

**OUTINGS GROUP**  
**QUARRY BANK MILL (National Trust)**  
**Wednesday 25 June 2025**

One of Britain's greatest industrial heritage sites, set in tranquil gardens in the wooded valley of the River Bollin!

£35 (National Trust Members on production of their Membership Card £17) includes travel by 49 seater coach, drivers gratuity, admission to the Mill, Quarry Bank House, Upper Gardens and a guided tour of the Apprentice House. Kindly note that the lower garden is currently closed due to a landslip.

Burnley Bus Station depart 0900; Padiham Town Hall 0920, Quarry Bank depart 1600, due back around 1730

Contacts: Howard and Nancy Mitchell and Anne Green

### AGM

The annual AGM of Burnley & District u3a will take place in the Unity Centre, Padiham on the 24th April at 2.00pm, prior to the monthly meeting.

### Subscriptions

Annual Subscriptions are due in April. We ask that payment is made by card, Cheque or Bank Transfer. Cheques made out to Burnley and 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 tax payer 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.

### Quiz Question

Roger Bannister was the first man to run the mile in under 4 minutes in May of which year?

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<b>April 24th</b>	<b>David Grimes "The art gallery near Tashkent"</b>
<b>May 22nd</b>	<b>Steve Barrett "The great moon hoax"</b>

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

## Burnley and District

### Chair

**Maria Chattle**

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**Margaret Bushby**

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**Peter Hartley**

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**Elizabeth Platt**

### Speaker Secretary

**Jim Wallace**

### Minutes Secretary

**Freda Whittle**

### Reception

**Sandra Clarkson**

### Newsletter Editor

**Alan Nicholls**

### Website Administrator

**David Hunt**

### Group Tea Rota

**April**

**French conversation and  
hand bell**

**May**

**pre intermediate  
German**

# Newsletter

**u3a**  
learn, laugh, live

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### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely weather recently. April has been very kind to us and reminded us how good the sun makes us feel. Let's just hope that we get a repeat of this in the summer and that this hasn't been all we are going to get! I'm an

optimist and believe we will get a great summer later on. Although it has been very warm, we still had a few frosty mornings and that has meant that as far as gardening is concerned no planting has taken place, just some major tidying up ready for plants in May.

Speaking of summer, many of you are probably booking holidays and I would just like to remind you that if booking with Riviera Travel, please mention that you are a member of u3a. They will give 10% of the cost to your local u3a.

The publicity team has been busy promoting our u3a and spent a day at Sainsbury, Colne, on 3rd April. Quite a number of people took group information and copies of our newsletter. Hopefully, we may get some new members from this. We are also taking part in a Health Mela which is being held at Newtown Mill in Burnley on 31st May and is open to all. As the title indicates, it is primarily organised by health professionals, but many other voluntary organisations will be present. If you have the time please call in and help the publicity team, although it is also a very interesting event and definitely worth a visit.

Italians' key to a happy life: Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto (Eat well, laugh often, love deeply). Sounds like a good recipe.

Maria

**May Newsletter Deadline is  
Wednesday 14th May 2025 12:00 noon**

**The Book Group:** We meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on **Monday 19th May from 10am to noon** when the book for discussion is Rites of Spring by Anders de la Motte. Continuing with our seasonal theme our book choice for June is The Summer Book by Tove Jansson.

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 May 8th** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley

Freda Whittle

**English Folk Dancing** will meet in Higham Village Hall at **2.00pm 15th May**. Please note there is only one meeting this month due to local elections.

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** of each month at the Burnley Library 1-3pm.

Laura Carter

**Handbell Ringing Group:** will meet in **May on Wednesdays 7th and 21st** 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 **1st May 2025 10.30 to 12.00** in the Hamledon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. "V E Day 80 years Celebrations " Bring anything you have or know about V.E day 1945. ( Visit to the Weavers Triangle will be later on in the year)

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** Only one meeting next month, on **12th May**. It will be a general session, working on members' own projects. We meet at the Unity Centre of the Padiham Unitarian Church from **10am to midday**. There have been some lovely baby blankets made by members recently for one of the Burnley organisations that helps babies and their mothers.

Melinda Jackson

**Computer Group:** will not meet this month due to holidays.

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 **Tuesday 13th May at 10am**.

Jim Wallace

**Photography Group:** 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month. Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham.  
**Thursday 9th May :** Subject for May – 'Minimalist'

Peter Hartley  
Stuart Chattle

**Quiz Group:** will meet on **Monday 19th May** from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Ann Bullas

**Scrabble Group:** meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **14th and 28th May, 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:** no meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday.

Ann Bullas  
Pamela Hopcroft

**Spanish Beginners Group:** There will be only one meeting of the Beginner's Spanish Group on **Monday 12th May between 2pm and 4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church. Newcomers welcome.

Jean Atherton

**Intermediate Spanish Group:** will meet in **May on Fridays, 9th and 23rd** 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 19th May 10am to 12noon**. No meeting on 5th due to Bank Holiday.  
**A second Painting group may be starting soon.** For details, please contact Julie Sharpley

Jean Philips  
Margaret Simpson

**Walking Group:** 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month.  
**Friday 2nd May: Colne Rugby Club to Salterforth:** Start from Colne Rugby Club car park, Harrison Drive BB8 9SF, 7 miles Leader Peter Hartley  
**Friday 16th May: East Lancs Way:** Start from Ball Grove car park BB8 7HZ circa 4 miles, Leaders Jean & Joyce

Peter Hartley