

OUTINGS GROUP

CLIFFE CASTLE AND SKIPTON Wednesday 30 April 2025

Cliffe Castle was originally built in the 1880's as the home of Victorian millionaire and textile manufacturer, Henry Isaac Butterfield and was a show piece of international art and French decoration. In the 1950's the castle was bought by Sir Bracewell Smith who turned the gardens into a grand public park and remodelled the castle into a free museum. You can see the sparkling Victorian rooms overflowing with paintings, furniture and art of every style. There are also rooms dedicated to nature, archaeology and stained glass. In recent years, Cliffe Castle has had a glow-up inside and outside with Victorian features in the park reinstated and the breathtaking stained glass Butterfield window and the Grand Staircase restored! In the afternoon, we have a short visit to Skipton, the Gateway to the Dales.

£25 per person includes travel by 49-seater coach, driver's gratuity, tea/coffee and cake on arrival and a guided tour of the museum in two small groups.

Burnley Bus Station depart 0900, Padiham Town Hall depart 0920

Contacts: Howard and Nancy Mitchell and Anne Green

Manchester Jewish Museum

If you came on the Outing in February and would like to receive an ANNUAL PASS please send your Full Name, Post Code and Email Address to Howard Mitchell

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are due in April but to ease congestion we will be happy to accept item at the March monthly meeting. We ask that payment is by Card, Cheque or Bank Transfer. Cheque made out to Burnley & District u3a. Fees remain unchanged at £20 per individual, £38 for two people living at the same address.

Just a reminder that you can make an extra contribution if you are a taxpayer by putting a cross in the box on the enrollment form for Gift Aid. It wont cost you anything but we will be able to claim £5 from HM Government, which will make a great deal of difference to our finances.

A.G.M.

The 18th Annual General Meeting of Burnley & District u3a will take place at 2.00p.m. on 24th April, 2025 in the Unity Centre, Nazareth Unitarian Chapel, Padiham, BB12 8JH.

Nomination forms for the posts of Secretary and Committee members will be available at the meetings on 27th March or from the Secretary. If you would like more information please contact any committee member.

Quiz Question

"It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen", is a quote from which book?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

March 27th Barry Humpries " Stories behind the Beatles Songs"
April 24th David Grimes "The art gallery near Tashkent"

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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March

Folk Dancing

April

French conversation and
hand bell

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

These newsletters seem to be coming thick and fast at the moment. In my last missive I mentioned that we were approaching Spring. Well, as I write this, meteorological Spring has arrived. We have had some lovely sunny days recently, albeit cold, so lets make the most of it.

Plants are bursting into life and all this helps to make us feel better too.

I just want to mention a couple of items that were brought up at the last monthly meeting. I know I'm repeating myself but there are good reasons for doing this. Firstly, as not all members attend the monthly meeting and secondly, I don't have much to say at the moment. The 2nd Indoor Bowling Group is temporarily suspended due to a drop in the membership. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Jim Wallace whose details are on the front of this newsletter. Also, as you are probably aware the Painting for Pleasure group has always been well attended and usually has a waiting list for people wanting to join. It is proposed that a second Painting for Pleasure group should be started. If you are interested please contact our group coordinator, Elisabeth Platt, or Julie Sharpley (see the Craft Group entry). Contact details are in the newsletter.

Now for something completely different: for those of you interested in stargazing, we have now come through the planetary alignment phase and can look forward to a partial lunar eclipse on the 14th March. Fingers crossed for clear skies!

To finish on a an astronomical theme (and I promise this will be my last reference to weight!!), did you know that if you weigh 220lbs on Earth, you only weight 84lbs on Mars and 13lbs on Pluto? So you don't have a weight problem, you're on the wrong planet!

Maria

**April Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday 16th April 2025 12:00 noon**

The Book Group: No meeting in April (Easter Monday) Back on **Monday 19th May** in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church when the book for discussion is Rites of Spring by Anders de la Mote. Join us and bring your favourite book to share with the group.

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: will meet at **11:00-12:00 April 10th** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley
Just to remind members , we will not meet if there is snow

Freda Whittle

English Folk Dancing Meet in Higham Village at **2.00pm on 3rd and 17th April**. Everyone welcome.

Eric Bushby

The French Conversation Group: meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Please note that this Group is currently full. For further information contact Rhoda Gouldsbrough.

Rhoda
Gouldsbrough

Intermediate German Group: meet on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** in **April** at the Burnley Library.

Laura Carter

Handbell Ringing Group: will meet in **April on Wednesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th** at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, between **2.00pm and 3.30pm**. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas

Valerie Widdas

History Including Local History: will meet on **3rd April 2025** in the Hambledon Room Unitarian Church Padiham **10.30 to 12.00**. A talk by Molly Haines. "Oh We Did Like to be Beside The Sea". Further details ring 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.

Ian Fletcher

Indoor Bowls II: Suspended due to lack of numbers. Anyone interested contact Jim Wallace. Hopefully we will be able to restart.

Jim Wallace

Knitting and Crochet Group will meet on **Monday 14th April** (bring your own project) and **Monday 28th April** (picking up stitches for a button-hole band). For the 28th, please prepare in advance a piece of knitting at least 6 inches long in stocking stitch. We meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church from **10am to midday**.

Melinda Jackson

Computer Group: will meet every **2nd Thursday 2pm - 4pm** for beginners and experts, provides some training, and some discussion. It's at my house, for the members' copy, contact "webmaster" on the u3a contact page.

Dave Hunt

Ukulele Group: meets on the **1st and 3rd Friday** of each month 10:00am at Padiham rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley.

Jeff Salisbury.

Philosophy Group: will meet at the Nazareth Unitarian Chapel **April 8th at 10am**. Venue details Jim Wallace.

Jim Wallace

Photography Group: 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month. Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham.

Peter Hartley
Stuart Chattle

Thursday 11th April: Subject for April – 'Reflections'

Quiz Group: no meeting in April as the 21st is Easter Monday

Ann Bullas

Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **2nd, 16th and 30th April, 1.30-3.30pm** at Pike Hill Library, Burnley. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For further information contact Christine Potter

Christine Potter

Singing Group: will meet on Monday **7th April 11:00 - 12:30** in the Hameldon room, Unitarian Church.

Ann Bullas
Pamela Hopcroft

Spanish Beginners Group: The Beginner's Spanish Group **will not be meeting in April**.

Jean Atherton

Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet in **April on Fridays, 11th and 25th** between **10.00am and midday**. Our group is currently full but for any further 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 Padiham Road Methodist Church on **Monday 7th April 10am to 12noon**. No meeting on 21st.

Jean Philips
Margaret Simpson

A second Painting group may be starting soon. For details, please contact Julie Sharpley

Walking Group: 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month.

Peter Hartley

Friday 4th April: 'Jonas Moore': Start from the lay-by at the top of Higham Hall Rd BB12 9EU. Leader David Hunt

Friday 18th April: Wycoller : Start from Wycoller car park BB8 8SY circa 4 miles. Leader David Threlfall