

Outings Group

Join us on our next outing on the scenic
SETTLE-CARLISLE RAILWAY
to the ancient market town of APPLEBY IN WESTMORLAND
on Wednesday 29 April 2026

We travel by coach to Settle for coffee and cake before boarding the Northern train on the Settle-Carlisle Railway. Enjoy the stunning scenery as we travel via Ribbleshead, Dent, Garsdale and Ais Gill Summit to Appleby. The station is a 10/15 minutes short but fairly steep walk downhill to the town.

£35 includes travel by 49 seater coach to Settle, driver's gratuity, coffee/tea and cake and travel by Northern to Appleby and return. All payments are "Non-refundable" but name changes may be possible.
Burnley Bus Station depart 0900, Padiham Town Hall depart 0920; due back around 1745/1800

Everyone welcome - Outings are open to all members of u3a!

Contacts: Howard and Nancy Mitchell 07743 850 350; Anne Green 07842 137358

Mellow Dramas

A theatre going group. Mostly local theatre in Lancashire. All interested members will be forwarded details as soon as available. First outing will be after the end of February 2026. Contact Anne on 07597955474

Quiz Question

If all the traditional counties in England were listed alphabetically, which county would appear first?

Forthcoming Meetings

February 26th Nikki Parmenter "Travels in Textiles"
March 26th Phil Crompton "Climbing Kilimanjaro"
April 23rd Pete Mellor "The assassination of President Kennedy"

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

February

Both
Spanish Groups

March

Folk Dancing

April

Craft



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Well, it seems that Spring is finally on the way. Snowdrops are out in profusion, crocus following suit and the daffodils are finally opening out. My Camellia is almost in full, glorious bloom and the birds are very chirpy. Hopefully, this feeling will transfer onto us and we will be chirpy and happy too. We have been very lucky in not getting the terrible weather

experienced by so much of country. It has been cold and damp, but all manageable really.

Our promotion team have been busy looking at events where our u3a can be publicised. So, once again, we will be having a publicity event at Tesco Burnley on the 12th March, from 10am to 4pm. If you can, please call and help support the team. The team are open to suggestions on how best we can make more people aware of this great organisation, so if there is anything happening in your area that you think would be suitable for us to be present at, please let us know. Who is the team, you may ask? The team consists of Barry Greenwood, Lesley Hartley, Peter Frost, myself and anyone else who can help in any way.

My granddaughter was a big Winnie the Pooh fan as a child and at her wedding a couple of years ago she asked me to do a reading and I chose something from Winnie the Pooh. Since then I frequently look at quotes from Pooh and find them comforting and sometimes funny. So I shall finish with one Pooh said to Piglet, that I think is true and lovely. "A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be".

Maria

**March Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday 18th March 2026 12:00 noon**

Book Group: Will meet in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian Church on **Monday 16th March from 10am to noon.** The book for discussion is Salmon Fishing in the Yemen by Paul Torday. Our choice of debut novel for April 20th is Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte. New members welcome.

Marilyn Jones
07778 436290
Sonia
Rawlinson
07888 417087

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
07888 417087
Maureen Brown
01282 773336

The Coffee Group: will meet at **11:00-12:00 12th March** at the Bistro Prairie sports village Windermere Ave Burnley

Sonia Rawlinson
07888 417087

English Folk Dancing: will meet on **5th and 19th March at 2.00pm** in Higham Village Hall. Everyone welcome

Eric Bushby
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The French Conversation Group: meets on the **first and third Thursdays** of the month. For further information contact Rhoda Gouldsbrough.

Rhoda
Gouldsbrough
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Intermediate German Group: This group is now full and at the moment we are not taking new members. We meet on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month in the reference room at Burnley Library **1 to 3pm.**

Laura Carter
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Handbell Ringing Group: The Handbell Ringing group will meet at St. Leonard's church, Padiham on Wednesdays, **4th and 18th March between 2.00pm and 3.30pm.** For more information please contact Valerie Widdas

Valerie
Widdas
01282 691850

History including Local History: Next Meeting is **Thursday 5th March 2026** in the Hameldon Room Unitarian Church Padiham **10.30 to 12.00.** Talk by Tony. Mitchell Burnley Planning Dept Now and Then.

Enid Thorp
01282 787523

Indoor Bowls: Meets **1st and 3rd Thursday** of each month at the Methodist Church, Padiham Rd, Burnley, **10.00 am to 12 Noon.** There are a couple of spaces available, please ring Ian for details.

Ian Fletcher
07594 435019

Knitting and Crochet Group: Meetings in **March** will take place on **Mondays 9th and 23rd from 10am to midday** in the Hameldon Room at the Padiham Unitarian church. The first meeting will be a general one with members working on their own projects. The second will be devoted to beginning crochet.

Melinda
Jackson
07726 760361

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 my contact number or contact 'webmaster' on the u3a contact page.

Dave Hunt
07947 775666

The Lunch Bunch: Feb 27th Finskeygate Wharf.
March 27th Dempseys in Burnley 12:00 for 12:30.

Anne
07597 955474

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
07598 776234

Philosophy Group: The next meeting will be **Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 10am** Unitarian Chapel.

Jim Wallace
07796251094

Photography Group: 2:00pm start on the second Friday each month Meet at the Unity Centre, Padiham BB12 8JH.

Peter Hartley
07768 992179
Stuart Chattle
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Friday 13th March :Subject for this month: Local scenes (Burnley, Pendle, Nelson, Clitheroe etc)

Quiz Group: will meet on **Monday 16th March from 2-4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church

Ann Bullas
07814 019072

Scrabble Group: meets alternate Wednesday afternoons, **4th and 18th March, 1.30-3.30pm**, at Pike Hill Library. New members are always welcome, whether beginners or more experienced players. For further information contact Christine Potter.

Christine Potter
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Singing Group: will meet on **Monday 2nd March 11.00 to 12.30** in the Hameldon Room at Padiham Unitarian Church

Ann Bullas
07814 019072
Pamela Hopcroft
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Spanish Beginners Group: There will only be one meeting in **March** on **Monday 9th between 2pm and 4pm** at Padiham Road Methodist Church. Newcomers welcome.

Jean Atherton
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Intermediate Spanish Group: will meet on Fridays, **13th and 27th March from 10.00am until midday.** For more information please contact Gil Beeke

Gil Beeke
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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
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Elizabeth Platt
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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
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Margaret
Simpson 07980
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Walking Group: 10:30am start on the first (longer walk) and third (shorter walk) Friday each month.

Peter Hartley

6th March: Start from Foulridge wharf, Warehouse Lane, Colne BB8 7PP W3W///abstracts.restore.stacks

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Leaders: Ian & Margaret Fletcher 07999 525881

20th March: Start from Calf Hey Rd, Rossendale BB4 4AU W3W///niece.withdraws.subsets

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