HARROGATE CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Friday 13 December 2024

IMORTANT UPDATE: We very much regret that due the lack of heating as the boiler needs replacing, the Royal Pump Room Museum is temporarily closed. We have, however, substituted this with a repeat visit to the Fewston Farm Shop Cafe for Tea/ Coffee and Cake at no extra charge. We apologise for any disappointment experienced and trust you will understand that this is beyond our control and that it will not detract too much from your overall enjoyment of the outing.

ADVANCE INFORMATION FOR 2025
MANCHESTER JEWISH MUSEUM Wednesday 26 February 2025

Following a redevelopment and extension in 2019, the museum includes a modern gallery, vegetarian cafe, shop and learning studio and kitchen as well as the beautifully restored synagogue which is now part of the permanent exhibition. It is just a 20 minute walk from Victoria Railway Station where we will meet undercover. Full details later! Bookings will open at the January open meeting on 23 January 2025.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Our plans feature CLIFFE CASTLE, KEIGHLEY AND SKIPTON on Wednesday 30 April 2025; HOLKER HALL AND GARDENS on Wednesday 25 June 2025: QUARRY BANK MILL AND GARDENS on Wednesday 20 August 2025 and LANCASTER CASTLE on Wednesday 8 October 2025! Kindly note that all these are subject to availability and confirmation later.

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our outings in 2024! We look forward to the pleasure of your company in 2025!
Anne, Howard and Nancy

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.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I found two recent news items quite mind boggling. The first made me very cross. No doubt you saw it. A Chinese man bought a piece of "art" for more than £4.0 million. What amazing masterpiece was this, we ask? Well, it was a banana, gaffer taped to a wall. But it came with instructions on how to replace the banana when it ripened. Complicated? What did the purchaser do with the said banana? He ate it!!! So much good could have been done by that amount of money. Crazy!

The second was the spate of gnome thefts in Formby in the 1970's, whose owners then received a ransom note for the grand sum of 25p for their return. The gnomenapper has finally owned up after 47 years. I found this one very funny. Also, it highlights the vast difference in wealth.

I hope you are all able to attend the 12th December meeting, our last of the year. Some of our groups are putting on an exhibition of work done throughout the year by their very talented members.

Just to finish - my husband and I (sounds good) were in a cafe at the weekend. Having ordered our lunch we waited for its arrival, when we heard the waitress ask the lady at the next table what bread she would like. Lady asks "What have you got?" Waitress, "I'll have to ask". On her return she said "We have white or brown". Made our day.

Finally, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Maria

January Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday 15th January 2025 12:00 noon

The Book Group: Will meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on **Monday 20th January from 10am until noon.** to discuss The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods. Our choice for February 17th is One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.	Marilyn Jones Sonia Rawlinson
Exercise for Wellbeing Group: **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month at 10:30am in the Unitarian Chapel. Everybody welcome. For further information contact Sonia or Maureen.	Sonia Rawlinson Maureen Brown
The Coffee Group: The next meeting of the coffee group will be **January 9th 11am-12** at the Bistro Praire sports village Windermere ave Burnley.	Freda Whittle
English Folk Dancing Meet in Higham Village at **2.00pm** on **2nd and 16th January**. Everyone welcome.	Eric Bushby
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 pm. Intermediate level of French is needed. Please contact Rhoda Gouldsbrough.	Rhoda Gouldsbrough
Pre-intermediate German Group: will meet at the reference room at Burnley Library **1-3pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday** 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
Handbell Ringing Group: will meet on Wednesdays, **15th and 29th January** at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham between **2.00pm - 3.30pm**. Please contact Valerie Widdas for any information.	Valerie Widdas
History Including Local History: Meet in the Hambledon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. The January meeting details arent available at time of printing for further details rcontact Enid	Enid Thorp
Indoor Bowls: meets every **1st and 3rd Thursday** of each month at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley. **10:00 am to 12 noon**. £3 session. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.	Pat Ferguson
Indoor Bowls II: will meet every **1st and 3rd Thursday at 1pm** the Methodist Church,Padiham Road,Burnley	Jim Wallace
Knitting and Crochet Group January's meetings will be on **Mondays 13th** (bring your own project) **and 27th** (stranded knitting). For the 27th, please bring two colours of DK yarn and size 4mm needles. We meet in the Hameldon Room in the Unity Centre of the Padiham Unitarian Church, **10am to midday.**	Melinda Jackson

Ukulele Group: meets on the **1st and 3rd Friday** of each month 10:00am at Padiham rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.	Terry Ferguson
Philosophy Group: The next meeting of the philosophy group will be **Tuesday 14th January at 10am .**Venue details Jim Wallace	Jim Wallace
Photography Group: The next meeting will be on **10th January** when the topic will be "Patterns". The venue for the meeting is still to be finalised. We will email group members when the venue has been confirmed, or you can phone Peter or Stuart for information if you're not on our mailing list.	Peter Hartley Stuart Chattle
Quiz Group: The Quiz Group will meet on **Monday 20th January** from **2-4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church.	Ann Bullas
Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **1.30-3.30pm, 8th and 22th January** at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players.	Christine Potter
Singing Group: will not meet in January.	Ann Bullas Pamela Hopcroft
Spanish Beginners Group: will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of **January on the 13th and 27th** at Padiham Road Methodist Church between **2pm and 4pm.** Newcomers welcome.	Jean Atherton
Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet on **Fridays, 10th and 24th January** between **10.00am and midday**. Please note that our group is currently full. For any information, please contact Gil Beeke	Gil Beeke
Craft Group will meet on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month from **10am -12 noon** in the Hameldon room at Padiham Unitarian Church. For further information, please contact either Julie or Elizabeth.	Julie Sharpley Elizabeth Platt
Painting for Pleasure: Meets at 10:00 am on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of each month at Padiham Rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley. Currently fully subscribed. Please ring re waiting list.	Pat Ferguson
Walking Group:10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month.	Christine Storey
No walks yet organised for the 2025 calendar - details tba and will be confirmed to group members via e-mail & website update	Peter Hartley