

OUTINGS GROUP

LANCASTER CASTLE

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Lancaster Castle is one of the most captivating historical landmarks in the country and offers a fascinating insight into England's dark past with tales of persecution, punishment and execution! After almost 1,000 years, the castle's magnificent gates are open to visitors providing an amazing opportunity to step back in time. After a guided tour of the castle, the remainder of the day is free to explore this historic city.

£25 includes travel by 49-seater coach, driver's gratuity and admission to the Castle with a guided tour.

Burnley Bus Station depart 0900, Padiham Town Hall depart 0920. Lancaster depart 1600, due back around 1730

Contacts: Howard and Nancy Mitchell and Anne Green

Congratulations

Margaret Heyworth, an active member of the Quiz and Singing groups had her 100th birthday on 27th July 2025.

Group Leaders

This is just a kind reminder for those who have not yet submitted their half-yearly accounts to please do so at your earliest convenience. If you have already sent yours, kindly disregard this message—thank you very much for your promptness. For those still finalizing, we appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving your accounts soon.

Quiz Question

In September 1952 which novelist published the Pulitzer Prize winning novel The Old Man and the Sea?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

August 28th Freda Whittle "Air Ambulance"
September 25th Anne Rhodes-Butler "Singing for a smile"

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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August
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September
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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Well, the holiday season is in full swing. Schools have broken for the summer and parents (and grandparents) find that they rushed off their feet trying to keep the children busy, occupied and happy. And, fed. How much can these children eat! they're like eating machines! We have had several holidays in our caravan so far and have had wonderful weather. Our last trip was a weekend in Horton-in-Ribblesdale with our two youngest boys. One fifteen and one thirteen, both very active, vocal and hungry. On offering them a choice of 5 sandwich fillers for lunch, their reply "all of the above". They weren't joking either, they cleared the lot!! It is lovely, though, to spend time with grandchildren and of course they can then go back to tire their parents out.

As I mentioned above, the weather has been wonderful. It has felt like being on holiday abroad most days. It does feel good to have hot weather, but then part of me thinks that it is a tad unnatural for our part of the world and that lovely thought it is, it is obviously due to climate change and not good for the wider world. The garden started off looking quite nice, then any plants that survived Bob (our Border Collie), succumbed to the sun and everything is now looking a little tired.

Just wanted to mention our new Lunch Group. This has been very well received and for their first "lunch date" on the 29th August, have 21 people eager to meet up. I'm sure they will have a great time.

Came across this little quote recently - "Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration." Although, this didn't help the plants any!

Maria

September Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday 17th September 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 15th September from 10am to noon. The book for discussion is 'September' by Rosamunde Pilcher. Our book choice for October is 'Quartet in Autumn' by Barbara Pym. New members welcome	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 September 11th 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 4th and 18th September.	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: The Handbell Ringing group will meet at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham on Wednesdays, 3rd and 17th September from 2.00pm until 3.30pm. For any further information, please contact Valerie Widdas	Valerie Widdas
History Including Local History: meet 4th September 2025. Visit to Look at KELD Exhibition of local photos at Burnley Library meet inside at 10.30 am 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 Meetings in September will be on Mondays 8th and 22nd from 10am to midday in the Hameldon Room at the Unitarian Chapel in Padiham. The first meeting will be a general session where members work on their own projects. On 22nd Sept there will be a workshop on Making an I-cord Edging for garments and other items. For this you will need to prepare a piece of knitting in stocking stitch, about 6 inches square, plus yarn in similar weight in another colour for the edging and a pair of 4mm needles.	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 9th September at 10am.	Jim Wallace
Photography Group: 2:00pm start on the 2nd Friday each month. Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham. Subject for Friday 12th September – review of pictures from our Glasson Dock field trip	Peter Hartley Stuart Chattle
Quiz Group: will meet on Monday 15th September from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church.	Ann Bullas
Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, 3rd and 17th September, 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 1st September 11:00 to 12:30 in the Hameldon room at Padiham Unitarian Church.	Ann Bullas Pamela Hopcroft
Spanish Beginners Group: will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of September- the 8th and the 22nd between 2pm and 4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church. Newcomers welcome.	Jean Atherton
Intermediate Spanish Group: Due to the limiting size of its venue(s) this group is currently not taking new members. <i>If anyone is interested in starting a second Intermediate Spanish group please contact the groups coordinator Elizabeth Platt</i>	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. Friday 5th Sept: Laneshawbridge and Wycoller : Start from Dave's house on Old Mill Drive, Colne BB8 0TX (W3W - ///spilled.party.songbook) go via Ball Grove and Laneshaw Bridge to Wycoller, returning via the clapper bridge, Raven's Stone and Germany Farm. Probably about 7 miles Leader : Leader Dave Hunt Friday 19th Sept: 2 parks & a towpath : Start from Towneley Riverside car park. Approx 5 miles including 1 long easy hill. This is a longish short walk of 5 miles so a packed lunch is recommended. Leader : Howard Mitchell	Peter Hartley