

**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

Intermediate Spanish Group

Due to the limited size of its venue(s) this group is currently not taking new members. If anyone is interested in starting a second group please contact the groups coordinator Elizabeth Platt



NW Air Ambulance Donation Update

Following the inspiring talk by Freda last month, we're delighted to share that a total of £446.50 was donated to the North West Air Ambulance. This is a fantastic amount, and we want to thank everyone who contributed to support this vital service!

Quiz Question

Born in October 1931 Anthony Booth was best known for his role in Til Death Us Do Part but who was his famous son-in-law?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

September 25th	Anne	"Singing for a smile"
October 23rd	Steve Ragnall	"Life and times of Dr John Webster"

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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Group Tea Rota
September
Ukelele and Philosophy
October
photography and
scrabble
November
Quiz



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Another month gone by and suddenly Autumn is upon us. It's not officially Autumn yet, but the weather is telling us something else. We have been very fortunate in having a long spell of summer weather, so it's now time to dig out the woolly jumpers and waterproofs. I shall certainly be packing an abundance of these in readiness for a trip to the Isle of Mull. As many of you probably know, Scotland can give you all 4 seasons in one day! Fingers crossed for some decent weather.

I recently saw a news items advising people on how to plan for Christmas. Yes, apparently it is only four pay slips or pension payments away! It does bring home how soon the expensive season will be upon us. The Craft group will be making Christmas items, such as boxes, bags and, more importantly, chocolate truffles to put in the boxes. Doubt they will last until then! The knitting group is also looking at producing festive themed items. All sounds very interesting.

I have just come back from a few days in the beautiful city of Rome. I went with my son and grandson and it was lovely to spend quality time with them both. I have visited Rome before, but never been to Ostia Antica. What an amazing place! It is a vast archaeological site near Rome, that was once the ancient port city for Rome. Located at the mouth of the Tiber river, the site contains streets, houses, temples and a commercial area. A lot of the ruins date back to 4th century BC and it is known as Rome's Pompeii. I loved it, but it has taken my feet and legs nearly a week to recover!!

It's always good to visit somewhere new and learn new things. Just like u3a.

Maria

**October Newsletter Deadline is
Friday 10th October 2025 12:00 noon**
e-mail : burnleyu3anewsletter@gmail.com

The Book Group: We will meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on **Monday 20th October from 10am to noon**. The book for discussion is 'Quartet in Autumn' by Barbara Pym. Our book choice for November 17th is The Winter Ghosts by Kate Mosse. We will also be deciding on book choices for next year when our theme will be debut novels.

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 October 9th** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley

Freda Whittle

English Folk Dancing No meeting 2nd October due to holidays. Meeting as usual **16th October 2.00pm** in Higham Village Hall.

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, 1st, 15th and 29th October between 2.00pm and 3.30pm** at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham. For more information please contact Valerie Widdas

Valerie Widdas

History Including Local History: 3rd October 2025 10.30 to 12.30 in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham illustrated talk by Jenny Palmer. " The Quakers " 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 Next meetings will be on **Mondays 13th and 27th October** in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church, from 10 am to midday. Both meetings will be general sessions where members continue, or begin or finish, their own projects. We are still working on making baby blankets, hearts and teddy bears for various support groups in local hospitals. Come and see what we are working on.

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 14th October at 10am**.

Jim Wallace

Photography Group: 2:00pm start on the **2nd Friday each month**. Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham. **Subject for Friday 10th October** – "Unusual"

Peter Hartley

Stuart Chattle

Quiz Group: will meet on **Monday 20th October** from **2-4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Ann Bullas

Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **1st, 15th and 29th October, 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 6th October 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 the month on **13th and 27th October** at Padiham Road Methodist Church between **2pm and 4pm**. Newcomers welcome

Jean Atherton

Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet in **October** on **Fridays, 3rd and 24th between 10.00am and midday**. Please note change from second to first Friday for this month only.

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:

Jean Philips

Meet on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of each month from **10am to 12noon** at Padiham Unitarian Church.

Margaret Simpson

The Lunch Bunch: will meet at the Walton Arms in Altham **Friday October 24th**. Arrival **12:00 for 12:30** sit down

Anne

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

Peter Hartley

Friday 3rd October: Musbury Tor/Musbury Valley : Meet Helmshore Textile Museum, BB4 4NP at 10.30am
Leader : Leader Andrew Gill.

Friday 17th October: Rowley Lake : Meet at the Thorton Arms at 10:30 am for an easy walk around Rowley Lake and the surrounding area (about 3 miles).

Leaders : Jean & Joyce