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“Life Story & Wonderful music of the Legendary Cole Porter”

We were treated to an excellent talk by Roger Browne at the last Monthly Meeting. Not only is Roger an engaging speaker he is a wonderful pianist with an amazing voice.

Everyone present was captivated by his knowledge about the Great American Songbook, in particular his knowledge of Cole Porter's life and music was so interesting.

Roger demonstrated through his piano playing the genius of Cole Porter. For example, who remembers where the lyrics for ‘Miss Otis Regrets’ came from or how clever the line from ‘Major to Minor’ was in the song “Every time we say goodbye”.

A really enjoyable and informative speaker!



**Monthly Meeting
September 11th**

At Trinity 2.00pm

Our Speaker is Ross
Bullock

“25 years in Banking!”

He has many
interesting and often
amusing stories to
share!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 Ringing Strings French Patchwork Quilting	2 Family History Group	3 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	4 Creative Writing
7	8 Ringing Strings	9	10 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	11 Monthly Meeting
14	15 Ringing Strings French Film Night Patchwork Quilting	16 Let's Do Lunch	17 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	18 Book Club
21	22 Ringing Strings	23	24 Spanish Uke3A 2.00 pm	25
28	29 Ringing Strings Patchwork Quilting	30		



Courses Timetable SEPTEMBER 2026

Group News

Patchwork Quilting

Our group will meet three times this month on Tuesday 1st, 15th & 29th at 1:30 until around 3:30 at Enfield Cricket Club. We have had a short break over the summer when some of our members took a trip on the Lancaster canal followed by a treat of fish & chips!



When we meet up, we will "Show & Tell" the things we have been making over the last few weeks and no doubt be given the chance to start a new project.

French Conversation Group

At our first meeting in August we shared stories of various places and events around France. At our second, we learnt about perfumes, both the bottled, very expensive, type and more natural smells that we liked and disliked.



This month we will be meeting on September 1st and 15th.

Intermediate Spanish

In Spanish this month we have been looking at customs and traditions to do with clothes in Spain and other Spanish speaking countries! We've had fun learning how to buy clothes and the correct things to say and how to ask for different items of clothes in shops!



We've also tried to improve our speaking by learning the vocabulary and grammar for making plans and suggestions!

We are coming to the end of our course book and thinking about how to move forward.

Book Club

As usual, we had plenty of laughs at our August meeting and enjoyed hearing about what we'd all been reading. New members welcome. Just pop along to our next meeting or have a word with the coordinator to find out more. The next meeting is on Friday 18th September 2026 at 2pm at Great Harwood Golf Club.



Coordinator Katherine 07866028246

Film Night

The next film night is on Tuesday 15th September at 7.00 p.m. at Bank Mill House Open to all u3a Members.



The film has yet to be decided but full details will be released closer to the 15th.

Uke3A

We had an enjoyable August playing regularly. Our two newest members had their first public performances with our band. We played at Tesco Accrington to support North West Ambulance and at a day care centre. We all enjoyed both events.



Do you want to learn something new?

Have you an idea for a new group?

The Committee are always looking for new ideas and input from our members. If you have any suggestions and want to help please inform any member of the Committee.

Ringin' Strings Ukulele

Group.



We enjoyed playing at the Annual Charity Fair recently, although there was a cold, blustery wind, and playing was difficult. We played lots of our newer songs, and they seem to have gone down well. There was a good crowd, and they gave generously to our Charity Collection for our local Food Bank. We meet every Tuesday morning at Churchfield House, Gt. Harwood.

Third Age Scribblers

After an excellent lunch at the Calfs Head in Worston, a very welcome replacement for our August meeting, we meet at our usual venue on 4th September armed with our recent scribbles. An interesting, some might say taxing, piece set for us by our endlessly inventive leader, Gill. We have been tasked to write about someone who, for whatever reason, strays away from their normal daily routine - why? how? and when? At first sight easy peasy - when your pen hits the paper however I suggest it might be less so!

"Let's do Lunch Group"

Our thanks to Margaret and Frank for arranging our August lunch. We went to the Ribchester Arms and enjoyed a really sociable time. The menu is extensive and varied so there is plenty of choice for everyone. As usual, the service was really good and we were served quickly and efficiently.

Our newest member Eric has taken on the task of arranging our September lunch on Wednesday 16th September at the Millstones, Church Lane, Mellor. A new venue for the

luncheon group, and one we will be looking forward to. Eric will e-mail the group later to make final arrangements.

U3A Family History Group

The Family History group will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm at Great Harwood Library.

If you are interested please email jean.ainsworth@sky.com or put your name down at the next monthly meeting.

Architectural and Industrial

Heritage

Ecotown visit

We still have places for the Eco Town visit next week, please let me know asap if you wish to join us.

Have you ever wondered what exactly happens to your recycled waste? Well this trip to Eco town will provide all the answers.

Ecotown Lancashire is an exciting educational experience. It is divided into three districts: Materials, Mechanical and Bio. See website for more information -

<https://ecotown.lancashirerenewables.co.uk>.

Where: Farrington Waste Recovery Park.
Leyland. PR26 6TB

When: Friday 4th September 10am to 12.30 pm
Limited numbers so please book -
angelaoxley29@yahoo.com

Gawthorpe Hall Great Barn Restoration

Our next visit is hopefully to the newly restored Medieval Barn at Gawthorpe Hall. Built in 1605,

now Grade One listed it has been restored costing over £1.35m.

No date yet but Im trying to organise a tour for our group.

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Executive Committee of Hyndburn U3A.

Dave Roberts– Chair
Sue Roberts -Treasurer
Anne Haworth- Minutes Secretary
Chris Powell– Secretary
SheilaTaylor.– Social Secretary
Jean Ainsworth—Membership Secretary

Bank Mill House

Great Harwood

Present

An afternoon of Musical Joy

With Nicola Mills

Sunday 27th September 2026 at 2.00 pm



The afternoon will lift your spirits as you listen to Nicola singing songs from some of the most famous musicals along with some Pavorotti Pop selection.

Tickets are **£5 for members** of Bank Mill

and **£8 for non-members**

Tickets will be on sale from Friday **21st August** and can be obtained from **Bank Mill House**, or by ringing **07768079749**

Existing Group Co-ordinators

Book Group	Katherine Bennett	0786 602 8246
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Let's do Lunch	Lynne McCrie	01254 605262
Quilting	Denise McLean	07855 699039
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