

BOURNE **U3A** NEWSLETTER

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Photograph of the Month:
"Spring is just around the corner" - by Paul Smith

Chairman's Chat



Bariloche Town Hall

Lesley and I spent most of December in South America. We had been invited to spend Christmas and New Year with the family of our son's partner, Paula, in Argentina. Christmas was with Mum in Bariloche in the middle of Argentina, and New Year with Dad about two hour's drive south in Lago Puelo, on the edge of the Patagonian national park. It was a magical, once in a lifetime, experience. I know other people's holiday experiences can be crushingly boring, but I would like to share some of the experience with you.

Paula's paternal family emigrated to Argentina from Italy in the 1930s (I guess they fell out with Mussolini). Her Mum's family emigrated about the same time from Spain (I guess they fell out with Franco). They joined families from many other European countries including Switzerland, Germany and Wales – I don't know who they fell out with but most of the Europeans in South America seem to have been pushed there one way or another.

In Bariloche the result is a delightful faux European mix of Swiss chocolate, Italian ice cream and German sausage encased in wooden chalet architecture within an Alpine setting. It's like something out of a fairy tale. Almost all the people we met were lovely –

welcoming and happy to try their English when our Spanish was lacking. Argentina is a young country – barely 200 years old – and its European roots are still very close to the surface.

Britain and Argentina have history – I'm sure all U3A members remember the Falklands War. We took that baggage with us and were determined to follow John Cleese's advice to "whatever you do, don't mention the war". But it was not a problem. All the Argentinians we met shared our view – it was a war caused by politicians; a shared tragedy that so many young men died as a result.

One of the things that struck me was the common ground we share with many Argentinians; love of family, a desire for a quiet life, good company and the opportunity to get on with life unhindered by different factions of politicians. It quite restored my faith in human nature.

We came back to a dull English winter, but snowdrops and daffodils were soon beginning to claw their way out of the ground, and I needed to catch up with U3A business as well as turning my attention to decorating – possibly my least favourite activity. It was soon like we had never been away. U3A business is now gathering pace and we have started preparing for the AGM in May.

Chris Searl

Chris passed away on Tuesday 25th February after a short illness. We do not normally mark the passing of a member in the Newsletter, but Chris knew so many members and played such a central role in the U3A for so long that it seems fitting.

He served on the Committee and had three roles: Secretary, Webmaster and Beacon Administrator. In the past he has also covered the Treasurer's and Chairman's posts in addition to being a Group Leader. Perhaps his most lasting achievement in Bourne U3A was the introduction of the Beacon Database and management system. I was fortunate to work with him on the Committee at that time and I know that Chris' guidance and encouragement was vital to the success of the operation. He had a clear vision of the end product, and patiently guided the Committee through the process – always dealing with questions, queries, and the occasional negative comment with unfailing courtesy. He was generous with his time. In addition to his work with Bourne he helped other U3As in the region with the introduction of Beacon.

A simple list of achievements and roles does not do the man justice. He was a quiet and gentle man who never gave a quick answer. His comments were always carefully considered and balanced. The Committee came to rely on him and his encyclopaedic knowledge of U3A policies and procedures, not to mention the events and personalities of his more than thirteen years as a member. I know I am not the only Chairman to be grateful for having Chris at my back to warn me if we were sailing into troubled waters and suggest more prudent courses of action.

I never knew Chris to say a bad word about anybody and he was unfailingly positive about the U3A. He worked tirelessly in all his roles and Bourne U3A would not be the organisation it is today without his contribution over the last thirteen years. We owe him a great debt of gratitude and will miss his calm and wise contributions.

Malcolm Scriven

We welcome the following members who have joined us recently and hope all enjoy participating in the various activities:

Graham Allen, Julie Allen, Angela Cross, Jenninfer Howard, Pamela J Kirby, Lynn Roper, Michael Roper & Eileen Tanton

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

WAKE HOUSE TUESDAY 24TH MARCH IN THE WINDMILL ROOM

STARTING AT 14.00

Hello there

Have you recently joined the Bourne U3A and are you still wondering what it is all about?

Then come along to the New Members meeting, you can enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit and find out what is going on.

Along with my colleagues we can chat about the groups that have vacancies and any groups that you are perhaps interested in but may currently be full.

Hopefully you may have some ideas about new groups that we can have a look at forming.

This is also a chance to meet other new members.

Whatever your reason for coming you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you

Best wishes

Pat Howes 01778 425786

The following speakers have been booked for forthcoming Monday monthly meetings at the Corn Exchange which has a hearing aid loop system. Doors open 1.45 pm with Meetings starting promptly at 2.15 pm

Date	Speaker and Subject
2020	
16 March	Steve Short - <i>David Nixon, It's magic</i>
20 April	Tony Hadfield - <i>Islay and the poetry of peat</i>
18 May	Annual General Meeting
15 June	Mike Storr – <i>Masters of Mirth - The Sequel</i>
20 July	Pete and Jackie Murray – <i>Rutland Osprey Project</i>
17 August	Jane Barnes – <i>The Delight of Dairy Farming</i>
21 September	Rob Eastaway - <i>Maths – the beautiful drama</i>
19 October	David Templeton - <i>Mary Queen of Scots, from Sheffield to Fotheringhay</i>
16 November	Liz Fleuty - <i>Living Waters – The Canal and River Trust in the East Midlands</i>
14 December	CHANGE OF DATE Jenny Westwood – <i>The Bourne Connection: gaining an education in Nyansakia</i>

ROTAS FOR THE COMING MONTHS

*Please let Bill Reid know if you or your Group are unable to help on any of these occasions. Thank you for your continued support.
Tel: 01778 570234*

	March	April	May	June
DESK CLERKS	Chris Cooke Pat Howes	Susan Hadfield Anne Barrett	Cathy Hebborn Marilyn Batchelor	Margaret Smith Jane Christmas
VISITOR HOSTS	Deirdre Neagus Jan Douglas Dennis Winsor	Paul and Pearl Rose Vaughan Roberts	Pat Benn May Slater Pam Smith	Michael & Margaret McGregor Eleanor Boss
REFRESHMENTS	Singing for Pleasure	Friday Striders	Any Time Out	Ten Pin Bowling

From the Newsletter Editor

As your new editor I would like to express my thanks to Jackie Searl for all the hard work that she has put into the Newsletter since she took it over.

As this is my first attempt I hope you will bear with me as I learn the ropes.

As with any newsletter for any organisation the editor is dependent upon the members for content so many thanks to those of you who have sent me contributions for this month. Remember I am happy to receive contributions from any U3A member whether they be information, reports or photographs.

Coronavirus Advice - An Update

What's the risk of catching coronavirus in the UK?

The NHS and Public Health England are well prepared for outbreaks of new infectious diseases. The NHS has put in place measures to ensure the safety of all patients and NHS staff while also ensuring services are available to the public as normal.

The UK Chief Medical Officers have raised the risk to the public from low to moderate. But the risk to individuals remains low. If you have arrived back to the UK from mainland China and other specified areas, follow the advice for [returning travellers](#).

How is coronavirus spread?

Like the common cold, coronavirus (also known as Covid-19) infection usually occurs through close contact with a person with novel coronavirus via cough and sneezes or hand contact. You can also be infected by touching contaminated surfaces if you do not wash your hands.

The risk of being in close contact with a person with coronavirus or contaminated surfaces is very low at the moment, as members of the public who have visited Wuhan, Hubei province, China are currently in isolation.

Symptoms of coronavirus

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a cough
- a high temperature
- shortness of breath

When to call 111

Based on the scientific advice of the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) the UK Chief Medical Officers are advising anyone who has travelled to the UK from mainland China, Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau in the last 14 days and is experiencing cough or fever or shortness of breath, to stay indoors and call NHS 111, even if symptoms are mild.

Do not go to a GP surgery or hospital. Call 111, stay indoors and avoid close contact with other people.

How to avoid catching or spreading germs?

Do:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- Put used tissues in the bin straight away.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Don't:

- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

Group News

Poetry Group

The Bourne U3A February meeting fell on Valentine's Day, so of course we addressed the subject of 'Love', and we also looked at the extraordinary English poet William Blake.

Wendy Cope, we feel, might have become Poet Laureate at some point in her life, but didn't. She would have suited a lot of us young-at-heart U3A-ers. Here's one of the poems read at the meeting: 'After the Lunch':

On Waterloo Bridge, where we said our goodbyes,
the weather conditions bring tears to my eyes.
I wipe them away with a black woolly glove
And try not to notice I've fallen in love.

On Waterloo Bridge I am trying to think:
This is nothing. you're high on the charm and the drink.
But the juke-box inside me is playing a song
That says something different. And when was it wrong?

On Waterloo Bridge with the wind in my hair
I am tempted to skip. You're a fool. I don't care.
the head does its best but the heart is the boss-
I admit it before I am halfway across.

Philip Dunkerley
Group Leader

Green Lawn Bowls Group

We are a thriving group of enthusiastic bowlers playing twice a week indoors at the Spalding Castle Sports Centre currently until April when we will start playing outdoors at Bourne Town Bowls Club Coggles Causeway Bourne.

All U3A members are welcome to join our very social group and can keep up to date with our activities on our U3A Green Lawn Bowls Web site www.u3abowls.weebly.com.

Many members are joining The Bowls Club to enable them to play more often and BTBC members are joining the U3A as they find out what a great social group we have so there is some great interaction and a healthy increase in both membership numbers.

David Ashby
Group Leader

Group News

Theatre Visiting Group

Our next meeting is on Monday 9th March at Wake House Windmill Room at 2.30pm.

We're booking now for Tolethorpe Open Air Theatre for the summer so come along & add your name to our lists.

The plays this year are Romeo & Juliet, Love Labours Lost and The Importance Of Being Earnest which is the non-Shakespeare play.

Please note that our April meeting is on Monday 6th April as our usual meeting on 13th April is Easter Monday.

Hoping to see you then.

Christine Cooke
Group Leader

Wine Appreciation Group 3

The single grape studied at our last meeting was Viognier. This is a white grape originating in the South of France though now cultivated in many other parts of the world. It is somewhat low yielding particularly if climatic conditions are not quite right. For that reason, this grape is often blended with a Chardonnay.

However, our host for the evening offered us two single viognier wines to sample; one from France, the other from Chile; the former being much preferred by the members

It also being St. Valentine's Day, our host offered some heart shaped nibbles as refreshments.

The number of valentine cards received by those present remains confidential!

John Boss
Group Leader

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Bourne U3A Jigsaw Exchange



The Jigsaw Exchange has now created a catalogue of over 75 jigsaws, which members are happy to share on a monthly (or longer), basis.

Meeting on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10.30am, the group exchanges jigsaws over a relaxed cup of tea and a chat, discussing everyone's favourite ways of completing jigsaws.

Every member has a jigsaw catalogue and contact details of the group, to pre-order their jigsaws for the upcoming meeting.

The group leader keeps a track of who has which jigsaw, organise exchanges for those that can't make the meetings, and keeps the catalogue up to date.

If you would like more jigsaw choice and to add your jigsaws to the catalogue, join the Jigsaw Exchange

Richard Horne on 01778 571992 or 07504 120676 for more details.

EAST MIDLANDS BLUE BADGE - GUIDE TRAINING

The East Midlands is famous for the quality of its scenic and historic destinations, from coastline to high Pennine moorlands, great cities, delightful towns, enchanting villages, churches and cathedrals, a major National Park, a World Heritage site, fascinating history and personalities, arts heritage, great sporting centres, a major Airport and excellent retail locations. There are many people who have the interest, ability and desire to show such wonderful places to our visitors from around the world but need to know how to do this professionally. We are currently looking for people of all backgrounds, to train as **Blue Badge Tourist Guides for the East Midlands region**.

The attached information explains how any of your members, or their friends and family, might take a step in a new direction in the world of visitor tourism. The qualification is of **degree level**, so there is a cost involved to train and qualify, but it offers a path to an amazing career where tours range from guiding a group in an art gallery, describing the ancient oak trees of Sherwood or the region's great sporting venues, or visiting some of the great historic houses of the region.

Blue Badge Tourist Guides are qualified after undertaking a one-year course of study, which culminates in sitting the examinations set by the Institute of Tourist Guiding, the Government recognised Standard Setting Body for the Tourist Guiding Profession in England. Previous students have described the training as "very enjoyable but requires commitment and hard work!" After qualifying, it is fascinating, interesting, varied and fulfilling work, with earnings commensurate with the amount of effort that is put in, either alongside an existing job, or as a new full time, part-time or retirement career.

David Waite MBA FITG

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BOOK YOUR ENTRY NOW !!!!!.....

THE POPULAR U3A QUIZ EVENING

SATURDAY 30th MAY

WAKE HOUSE 7.00 for 7.30

MAXIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE PER TABLE PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER

COST: £6.00 BRING OWN DRINK AND GLASSES

U3A members are very welcome to bring friends/guests.

RESERVE YOUR PLACES ONLY 40 SPACES AVAILABLE!!

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Local Charity Events

These events are neither organised by the U3A nor are they for commercial gain. Any member may suggest a suitable entry for this page on similar lines but publication will be at the discretion of the Editor. There will be just one page per month.

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I welcome reports of Group activities with photographs, if applicable.

**The copy date for the April issue is
9am on Saturday, 4 April 2020**

Please e-mail your copy and pictures to newsletter@u3abourne.org.uk
or post to *Paul Smith, 21 Northfields, Bourne, PE10 9DB*

I reserve the right to either bring this date forward or retard it if my personal circumstances dictate.

BOURNE U3A

Notice is hereby given that the 19th Annual General Meeting of Bourne U3A will take place at 2.15 pm on Monday 18th May 2020 at The Corn Exchange, Bourne. The business to be transacted is set out below.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 19th August 2019
3. (NB. The Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting held on 20th May 2018 were approved at the SGM on 19th August 2019)
4. Trustees' Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020
6. Appointment of Honorary Auditor for 2020/21
7. Motions
8. Election of Honorary Officers and Executive Committee
9. Date of the next AGM - 17th May 2021

Under the Constitutional changes adopted at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, all officers and committee members will need to be elected at the 2020 Annual General Meeting and will serve for one year.

**Completed Nomination Forms and Notices of Motion must be with
Margaret Smith, Honorary Secretary, 21 Northfields, Bourne, Lincs, PE10 9DB
by Friday 8th May 2020.**

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NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

for the year 2020/21

Members wishing to stand should ensure they are eligible to do so under the Charity Commissioners rules. Nominated persons should sign below to agree to stand for election and must be proposed and seconded.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AND SIGN.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Print Name and Membership No. of Nominated Member</i>	<i>Signature of Nominee</i>	<i>Printed Name, Signature and Membership No. of Proposer</i>	<i>Printed Name, Signature and Membership No. of Seconder</i>
<i>Chairman</i>				
<i>Vice Chairman</i>				
<i>Secretary</i>				
<i>Treasurer</i>				
<i>Committee</i>				

**Please send to: Margaret Smith, Honorary Secretary, 21 Northfields, Bourne, Lincs, PE10 9DB
by Friday 8th May 2020**