

## OUTINGS GROUP

### HOLKER HALL AND GARDENS

Wednesday 20 August 2025

Holker Hall is an exceptional example of Victorian architecture set amidst 23 acres of beautiful Formal and Woodland Gardens. The elegant hall has been home to the Cavendish family for over 400 years and the gardens have been nurtured by the family to create a garden that is rich in character and beauty!

£35 includes travel by 49 seater coach, driver's gratuity, admission to the Hall with a Guided Tour and the Gardens!

Burnley Bus Station depart 0900; Padiham Town Hall depart 0920; due back around 1800 hrs.

Contacts: Howard and Nancy Mitchell and Anne Green

### DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR MOBILE PHONE OR TABLET?

We have been contacted by AbilityNet who are able to offer group or individual training sessions for over 55's, to help use mobile phones or tablets with getting online, installing and using apps and social media, etc., whilst being scam aware. The service is free in partnership with BT. If you think this could help you please contact any member of the Committee and if there is enough interest we will try to arrange some sessions.

### Quiz Question

Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on to the Moon on July 21st in which year?

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| June 26th | Martin Lunn "Astronomy in the Med" |
| July 24th | Yvonne Pinder "Banjo and Beyond"   |

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

# Newsletter

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June

History

July

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August

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### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

We have had summer weather, lots of rain and hopefully summer weather again. All in the space of a couple of weeks. The man of the house emptied the pond in the back garden in order to clean it and in the hope of finding a leak. No leak found, but over 50 Newts, of varying sizes, several frogs and the usual pond life. Due to having to re-home the newts and frogs to the front pond, which is not as well established, we had to find a stockist of newt food. That's a new item on the shopping list and no, Tesco don't stock it. This was done during the lovely weather we had in May, but unfortunately some of the work was curtailed due to the onset of lots of rain! Over the couple of weeks that we had rain, the pond is now at 3/4 full of rain water. Amazing.

Those of you who are on Facebook may have seen that our Knitting and Crochet group have been busy knitting pram blankets for our local maternity hospital. These are given to new parents when they take their newborn home. What a lovely idea and I have to say the blankets were beautiful. Also on Facebook, is a tribute by the Painting for Pleasure group to Pat Ferguson, who ran the group for many years. The exhibit showcases the work that Pat and group members have done.

Many of you may have seen the news item of the 107 year old grandma who celebrated her birthday by having a ride on a motorbike. Something she had always wanted to do. When asked what her secret for a long and happy life was her reply was "laugh a lot". That's just what our u3a also advocates.

Maria

**July Newsletter Deadline is**  
**Wednesday 16th July 2025 12:00 noon**  
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

**The Book Group:** will meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on **Monday 21st July** when the book for discussion is 'The Greengage Summer' by Rumer Godden. Our choice for August is 'One August Night' by Victoria Hislop. Come along and enjoy summer with us.

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 July 10th** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley

Freda Whittle

**English Folk Dancing** will meet in Higham Village Hall at **2.00pm** on the **3rd and 17th July**.

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 on **Wednesdays, July 2nd 16th and 30th between 2.00pm - 3.30pm** at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas.

Valerie Widdas

**History Including Local History: Thursday 3rd July 2025** visit to Weavers Vistors Centre Burnley meet at the centre **10.30 to 12.30** guided tour cost £4 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. Last session **19th June**, Restarting **4th September**

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** July meetings will take place in the Hameldon Room in the Unity Centre of the Padiham Unitarian Church, **10am to midday** on **Mondays 14th and 28th**. The first meeting will be a general session where members work on their own projects or on a baby blanket for the Burnley Neo-natal Unit. The second meeting will be a workshop on making an invisible cast-on; DK yarn and 4mm needles will be needed.

Melinda Jackson

**Computer Group:** will meet every **2nd Tuesday 2pm - 4pm** for beginners and experts. It's at my house, use 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 **Tuesday 8th July at 10am.**

Jim Wallace

**Photography Group: 2:00pm** start on the **second Friday each month**. Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham.  
**Subject for Friday 11th July – 'Weathered/Rusty'**

Peter Hartley

Stuart Chattle

**Quiz Group:** will meet on **Monday 21st July** from **2-4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Ann Bullas

**Scrabble Group:** meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **9th and 23rd July, 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 July 11:00 to 12:30** in the Hameldon room at Padiham Unitarian Church.

Ann Bullas

Pamela Hopcroft

**Spanish Beginners Group:** There will not be any meetings of the Beginner's Spanish Group in July and August. We'll resume on the **2nd and 4th Mondays in September.**

Jean Atherton

**Intermediate Spanish Group:** will meet on Fridays, **July 11th and 25th** between **10.00am and midday**. Please note that this group currently has a waiting list. For more 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:**  
Just to confirm the dates we are meeting after the summer break, **Mondays 1st and 15th September**. We have displayed a small exhibition in memory of Mrs. Pat Ferguson in Pod1 at Padiham Road Methodist Church. Pat had been a u3a member for many years, as Speakers' Secretary, and running the Bowling group and the Painting for Pleasure group until her sudden death in December 2024

Jean Philips

Margaret Simpson

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

Peter Hartley

**Friday 4th July: Sharp Haw :** From the Skipton bypass turn left onto Grassington Rd B6265. 1/4 mile. Turn right into Craven Heifer Pub BD23 3LA and park on the right. The owner invites us to visit his cafe and garden centre, Leaders Eric & Margaret Bushby  
**Friday 18th July: Barrowford :** Start from Pendle Heritage Centre car park BB9 6JQ, Leaders Joyce Pinnington & Jean Atherton