

## 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

A range of FREE Summer Holiday Family and Adult workshops occurring in Burnley library during July and August. These include:

Stop Animation Workshops for Children (8+)

Dating Historical Photographs Workshop

Photographic Composition Workshop

Painting workshops with award winning local artist Gosha Gibek for adults and children

Cyanotype workshops for adults and children, all places must be booked in advance and places are limited per session.

More info at <https://www6.apps.lancashire.gov.uk>

### Quiz Question

Hot August Night is a 1972 live double album by which American artist?

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

July 24th

Yvonne Pinder "Banjo and Beyond"

August 28th

Freda Whittle "Air Ambulance"

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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**Group Tea Rota**  
July  
Indoor Bowls 1  
August  
Knitting & Crochet  
September  
Ukelele and Philosophy



### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Well, what amazing weather we have been having. Our third, official, heatwave in the last few months! It's actually pouring down as I write this and has been for most of the day. Back to wet dog, husband and towels!! It has felt really nice to be able to sit outdoors without a thick jumper and hot drink. Instead, it's been summer clothing and chilled drinks. Great.

It looks like we will be starting a Luncheon Club again. It was always very well supported in the past and it looks like a good number of people have shown interest. I'd like to thank Anne Rhodes-Butler, for setting up the group.

If you are on facebook, you may have seen the latest contribution by the Knitting and Crochet group to ELHT Bereavement Team. A colourful selection of hearts and teddies, which will be taken to the hospital in due course. So far the group has produced 31 pairs of hearts, 4 teddies and the numbers continue to grow. Also, 19 cot blankets have already been taken to the neonatal unit. Keep up the good work ladies.

I'd just like to finish with a quote I came across recently:-  
"How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it" (George Elliston)

Maria

**August Newsletter Deadline is**  
**Wednesday 20th August 2025 12:00 noon**  
e-mail : [burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com)

**The Book Group:** will meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on **Monday 18th August** when the book for discussion is 'One August Night' by Victoria Hislop. Continuing the theme our choice for September is 'September' by Rosamunde Pilcher.

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 August 14th** 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 **7th and 21st August**.

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, August 6th and 20th 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:** meeting on **7th August 10.30 to 12.00** in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham. Give a brief description on your favourite invention of any period in history. 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. 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** Only one meeting next month, on **Monday 11th August at 10am until midday** in the Hameldon Room of the Padiham Unitarian church. A general session for members to work on their own projects. Come and join us and see what we're up to. At the moment we're supporting neo-natal and bereavement counselling units in Burnley with knitted and crocheted items.

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 12th August at 10am.**

Jim Wallace

**Photography Group: 2:00pm** start on the **2nd Friday each month.** Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham. **Subject for Friday 8th August – 'Past their best by'** plus selection of pictures for 2026 calendar

Peter Hartley  
Stuart Chattle

**Quiz Group:** will meet on **Monday 18th August** from **2-4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Ann Bullas

**Scrabble Group:** meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **6th and 20th August, 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 4th August 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, **August 8th and 22nd** 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 1st August: Marles Wood :** Start from Marles Wood Car Park on Salesbury Hall Road, Dinckley BB6 8AL, Grid ref: 674 357. W3W///edge.twitching.contexts - Distance: about 7 miles. Varied terrain through fields, woods and riverside. Bring packed lunch. Ice cream opportunity during the afternoon! Leaders Ian & Margaret Fletcher

**Friday 15th August: Wycoller :** Start from Wycoller village car park:- Wycoller Rd, Colne BB8 8SY, W3W///flags.ambushes.whizzed, Grid ref 394.925  
Distance: 2.8 miles. Total Ascent 256 feet. No stiles  
Leader David Threlfall