

Subscriptions

For members who have not yet renewed their annual subscription, enrolment forms are available from the Membership Secretary, Peter Hartley, and on our website. Payment can be made by Card, Cheque or Bank Transfer. Cheques should be made out to 'Burnley & District u3a.' Fees remain unchanged at £20 per individual, £38 for two people at the same address.

Just a reminder that you can make an extra contribution if you are a taxpayer by putting a cross in the box on the enrolment form for Gift Aid. It won't cost you anything, but we will be able to claim £5 from HM Government, which will make a great deal of difference to our finances.

It was decided at the AGM that, due to a healthy balance in our treasury account, thanks in part to a significant contribution from Gift Aid, the membership subscription from April 2027 will be reduced to

Antiques Group

Could all the members who expressed an interest in an Antiques group please see Phil Goodman at the monthly meeting on 28th May.

Outings Group

RHS HARLOW CARR GARDENS AND HARROGATE Wednesday 24 June 2026

Visit the beautiful idyllic gardens at Harlow Carr noted for their vibrant array of colourful plants in a natural setting. After 3 hours we visit neighbouring Harrogate or there is the option to remain at Harlow Carr if you wish.

Burnley dep 0900, Padiham dep 0920; Harrogate dep 1600, due back approx 1730
£32 includes travel by 49-seater coach, driver's gratuity and admission to RHS Harlow Gardens. (RHS Members may bring a U3A guest £18 each) All payments are "Non-refundable" but name changes may be possible.

Bank transfers may be made if you cannot attend the u3a Open Meetings, subject to availability, Burnley & District u3a Account No 5297 2960 Sort code: 30 99 50

Quiz Question

Ian and Janette Tough: how were they known during the 1970's and 1980's

Computer Group

Regrettably, due to falling attendance, future meetings of the Computer Group have been cancelled. David Hunt, the group leader and Website Coordinator, will continue to offer assistance and advice on a one-to-one basis to anyone experiencing technical problems. Contact David for help.

Forthcoming Meetings

May 28th	Melissa Sinden Gray "Actor and voiceover artist!"
June 25th	Roger Browne "George and Ira Gershwin"
July 23rd	Tony Cann "The Future of Primary School Education"
August 27th	Philip Caine "From Barrow to Baghdad"
September 24th	Graham Kemp "A Royal Romp"

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.

Editorial Note

This has been my first (and, probably, last) attempt to edit the Newsletter as stand-in for Alan, who is on holiday. I'm bound to have made mistakes so I apologise for any errors or omissions. Stuart Chattle

Burnley and District

Newsletter



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Notes from the Chair



The forget-me-not is a small but deeply symbolic flower best known for its delicate beauty and emotional meaning, easily identified by its typically sky-blue, five petalled flower with yellow centre. It symbolises remembrance and memory, true love and loyalty and connection across distance and time. The name originates from a romanticised folk tale about a medieval knight walking by a river with his lady. When he tried to bend down to pick the blue flowers, the weight of his armour caused him to fall in the water. As he was swept away, he tossed the bouquet to her saying 'Vergiss mein nicht' which translates literally as forget me not, underscoring the association of the flower with enduring love and remembrance.

Grown all over the world, they are actually native to Europe and Asia. The species *Myosotis*, stems from Greek for 'mouse's ear', for the shape of the petals. Flowering in Spring, as early as March until July, depending on the climate, they are one of my favourite blooms, second only to the mayflower, which only blooms for a short time.

**June Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday 17th June 2026 12:00 noon**

Group Tea Rota

May
Walking Group
June
Outings Group
July
Book Group

Book Group: Will meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on Monday 15th June from 10am to noon. The book for discussion is 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night' by Mark Haddon. Our debut novel choice for July is 'Every Day is Mother's Day' by Hilary Mantel. .	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: No information received. Please contact the Group Leader for details of meetings in June.	Sonia Rawlinson
English Folk Dancing: We will meet in Higham Village Hall at 2.00p.m. Thursdays 4th and 18th June. Everyone welcome.	Eric Bushby
The French Conversation Group: meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. For further information contact Rhoda Gouldsbrough.	Rhoda Gouldsbrough
Intermediate German Group: meets in the reference room of Burnley library on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month from 1 -3pm . Note: No meeting on Tuesday 26th May. For more information please text me on the mobile number given.	Laura Carter
Handbell Ringing Group: The Handbell Ringing Group will meet on Wednesdays, 3rd and 17th June from 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 4th June 2026 in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham 10.30 to 12.00 am. Guest speaker from Clitheroe u3a talk on " The Intertwined stories of 3 young men in the battle of the Atlantic during WW2. Further details ring Enid 787523.	Enid Thorp *
Indoor Bowls: Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley, 10.00 am to 12 Noon .	Ian Fletcher *
Knitting and Crochet Group: Meetings in June will be Mondays 8th and 22nd. The first meeting will be a general one in which members work on their own projects. In the second one we shall try our hand at making cables in knitting and finishing with an i-cord cast off. It should be interesting!	Melinda Jackson *
Computer Group: No meetings planned but Dave will provide one -to-one assistance for anyone having technical problems.	Dave Hunt *
The Lunch Bunch: Friday 29th May The Trawden Arms Arrival 12 for 1230pm Friday June 26th The Bay Horse Roughlea Arrival 12 for 1230pm Contact Anne Rhodes-Butler	Anne *

Ukulele Group: meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. 10:00am at Padiham Rd Methodist Church, Ightenhill, Burnley. For December meeting arrangements please contact Jeff Salisbury.	Jeff Salisbury
Philosophy Group: The philosophy group will meet at Nazareth Unitarian Chapel Tuesday 9th June at 10am	Jim Wallace
Photography Group: 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham BB12 8JH. Friday 12th June: Subject for this month: My favourite pictures - any subject (taken between March '25 and May '26)	Peter Hartley Stuart Chattle
Quiz Group: The Quiz Group will meet on Monday 15th June, from 2-4pm at Padiham Road Methodist Church	Ann Bullas
Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-3.30pm , at Pike Hill Library. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For further information and dates for meetings in June contact Christine Potter.	Christine Potter
Singing Group: The Group will meet on Monday 1st June, 11.00 to 12.30 in the Hameldon Room at Padiham Unitarian Church	Ann Bullas Pamela Hopcroft
Spanish Beginners Group: There will be only one meeting of the Beginner's Spanish Group in June on Monday 8th at Padiham Road Methodist Church between 2pm and 4pm. Newcomers are welcome to attend	Jean Atherton
Intermediate Spanish Group: Intermediate Spanish group will meet on Fridays, 12th and 26th June between 10.00am and midday. For any further 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	Julie Sharpley Elizabeth Platt
Painting for Pleasure: meets at 10am to 12 noon on the first and third Mondays of the month at Padiham Road Methodist Church BB12 8AD. Please contact Margaret or Jean if you are interested.	Jean Philips Margaret Simpson
Walking Group: 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month. Friday 5th June: Downham to Twiston—Start from Downham car park BB7 4BS 7.95 miles Leader: Peter Hartley	Peter Hartley
Friday 19th June: River & park—Start from Nazareth Unity Centre, Padiham BB12 8JH Leader: Dave Hunt	
Mellow Dramas: Possible Theatre visits for July and August July 10th Colne Muni Oh what a night! August 8th Colne Muni Soul night St Marys Chambers Rawtenstall July 10th The Drifters Contact Anne Rhodes-Butler	Anne Rhodes-Butler