

## Outings Group

HARROGATE CHRISTMAS FAYRE  
Friday 13 December 2024

Start your Christmas in Harrogate and you will be treated to the sights, sounds and smells of a traditional festive market with over 50 local and European traders selling everything from handmade gifts to tasty treats! Other eating options include Betty's famous Tea Rooms and Wetherspoon's bar and restaurant which is located in the impressive former Royal Baths! On Fridays, The popular Candy Cane Express road train (payable) will take visitors on a tour of the town. We travel direct to Harrogate and visit the iconic Royal Pump Room Museum with its informative and fascinating displays! (Admission included)

Please note that we understand that the Little Bird Artisan Markets are only open on Saturdays and Sundays, NOT Fridays as shown in the previous Newsletter and in our leaflets. We apologise for this and trust that it will not detract from your overall enjoyment of the outing.

£21 includes travel by 49-seater coach, driver's gratuity and admission to the Royal Pump Room Museum.

Burnley Bus Station depart 0900, Padiham Town Hall 0920 hrs. We depart Harrogate at 1500 so that we can enjoy the scenic journey in the remaining daylight arriving home around 1615/1630 hrs

Contacts: Howard and Nancy Mitchell or Anne Green

### Holidays

Do you go on holiday with Riviera Travel? Did you know they will give us 10% of the cost of the holiday if you mention Burnley & District u3a when booking? Two members did so earlier this year and we received £197 at no cost to them. This could provide a real boost to our finances but please note we are not recommending Riviera Travel to members.

### Publicity

If anyone would like one of our publicity leaflets to pin up in a community venue (such as a doctor's surgery) in their own area please feel free to pick one up from the front desk at the next monthly meeting in November.

### Monthly Quiz Question

In what year was the first ever Christmas message delivered and by whom?

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

**November 28th** Michael Astrop "The life and times of Buffalo Bill Cody"  
**December 12th** Scott Robertson Musician  
The Handbell Ringing Group will also entertain for the December meeting.  
**January 23rd** Mebs Ahmed "P.C Mebs Finding Myself" part 2

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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November  
Indoor Bowls  
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# Newsletter

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### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I came across a new introduction to Halloween celebrations recently. Apparently, before Halloween itself, there is now a BOO box we can give to our little treasures. This box will consist of little gifts

to get them ready for the real event! Who comes up with these crazy ideas? I thought a Christmas Eve box was bad, now this !!

Mentioning Christmas, our u3a will be promoting our organisation at the Unitarian Church Christmas Fair on 7th December. We will be there from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any free time and would like to come along and help, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, the Handbell Ringing group will be at Gawthorpe Hall on 30th November and 1st December: go along and support them.

The new groups, Indoor Bowling and Computer Group, have attracted a lot of interest and numbers are good.

I'm looking forward to going to the Harrogate Christmas Fair with the outings group. These events always put me in the festive mood, and the mulled wine is good too!

Just to finish, I read recently that research has shown that laughing for two minutes a day is just as good for you as a 20 minute jog. Sounds good to me.

Maria

**December Newsletter Deadline is  
Wednesday 4th December 2024 12:00 noon**  
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

<b>The Book Group:</b> There is no meeting in December but In January our book choice is The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods.	Marilyn Jones Sonia Rawlinson
<b>Exercise for Wellbeing Group: 1st and 3rd Tuesday</b> of the month at 10:30am in the Unitarian Chapel. Everybody welcome. For further information contact Sonia or Maureen.	Sonia Rawlinson Maureen Brown
<b>The Coffee Group:</b> There is no meeting this month.	Freda Whittle
<b>English Folk Dancing</b> One meeting only this month; <b>5th December, 2.00pm</b> in Higham Village Hall - Jacob's Join. Everyone welcome.	Eric Bushby
<b>The French Conversation Group:</b> meets on the <b>first and third Thursdays</b> of the month at Molly Rigbys, 17/19 Mill Street, Padiham, from 1.45 pm. Intermediate level of French is needed. Please contact Rhoda Gouldsbrough.	Rhoda Gouldsbrough
<b>Pre-intermediate German Group:</b> will meet at the reference room at Burnley Library <b>1-3pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday</b> of every month. New members always welcome but please text or ring me and leave a message before coming, in case we have had to unexpectedly change the date.	Laura Carter
<b>Handbell Ringing Group:</b> will only meet once in December, on <b>Wednesday 4th</b> between <b>2.00pm-3.30pm</b> at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. The group will be performing at Gawthorpe Hall on Sunday, 1st December, please call in to there to the Victorian weekend and support them. For any further information about the group, please contact Valerie Widdas	Valerie Widdas
<b>History Including Local History: Thursday December 5th 10.30 to 12.00</b> in the Hambleton Room Unitarian Church Padiham. " Christmas Carol's " give a brief talk about your favourite Christmas Carol .The history and what you know and like about it, Further details ring Enid.	Enid Thorp
<b>Indoor Bowls:</b> meets every <b>1st and 3rd Thursday</b> of each month at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley. <b>10:00 am to 12 noon.</b> £3 session. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.	Pat Ferguson
<b>Indoor Bowls II:</b> will meet every <b>1st and 3rd Thursday at 1pm</b> the Methodist Church,Padiham Road,Burnley	Jim Wallace
<b>Knitting and Crochet Group</b> There will be just one December meeting on <b>Monday 9th</b> where members can bring their own project to work on. Location is in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church, <b>10am to midday.</b>	Melinda Jackson

<b>Ukulele Group:</b> meets on the <b>1st and 3rd Friday</b> of each month 10:00am at Padiham rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.	Terry Ferguson
<b>Philosophy Group:</b> The next meeting of the philosophy group will be <b>Tuesday 10th December at 10am .Venue details Jim Wallace</b>	Jim Wallace
<b>Photography Group: 2:00pm</b> start on the second Friday each month in the Hameldon room at the Unity Centre. No group meeting this month. <b>Thursday 12th Dec:</b> 'Christmas exhibition' at the December monthly meeting	Peter Hartley Stuart Chattle
<b>Quiz Group:</b> The Quiz Group will meet on <b>Monday 16th December</b> from <b>2-4pm</b> at Padiham Road Methodist Church.	Ann Bullas
<b>Scrabble Group:</b> meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, <b>1.30-3.30pm, 27th November and 11th December</b> at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players.	Christine Potter
<b>Singing Group:</b> will meet on <b>Monday 9th December 11:00-12:30</b> in the Hameldon room, Unitarian Church. <b>Please note this is the second Monday.</b>	Ann Bullas Pamela Hopcroft
<b>Spanish Beginners Group:</b> There will only be one meeting of the Beginner's Spanish Group in December on <b>Monday 9th December</b> at Padiham Road Methodist Church between <b>2pm and 4pm.</b> Newcomers welcome to join the group.	Jean Atherton
<b>Intermediate Spanish Group:</b> will only be meeting on <b>Friday, 13th December</b> between <b>10.00am-12.00 midday.</b> Please note that this group is currently full. For any further information, please contact Gil Beeke.	Gil Beeke
<b>Craft Group</b> will meet on the <b>3rd Wednesday</b> of the month from <b>10am -12 noon</b> in the Hameldon room at Padiham Unitarian Church. For further information, please contact either Julie or Elizabeth.	Julie Sharpley Elizabeth Platt
<b>Painting for Pleasure:</b> Meets at 10:00 am on the <b>1st and 3rd Monday</b> of each month at Padiham Rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.	Pat Ferguson
<b>Walking Group:</b> 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month. <b>Friday 6th Dec: Barley &amp; Christmas meal</b> Meet at Barley car park BB12 9JX SHORT walk (4 miles) followed by Christmas meal at The Cabin. Places for this are all taken and balance of payments are now due; £10/ 2 courses, £13/ 3 courses, collection at November meeting Leaders Christine Storey and Peter Hartley <b>No second walk this month</b>	Christine Storey Peter Hartley