

SPANISH BEGINNERS GROUP

I would like to start a Spanish beginner's group if sufficient people express an interest. So far several people have come forward but more are needed to make up a viable group. If you are interested please contact me. I shall be at the next monthly meeting. Contact Jean Atherton

RACQUETBALL

We have had an offer from St Peters Centre in Burnley to provide help and coaching to set up a Racquetball Group. Saeed, the gentleman who contacted us, has successfully helped other u3as to form groups. He says: "St Peters, with 2 squash courts, is now the only place to play squash/racquetball in the entire region of Burnley and surrounds. Raquetball is an easier and more fun game to play on a squash court. Ideal for former squash players or total newcomers, it provides an excellent fitness work out and social engagement". Anyone interested in forming a Racquetball group should contact your Groups Coordinator, Stuart Chattle, at grpcoord.bly@outlook.com. If enough people are interested we can arrange a meeting with Saeed and, possibly, taster sessions at St Peters.

WALKING CRICKET

Todmorden u3a has a Walking Cricket group run by Michael Astrop. You may remember Michael as the speaker on "Lady Killers" in August. The group, which currently has 20 members, comprised of roughly equal numbers of men and women, wants to recruit new members. Michael has extended an invitation to join his group to anyone in Burnley & District u3a who would like to play Walking Cricket.

As Burnley and Todmorden have a reciprocal agreement, your current Burnley and District u3a membership covers you to join Todmorden's groups without further cost, apart from normal group meeting charges. If you would like to join the group, or would like more information, contact Michael on 0777 417 1507, or by email at mwastrop@gmail.com.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

September 28	Brian Sefton	A Life in Magic
October 26	Mervyn Saunders	"The world of entertainment"
November 23	Frank Vignon	"The strange birth of British television"
December	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

September 2023
Quiz

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? September is here and we have 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 and get festive and spend spend spend. You might 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, the park and ride certainly takes the stress out of finding a parking space. We visited the Yorvik 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 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*

UNSOLICITED PUBLICITY

At the last Committee meeting the issue was raised of members promoting events at the monthly meetings which are not related to our u3a. Whilst this only applies to a small number of members we have to issue a reminder that we are a non-partisan organisation and cannot be seen to be promoting any activities, be they quizzes, puzzles or concerts, not related to u3a, however worthy their cause. This applies to both our monthly and group meetings. We would ask all members to respect this protocol to avoid causing any embarrassment.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS

Wednesday 18 October 2023

email burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Book Group: Next meeting will be on **Monday 16th October** at 10am to midday in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church. The book for discussion will be Book One of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams. The book for 20th November will be The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro. There is still some room round the table, so come and join us.

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 is 11am. on **October 12th** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley. All welcome, a chance for new members to meet others Contact Freda or sign up at the monthly meeting

English Folk Dancing: Meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. on **Thursdays 5th and 19th October**. 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.

Handbell Ringing Group: will meet on **Wednesdays 4th and 18th October** at 2.00pm - 3.30pm at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. We are now practising our Christmas repertoire in preparation for our usual outing to Gawthorpe at the beginning of December. Contact Valerie Widdas

History including Local History Next meeting on **5th October 2023** we will be visiting Queen Street Mill for a tour at 12.30 meet at 12.20 inside. Cafe will be open, car park across the road. Cost will be £2 All welcome. 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: 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: **October's meetings are on Monday 9th (bring your own project) and Monday 23rd** when we shall have a go at double-sided knitting. For this bring size 4mm needles and DK yarn. We meet at 10am to midday in the Hameldon Room of the Padiham Unitarian Church.

Outings Group: Wednesday 11 October (NOT 18 October)
PORT SUNLIGHT. £25 includes coach, admission to museum etc and coach tour of the village with a guide. Burnley Bus Station 9.0am. Padiham Town Hall 9.15. Limited availability. Contact Howard Mitchell
Friday 24 November HAREWOOD HOUSE AT CHRISTMAS. Journey through Christmases from 1950 to 2050 with a unique Harewood twist. £25 includes coach and entry to house and grounds, shop and café. 9am Burnley Bus Station. 9.15 Padiham Town Hall. Contact Sandra Thompson or Christine Storey

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 Next meeting **Tuesday 10th October** venue details from Jim Wallace.

The race is not to the swift, but that's the way you make the bet"

Photography: 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre. Topic for **Friday 13th October:** Contre-Jour - photos taken against the light.

Quiz Group: will meet on **Monday 16th October** from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Scrabble: meetings alternate Wednesdays **20th September, 4th and 18th October**, 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 2nd October** 11.00 am until 12.30 pm in the Hameldon Room, Unitarian Church. Contact Ann Bullas or Pamela Hopcroft

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Intermediate Spanish will meet on **Fridays, 20th and 27th October** between 10.00am - 12.00 midday Please contact Gil Beeke.

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 6th October: Worsthorne (Substitute for the planned walk from Todmorden). Start from Worsthorne centre, approx 5 miles Leader Julie Sparks,
Friday 20th October: Walking with Witches Trail Start from The Cabin car park, Barley BB12 9JX. Leaders Jean & Joyce,