



BOURNE U3A NEWSLETTER

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Photograph of the Month: *Roof in Norwich by Mike Turner*

Chairman's Chat

Hi Everybody,

I was reading a copy of Third Age Matters last week while sat in the garden. Reflecting on how Bourne U3A is just a small part of a much bigger organisation, I was distracted by a loud humming sound coming from a purple flowered shrub next to me. It was full of small bees, frantically collecting pollen. I envied their energy but then thought we are as busy as bees within the U3A. Here are just a few of the things the Committee have been doing.

We had our first full meeting on 12th June and considered several issues. Most were routine but we also thought about what we want to achieve in the year. There were many interesting ideas and I will be helping Tony Gray, our Treasurer, to investigate one of them. Watch this space!

Karen Knott and Penny Neal are busy preparing their first New Members' meeting on 16th July and they will be assisted by a couple of other Committee members. It's important to give a warm welcome to new members and make them feel at home as soon as possible. I mentioned at the start that we are part of a bigger organisation and, on that theme, four Committee members will be attending a meeting of the South Lincolnshire Network Group on 11th July. Part of that meeting will be devoted to a Group Leaders training session that is being planned for the end of October. That is a welcome initiative and will give our Group Leaders the opportunity to meet their opposite numbers from other local U3As and swap ideas.

Our attractive stall at the Classic Car Show generated a lot of interest, and our thanks are due to Pat Howes, Jeannette Marshall, Chris Smeeth and Deirdre Neagus for all their hard work. We are an important part of the local community and it's good that we attend these events and have the chance to chat to volunteers in other organisations like the Friends of Bourne Woods and the Town Hall Trust. It also helps recruit new members and maintain a lively organisation.

It was a delight to learn more about the work of the Town Hall Trust at our meeting with them on 5th June over a convivial glass of wine. Their first public concert, Pennyless on 16th June, was a great success and a sign of the exciting things to come. Several of our members volunteer with them and I know that many of you are involved in other volunteer activities in the local community. There is so much going on in the local area – we are lucky to live in such a vibrant area that is buzzing with activity – a bit like my shrub.

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Cheers - Malcolm

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

Elizabeth Brown, David Donovan, Martin Fletcher
John Hatch, Richard Hughes, Rosemarie Mansfield

New Members Meetings

Meetings are held in the Windmill Room in Wake House from 2pm to 3pm. The next meeting will be held on 16 July. Details of future meetings are published in the Newsletter and on the rolling screen at the monthly Monday meetings.

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
15 July	Javad Hashemi - <i>Leonardo da Vinci – Artist and Inventor</i>
19 August	Chris Collins - <i>Boudicca and the Creation of Two Empires</i>
16 September	Julie Stevenson - <i>Incas – a civilisation before their time?</i>
21 October	Simon Carter - <i>Andrew Carnegie and the Gilded Age</i>
18 November	Andy Hawes - <i>The trials, tests and temptations of writing Opera Libretti</i>
16 December	Jane Lang - <i>British Red Cross – connecting human kindness with human crisis</i>

ROTAS FOR THE COMING MONTHS				
<i>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</i>				
	July	August	September	October
DESK CLERKS	Eleanor & John Boss	Anne Barrett Marilyn Batchelor	Ingrid Canwell Jane Christmas	Chris Cooke Susan Hadfield
VISITOR HOSTS	Jeanette Marshall Pam Smith Colin Peters	Paul & Pearl Rose Dennis Winsor	Eleanor Boss Jan Douglas Pat Benn	Colin Peters David McDonald Deirdre Neagus
REFRESHMENTS	Antiques and Collectables	Kurling	Play Reading	Poetry

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FAREWELL TO RICHARD MORRISON - MALCOLM SCRIVEN

Our Vice-Chairman and Speaker Finder, Richard Morrison is moving out of the area with his wife, Fran, to be closer to their family. Richard has been a stalwart member of the Committee and a very effective Speaker Finder – we have speakers booked well into 2021. Members will miss his witty and whimsical introductions at our General Meetings, his charm, and underlying good nature.

The Committee is losing a wise and experienced member who worked diligently to support other post holders and could be relied on to offer common sense solutions to complex issues. We wish Richard and Fran every happiness in the next chapter of their lives.

BOURNE U3A NEEDS YOU! - MALCOLM SCRIVEN

My plea at the General Meeting for a volunteer to replace Eric Cooper as Publicity Officer seemed to be successful but, following Richard's resignation (mentioned above) we still have three vacancies on the Committee. The U3A is a self-help organisation and Bourne U3A relies entirely on members to organise its activities. We now need a Speaker Finder and two general members of the Committee. They say a volunteer is worth ten pressed men or women and you will find the Committee both interesting and fun – an opportunity to meet more members and learn what is going on in Bourne. You are welcome to attend a Committee meeting as an observer to see what we do before making up your mind. So, come on and do your bit. I look forward to being swamped with offers of help.

CHANGE OF ROLE TITLE - CHRIS SEARL

Following custom and practice in other U3As, the Committee have agreed to combine the Beacon Administrator and Web Master roles into the Data Manager role.

It is hoped that we can recruit an understudy to share these functions and hopefully take complete control when I retire from Committee involvement at the end of this U3A year (May 2020).

As the Beacon upgrade is expected in 2020, I anticipate overseeing its introduction to Bourne U3A before handing Beacon responsibility to my successor.

If you would be interested in joining me in these roles which play an important part in the running of our U3A, please make contact either in person or at data.mgr@u3abourne.org.uk

Introducing the Committee

Malcolm Scriven – Chairman

I have lived in Bourne for 21 years and have been a member of Bourne U3A for 6 of them.

In my former life I was an Economics and Business Studies Teacher, first in a further education college in Manchester, then at Stamford Endowed Schools and finally at an English school in Doha, Qatar.



My hobbies include wildlife, gardening and archaeology - I am a tour guide at Flag Fen. I enjoy walking and am slowly making my way around the South West Coastal Path. I am also learning to play the recorder.

Favourites: Steak with chips and most things Italian. Dunkeld Cathedral by the River Tay.

I am married to long-suffering Lesley. Our two sons live in Peterborough.



Chris Searl – Secretary and Data Manager

I have lived in Bourne for thirteen years and have been a U3A member for all of that time.

My working life was based around Avionics Product Support working at Heathrow Airport and other places.

My main hobby is computing. I am member of Hereward Probus. In the past, I have undertaken a lot of Family History research. I enjoy driving when we are on holiday.

I am involved in U3A activities outside of Bourne U3A including supporting other U3As who are considering using the Beacon administrative system. I have formally advised that I shall be retiring from all Committee involvement at the next AGM.

It is difficult to specify my favourite foods due to my recent serious issues with diabetes, but my favourite place is my home.

We originally planned to move from Essex to the West Country as we have distant family connections there but the unexpected arrival of a grandson, now aged 16, in Peterborough led to a change of plans. We have two adult daughters who now both live in the city.

Group News

ANY TIME OUT – JANET BURTON

Thursday May 30th started out as a very grey day when 25 members of the Any Time Out group went to visit Boughton House near Corby. We were driven by Paul in an extremely comfortable coach leaving on time at 9:30 a.m. and arriving at the house one hour later. We were taken to the restaurant which had been stable for the horses originally where we had coffee/tea and biscuits. After our comfort break we were split into two groups accompanied by guides who took us through the house.

BH, at the beginning of the 16th century, was a Tudor mansion - a little bit of which can still be seen today. However mid-way through the 16th century a Mr Montagu was left a small piece of land out in the country which he did not know what to do with!! He had been English ambassador at the court in France and was very taken with Versailles so he decided to build an English version of the palace in the hopes that William III would be so impressed that he would create him a Duke. Montagu has built the most wonderful house but some of it was never finished because his first wife who provided him with the money died in childbirth. He then had to find another rich lady to get more money. He wanted to marry a Duchess who was totally insane but VERY rich, but she only wished to marry a Chinese Emperor. SO, he went to his local Tailor and had him create a Chinese costume for him and then the insane lady said Yes. That part of the house is still not finished and at the end of the tour around you can actually see how it was being built. It dumbfounds architects today who are amazed at the thought that had to go into its planning. Fireplaces, doorways and windows 20 feet off the ground.

Very few of us have been in a house which had so many fantastically beautiful tapestries covering the walls plus 400 paintings. Queen Elizabeth the first, Mary Queen of Scots, William III, the Duke of Marlborough and the children of Charles the Second are just a few of the celebrities in them. The first Montagu had a passion for all things French and he acquired a breakfast set which had been Marie Antoinette's and also a dinner service which had been specially created for the Sun King. The dinner service has a beautiful turquoise blue rim around it, however if you ate off it and your food had touched the blue you would have a very upset tummy next day because in the making of the blue colour arsenic had been used!!! The pink service created for Marie was not poisonous.

Beautiful furniture, fantastic paintings, manicured lawns, lakes and tall trees - what more can I say about this fantastic place. A wonderful cold buffet lunch was provided for us by the restaurant staff after the house tour and we were then had a couple of hours wandering around the magnificent grounds before ending up with afternoon tea.. The two ladies in the restaurant provided us with homemade cakes and tea or coffee. We arrived home at 5:15 tired but happy, I hope.

THEATRE GROUP – CHRIS COOKE

The next meeting of the Theatre Visits Group will be on Monday 9th September at 2.30pm at Wake House as usual, as members take their summer holidays before then.

We have already been to Tolethorpe open air theatre twice these last two weeks to see Shakespeare's Twelfth Night & Julius Caesar both in the rain wearing all our winter gear to keep warm and dry!! As we approach July we are very much hoping that summer will prevail as we are going then to see the non-Shakespeare play Blythe Spirit by Noel Coward.

These performances at Tolethorpe are so professionally done it is hard to realise the actors are only amateurs. If you haven't yet been to Tolethorpe, do go along & see these wonderful performances and witness this unique rural setting while you can.

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POETRY - PHILIP DUNKERLEY

Our June meeting took for a topic 'Spring' - a little late you might think but given the appalling wet weather we were all yearning for an improvement and the idea of Spring seemed appropriate.

We had an excellent selection of poets, including Sara Teasdale, Billy Collins, Geoffrey Chaucer, Charlotte Mew and our 'own' John Clare. John Clare not only really knew what he was writing about, he rhymed so effortlessly. See what you think about his superb sonnet 'The Thrush's Nest'. Not a word out of place.

Within a thick and spreading hawthorn bush
That overhung a molehill large and round,
I heard from morn to morn a merry thrush
Sing hymns to sunrise, and I drank the sound
With joy; and often, an intruding guest,
I watched her secret toil from day to day -
How true she warped the moss to form a nest,
And modelled it within with wood and clay;
And by and by, like heath-bells gilt with dew,
There lay her shining eggs, as bright as flowers,
Ink-spotted over shells of greeny blue;
And there I witnessed, in the sunny hours,
A brood of nature's minstrels chirp and fly,
Glad as the sunshine and the laughing sky.

Maria Orpen from Haconby wanted to join the Poetry Group, but we have no vacancies and she has splendidly decided to start a second Group. With her permission I'm communicating here that it will meet on the last Wednesday of each month starting at 2:30 pm. There is a nucleus of members for the new group but if you would like to join please contact her as soon as possible, as places will be limited. Her phone number is 01778 570915.

WINE APPRECIATION THREE – JOHN BOSS

After some 18 months criss-crossing the wine producing world, we have reached the end of our alphabetical cruising. Our final destination was the United States; represented by a Californian Shiraz from the Lodi area.

We went there via Argentina; for some unknown reason omitted in our earliest journey. A Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon blend was the wine to taste from the world's sixth largest wine producing country. Opinion was divided within the group as to the respective merits of the two wines on offer, but both bottles were much enjoyed.

Starting next month, we are going to learn more about the different types of grapes, concentrating on the twenty or so main varieties as defined by various authorities.

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CHURCH VISITING – JACKIE SEARL

For the third successive month, the group has enjoyed a “different” type of visit – a Chapel of Ease, rather than a parish church, at Thistleton. The village was mentioned in the Domesday Book but “digs” have found evidence of Iron Age and Roman settlement including a renowned Roman temple as well as being on the Viking Way. Today the village has only 47 houses but no village hall, shop or pub and lacks public transport.

The earliest apparent part of the church is the 14th century bell tower with a single bell. Significant restoration or rebuilding took place in the mid/late 19th century but records show a rector in post in 1225 so there must have been an earlier church on the site. There is no war memorial as the village men were exempt war service as the parish was an agricultural one providing food. Later it was discovered that four men born in the parish had served after moving elsewhere. Plans are in place to install a memorial to the three Walker brothers who were killed and another man who had moved to Canada and returned with Canadian forces.

The church has a simple layout with nave and chancel only. The carved pulpit is striking as are the moveable oak pews. The chancel apse however is very unusual with its terracotta reredos showing the burial of Jesus. This was carved by Mario Ragi, from Carrera, Italy in 1850, who later became a member of the Royal Academy. On the walls of the apse are four terracotta models of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. The fiancée of D H Lawrence is buried in the churchyard.



In 2017 it was decided that the former Thistleton parish church was no longer viable and its future was uncertain. There was simply no one able and/or willing to serve and congregations had dwindled. By merging the Thistleton parish with nearby Cottesmore, the church was designated a Chapel of East able to hold services when it was felt to be appropriate or for the key festivals in the year. However, the chapel receives no support from the PCC and has to be entirely self-funding. To this end the *Friends of Thistleton Church* was formed to fundraise for repairs and to provide a central point in a village with no other facilities. In three years £47,000 has been raised, with the occupants of around 80% of the village properties helping in some way. Another £35,000 is needed for roof, replacement of the non-working Victorian heating and other repairs.

Coffee mornings are held on Saturdays with everyone welcome. The group can thoroughly recommend the cakes! Also enjoyed was a visit to the nearby Herb Nursery with its ranges of herbs, unusual plants and vegetables.

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AVIATION HISTORY – JOHN OWEN



Visit to The Aircraft Restoration Company Duxford

On the 27th June the Aviation History Group visited the Aircraft Restoration Company at Duxford Airfield. This company rarely give access to groups to visit their service and repair hangar or their restoration hangar, but we were privileged to be allowed a visit.

After being briefed on what we could take pictures of and what we could not, we were shown around both hangars by a very knowledgeable young man and shown all the aircraft and projects.

Seeing a Spitfire built from a wreck or repaired from a no undercarriage landing was something very special to all of us and something we may never get so close to again.

There were also lots of planes flying and some good food to be had for lunch before leaving to tackle the A14 on the way home. Altogether a day to be remembered.

From the Third Age Trust

An Appeal The Barbara Lewis U3A Fund

For over 10 years I served on the National Executive Committee, especially during my Chairmanship from 2012 to 2015, my priority was to help start new U3As.

Today, more than ever, I want to leave an on-going project to ensure new start-ups get the support they need and deserve.

I have therefore donated a substantial amount to establish a ring-fenced scheme specifically for that purpose.

Among other things, the money will facilitate:

- Publicity to identified communities
- Venues for initial public meetings
- Subsidy for delegates to attend national AGM.

You can participate **right now** – and any and every year – by donating to the scheme.

This appeal is for your donations, however large or small, so that the fund can be sustainable for many years. The need for new U3As will certainly continue.

If you wish to contribute to the Fund please send donations, in favour to the **Barbara Lewis U3A Fund**, to: c/o Chief Executive Officer, Third Age Trust, 52 Lant St, London, SE1 1RB

Local Charity Events

Moulton (near Spalding) Annual Garden Crawl and Scarecrow weekend.

13th and 14th July Noon to 5pm £2.50 per person but children go free.

All proceeds going to support the popular and well used Community Centre and Village Hall (a registered charity).

With its lovely church, welcoming pub and the UK's tallest windmill all clustered around the village green, Moulton is always worth a visit, never more so than when the village hosts a Garden and Scarecrow weekend. A great outing for all the family, several green fingered residents open their colourful gardens to visitors, others construct scarecrows of varying complexity and design and we have special activities for the children. Delicious refreshments, including a BBQ, are available throughout the weekend.

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES			
Groups	CONTACT	Meetings	VACANCIES
Antiques & Collectables	01778 393017	2nd Monday afternoon every month	NO LIMIT
Anytime Out	Janet Burton	1st Thursday morning every month	10
Art	01778 422019	Every Thursday afternoon	2
Aviation History	simplyjohn@outlook.com	4th Thursday afternoon every month	NO LIMIT
Basic Cookery(for men)	alanplmr@sky.com	Date to suit members	1
Birdwatching / Natural His	01778 426255	1st Friday of the month	10
Canasta	01 778 421 295	2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings	NO LIMIT
Church Visiting	01778 422518	4th Thursday am	6
Classical Music	01778421864	3rd Tuesday every month Afternoon	5
Clay Pigeon Shooting	Gerry McLean	The first Friday of every month	NO LIMIT
Computer Tutoring	01778 423002	As required	NO LIMIT
Desk Clerks	Bill Reid 01 778 570 234	At the main Monday meetings	NO LIMIT
Discussion Group	discussion@u3abourne.org.uk	3rd Thursday Morning of each Month	3
Friday Striders	bourneu3a.walk@gmail.com	Friday mornings twice a month	3
Gardening	janetblacoe@gmail.com	1st Tuesday afternoon every month	2
Green Bowls	01778 424137	Every Thursday Morning	NO LIMIT
Handicrafts	handicraft@u3abourne.org.uk	Every Tuesday afternoon	1
Jazz	01778 425525	Thursday evening every 4 weeks	4
Kurling	01778 421585	2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month	NO LIMIT
Ladies Fun and Exercise	01778 421020	2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings every month	NO LIMIT
Lunch Gp Weekday 1	01778 701068	1stThursday afternoon every month	1
Meeters & Greeters	Bill Reid 01 778 570 234	At the main Monday meetings	NO LIMIT
Music for Pleasure	01778 425778	First Wednesday in month.	1
New Members	groups@u3abourne.org.uk	As announced in the Newsletter see Group Leader(s)	NO LIMIT
Photography	01778 426255	1st Wednesday of the month	16
Play Reading	01778 219447	1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings every month	1
Poetry 2	0	TBA	NO LIMIT
Reading Gp 4	01778 422391	Last Tuesday morning every month	3
Reading Group Morton	01778571213	1st Friday morning every month	1
Science and Technology	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483	1st Tuesday morning every month	NO LIMIT
Singing for Pleasure	Marjorie Wright 01778 422252	2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons every month	4
Snooker Group (2)	01778 426904	Tuesday PM	3
Supper	01778 394656	Every 3rd Wednesday Evening of the month	1
Tap Dancing	01778 560548	Every Thursday of the Month	NO LIMIT
Ten pin Bowling	airforce1.dr@gmail.com	Every Wednesday Morning	NO LIMIT
Theatre Visits	01778 393544	2nd Monday afternoon every month	2
Wayfarers Walking Group	Bill Reid 01778 570234	2nd and 4th Tuesday Mornings at 10.30 every Month	NO LIMIT

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<p>I welcome reports of Group activities with photographs, if applicable. The copy date for the August issue is 9am on Saturday, 3 August 2019</p> <p>Please e-mail your copy and pictures to newsletter@u3abourne.org.uk or post to <i>Jackie Searl, 6 Lilac Close, Bourne, PE10 9TS</i> <i>I reserve the right to either bring this date forward or retard it if my personal circumstances dictate it.</i></p>			