

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Burnley & District U3A will be held on Thursday 25th April at **2.00pm** at the Unity Centre, Nazareth Unitarian Chapel, Padiham.

Three Committee members have served for two years and therefore have to be replaced or, if they wish, stand for re-election: Melinda Jackson, Treasurer, Margaret Bushby, Secretary, and Freda Whittle, elected member. Nomination forms for these positions will be available at the monthly meeting in February and March or from the Secretary (please ring 01282 429269).

New Board and Card Games Group

As the existing Board and Card Games group is fully subscribed, new U3A members Jeff Humphreys and his wife Hazel are keen to establish a second group. If you are interested you can contact them on 01282 612609 or 07855 955325, or via email at jeffhumph@aol.com. They hope to be at the open meeting in March when you can speak to them in person.

Change of Newsletter Editor

The March 2019 edition of this newsletter will be my last as editor as I am standing down from the roll after almost two and a half years. The torch has kindly been picked up by Jim Sutcliffe and I wish him well in the roll. Jim's contact details for submissions or articles are shown on the front panel of the newsletter.

The newsletter along with our website and Facebook pages are the main methods of communicating information to our local U3A membership. If you have a notice, anything interesting to tell us about your specialist group, or perhaps things that might be of general interest please don't be shy, just submit them by e-mail to the editor at: burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com



John Bridge

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 - 2nd Thursday). Visitors welcome at a charge of £2.

28th March - "Tales of a Customs Officer" by Brian Topping

25th April - "Sailing the Atlantic with the Jubilee Sailing Trust" by Norman Harris

23rd May - "Barrow to Baghdad and Back Again" by Phillip Caine

Deadline for entries in the April 2019 Newsletter will be **Wednesday 17th April**. Please e-mail to burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

Notes From The Chair



I hope you enjoyed February's speaker, I found looking at how Burnley has changed in our lifetime most interesting. Unfortunately we had a problem with the sound for which I offer apologies. Tony Mitchell rose to the challenge and kept his voice up for the hour. Eric Bushby tried hard throughout the talk to rectify the situation but had no success. Eric has since

returned twice to the hall and eventually sorted out the problem. Needless to say the fault had been caused by somebody else using the system. Thanks Eric, not just for that, but for all the previous years you have made sure everything went to plan.

The March talk looks interesting. I know the speaker Brian Topping from a shared interest area we have. I am sorry I won't be at the meeting but I am confident our vice chair, Stuart Thorn, will ensure everything goes smoothly.

Please check your group's placing on the tea rota, it would be a very large storm in a teacup if nobody turned up.

My thought for the month:

"You really can't have everything, where would you put it all?"

With very best wishes,
Terry Ferguson

Membership Renewal

It is the time of year to renew your membership; the year ends on 31st March.

As agreed at the AGM last year the membership fee has been reduced to £14 April to March or £9.50 October to March per person; £26 April to March or £17 October to March for couples living at the same address. An absolute bargain, we're sure you'll agree.

Melinda Jackson will be available at the March meetings to accept your money.

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Group Tea Rota

March 2019
Book Group

April 2019
Bridge & Craft

May 2019
Exploring Poetry

June 2019
Folk Dancing & Handbell Ringing

July 2019
History

August 2019
Indoor Bowls

Members Interest Groups

Architecture: Next meeting Wednesday 24th April at 2:00pm in the Unitarian Church. Topic - Illustrated talk by Rod Wilshaw "A trip round the Wren Churches of London"	Rod Wilshaw
Beginners German - Year 2: The German group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in the downstairs room at Burnley library.	Laura Carter
Beginners Spanish: Meet on Tuesdays 2nd and 16th April 10:00am to 12noon in the quiet room at Burnley Library.	David Wilson
Beginners Spanish - Year 2: Meet from 10:00am to 12noon on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd April in the downstairs meeting room at Burnley Central Library.	Alan Wiseman
Board and Card Games: Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 18th April at 2 o'clock. Space dictates the numbers able to attend. If you would like to join us do please ring Maureen Smith and see if we have room for you this month or indeed to put your name on a waiting list.	Maureen Smith Joan Boaler
Book Group: No meeting in April.	David Venn
Contract Bridge: Meet Thursday 11th and 18th April. Please ring for further information.	Shelagh Limmer Margaret Bushby
Craft Workshop: We normally meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in Higham Village Hall from 10:00am to 12noon.	Jean Willson
Exploring Poetry Together: Meet on Thursday 11th April. Please bring a poem of your choice. We meet in Coal Clough Library 10:00am to 11:30am.	Dorothy Pomfret
English Folk Dancing: Meet at 2:00pm on Thursday 4th April and Tuesday 16th April in Higham Village Hall. Transport is available from Padiham. Please ring Eric to arrange.	Eric Bushby
French: Meet on Tuesdays 2nd and 16th April pm. Change of location, please contact for details.	David Wilson
Handbell Ringing: New members welcome, come along to give it a try and see what we do. Contact Valerie Widdas for more information.	Valerie Widdas
History: 1st Thursday in April talk by Brenda Hyman "Women Mothers of Invention" at Unity Church Padiham 10:30am to 12noon.	Enid Thorp
Indoor Bowls: Meet Thursdays 4th April and 18th April 2019 at the Methodist Church, Padiham Road 10:00am to 12noon. £3.00 session.	Eddie Gullick
Italian: Meet on Wednesdays 10th and 24th April at Padiham Methodist Church on Padiham Road at 2:00pm.	Jean Atherton
Latin: We normally meet at 2:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, at 9 Osborne Grove, 367 Colne Road, Burnley BB10 2LB	Maureen Hartley

Local History: Meet Tuesday 23rd April. 'James Bailey's First World War sketchbook' Talk by Denise North. We meet in the Hameldon Room, Padiham Unity Centre 10:00am to 12noon.	Molly Haines
Luncheon Club: The Crown Hotel, Albert Road, Colne. Friday 12th April. 12noon for 12:30pm. Please ring Joan Price to reserve a place.	Joan Price
Music Appreciation: Meet Thursday 18th April at 10:30am in the Community Centre, Middlesex Avenue, Burnley, when we will be listening to 'Spring is in the Air'.	Rhoda Gouldsbrough
Outings: Tuesday April 16th: Halifax Piece Hall, Guided tour and free time. £16. Coach leaves Burnley Bus Station 9:15am, and Padiham 9:30am. Please note later time!!! Only a few places left. Contact ; Sandra Thompson Tuesday May 21st: Dewlay Cheese Factory, Garstang, (refreshments, talk, factory tour and cheese tasting) Followed by a visit to Barton Grange Garden Centre and The Flowerpot Recreation Centre. £16. Coach leaves Burnley 9:00am and Padiham 9:15am. Payment can be made, after securing a place, either at the Outings' table or by post. Cheques to be made to Burnley and District U 3A and sent to: Melinda Jackson, 30, Avenue Parade, Accrington, BB5 6PJ	Sandra Thompson Brenda Taylor Christine Storey
Painting For Pleasure: Meet on Mondays, 1st and 15th April. Currently fully subscribed . Please ring Pat Ferguson for information re-waiting list.	Pat Ferguson
Philosophy: Tuesday 16th April, 10:00am in the Hameldon Room, Padiham Unitarian Church, Padiham - Political Equality: Democracy, p.86 - Nigel Warburton - "Philosophy the basics". Representative Democracy. All welcome.	Val Moreland
Photography: Meet Friday 12th April at 2:00pm in the Hameldon Room. Bring along your Street/Urban photos for discussion.	Stuart Thorn
Quiz: We normally meet on the 3rd Monday 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Hameldon Room.	Ann Bullas
Science: Next Meeting Tuesday 2nd April Burnley library 2:00pm. "Our world is governed by mathematics". Video of a discussion from the World Science Festival. What do professional mathematicians do all day?	Brian Pomfret
Scrabble: Meet on Wednesdays 10th and 24th April at 2:00pm in Burnley Central Library.	Margaret Nichols
Singing For Pleasure: We normally meet on the 4th Wednesday 11:00am to 12:30pm in the Hameldon Room.	Ann Bullas
Intermediate Spanish: Our group is currently full but please contact Gil Beeke for more information or if you wish to be added to our waiting list.	Gil Beeke
Ukulele: Meet Fridays 5th and 19th April. 10:00am, Padiham Road Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.	Terry Ferguson
Walking: Friday March 29th: Meet at Thornton Arms Carpark, at 10:30am, for an easy 3.5 mile walk, mainly along paths, to Rowley Lake and Woods. Leaders Jean Atherton and Joyce Pennington. Friday April 5th Trawden - Wycoller Round. A pleasant 7 mile, moderate walk. Meet at 10:30am at Trawden Community Centre (Opposite Trawden Arms). Bring lunch. Leader Keith Hudson. Friday April 26th: Colne from Ballgrove Details later.	Christine Storey