

**OUTINGS GROUP
LEIGHTON HALL AND BARTON GRANGE**

Wednesday 26 November 2025

Join us for an atmospheric festive tour of Leighton Hall with mince pies and coffee or tea!

We continue to Barton Grange Garden Centre where Christmas is a magical experience with spectacular displays and glittering lights.

£30 includes travel by 49 seater coach, driver's gratuity, mince pies, coffee or tea and tour of Leighton Hall.

Burnley Bus Station depart 0900, Padiham Town Hall depart 0920

Barton Grange depart 1530; due back around 1630

Contacts Anne Green, Howard & Nancy Mitchell

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining the Committee? We need new members to stand for election at the AGM in April. Come along to a meeting to find out what it's about - our next one will be 11.30am on 23rd October, prior to the monthly meeting. Alternatively speak to any member of the Committee.

Quiz Question

November is the only month used in which alphabet?

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

October 23rd	Steve Ragnall	"Life and times of Dr John Webster"
November 27th	Steven P Taylor	Performance Poet.

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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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

We recently had a couple of weeks holiday in the Scottish Highlands and spent 10 days on the Isle of Mull. A lovely, small island off the Scottish mainland. Many of you would probably recognise the capital, Tobermory. It is notable as the location for the children's programme Balamory on BBC. Tobermory was originally a busy fishing port, but these days relies mostly on tourism. The main street, which runs alongside the port, houses brightly coloured buildings, which look amazing on a sunny day. The island apparently has less than 3,000 inhabitants, and has an abundance of wildlife, particularly deer of which they estimate there are over 6,000! It is also known for having large numbers of otters. Strangely, we saw very few deer and even fewer otters. We did see several magnificent Golden Eagles and Sea Eagles. The island is definitely worth a visit.

Some months ago, one of our publicity team approached the editor of the free Burnley magazine in the hope of them including an article on our u3a. Barry Greenwood, our deputy chair, wrote a very informative piece and submitted it to the editor. He was informed that it would be September before it could be considered. Well, we have been included, in a very small way, in the September issue. We are listed under 20 things to help you stay well and happy, albeit a very short piece. We are number 12. I have picked up a few copies and will have them on display at the next monthly meeting. Thank you Barry.

Now, I like Country and Western music, particularly Dolly Parton and recently came across this quote by her, "if you see someone without a smile, give them yours". Lovely.

Maria

November Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday 19th November 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 17th November from 10am to noon**. The book for discussion 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. Our book for December 15th is A Week in Winter by Maeve Binchy.

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 November 13th** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley. I need someone to take over doing the bookings, due to a change in circumstances I can no longer commit to it.

Freda Whittle

English Folk Dancing Will meet at **2pm on 6th & 20th November** at 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 at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham on **Wednesdays, 5th and 19th November from 2.00pm to 3.30pm**. Serious practising is taking place for the group's Christmas gigs, more details next month!

Valerie Widdas

History Including Local History: 6th November 2025 10:30 -12:00 in the Hambleton Room Unitarian Church Padiham. Bring anything you have relating to 19th or 20th Century and tell us what you know about it. 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 the meetings will be on **Mondays 10th and 24th November at 10am to midday** in the Hameldon Room in the Unity Centre of the Padiham Unitarian Church. The first meeting will be a general session where members work on their own projects. The second meeting will be a colourful session making Christmas decorations. Come and join us!

Melinda Jackson

Computer Group: will meet every **2nd Thursday of each month 2pm-4pm** for beginners and experts. Bring any problems along. 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 11th November at 10am**.

Jim Wallace

Photography Group: 2:00pm start on the **2nd Friday each month**. Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham. **Subject for Friday 14th November –'close-ups'**

Peter Hartley

Stuart Chattle

Quiz Group: will meet on **Monday 17th November from 2-4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church.

Ann Bullas

Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **12th and 26th November, 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 3rd November 11:00 to 12:30** in the Hameldon room at Padiham Unitarian Church.

Ann Bullas

Pamela Hopcroft

Spanish Beginners Group: will meet on the **2nd and 4th Mondays of November on 10th and 24th** at Padiham Road Methodist Church between **2pm and 4pm**. Newcomers are welcome.

Jean Atherton

Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet on **Fridays, 14th and 28th November from 10am until 12 midday**.

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:

Meet on the **3rd & 17th November from 10am to 12noon** at Padiham Unitarian Church.

Jean Philips

Margaret Simpson

The Lunch Bunch: Friday November 28th at Prairie sports village on Windermere Avenue **12 for 1230**. **Lunch Bunch Xmas lunch on Friday 19th December** at JJs in the Dugdale on Dugdale Rd Nr Padiham Burnley. Menu to be available soon Christmas carols and a special surprise **12 for 1230**

Anne

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

Peter Hartley

Friday 7th Nov: Slipper Hill, Water Meetings & Canal

Approx 6 miles - undulating route on good paths Start from Alkincoats Park car park BB8 9PZ. W3W///awaiting.fruits.brambles:
Leaders Ian & Margaret Fletcher

Friday 21st Nov: River to Quaker Bridge & back along the canal

About 3 miles with café at the end. No stiles, no hills and (probably) no mud. Start from Carr Rd car park, Victoria Park Nelson BB9 7SS. W3W///obstruction.kicks.subplot
Leader :Dave Hunt