to the change in the date of the main monthly

English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. on **Thursdays 2nd and 16th November**. All welcome! 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. There will be no German meeting in December.

Handbell Ringing Group: The Handbell Ringing group will meet at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham on **Wednesdays, 1st, 15th and 29th November** between 2.00pm and 3.30pm. Please contact Valerie Widdas for more information.

History including Local History 2nd November 10.30 to 12.00 in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church, Padiham. "Looking into Family History" bring anything you know relating to your family history 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.

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 13th November - bring your own project. **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: Friday 24 November HAREWOOD HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS. £25 includes coach and entry to house and grounds, shop and café. 9am Burnley Bus Station. 9.15 Padiham Town Hall. Waiting list only. Please pay any balances due at the October meeting. Contact Christine Storey

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

Please see important notice overleaf regarding payments

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 The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 14th November @10a.m** Venue details Jim Wallace.

"War does not determine who is right-only who is left" Bertrand Russell

Photography: 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre. Topic for **Friday 10th November:** Light ... Dramatic/moody/atmospheric lighting, play of light through a window, sunbeams

Quiz Group: will meet on **Monday 20th November** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Scrabble: meetings alternate Wednesdays 1.30 - 3.30 pm 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 6th November** 11.00 am until 12.30 pm in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church. Contact Ann Bullas or Pamela Hopcroft

SPANISH BEGINNERS GROUP will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons of the month between 2pm and 4pm at Padiham Methodist Church (Brassey Street off Padiham Road). The November meetings will be on **13th and 27th November**. If you are interested please contact Jean Atherton

Intermediate Spanish Group will meet on **Fridays, 10th and 24th November** 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 3rd November: Ribble Valley. Start from Edisford Bridge car park, Clitheroe BB7 3LA approx 6 miles Leader Howard Mitchell

Friday 17th November: Irwell Vale. Start from E Lancs Railway car park, Hardsough Lane, Irwell Vale BL0 0QG approx 3+ miles Leaders Peter & Lesley Hartley