

BOURNE u3a

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Chairman's Chat

Hello All

I hope you have all been keeping yourselves well. We are seeing quite an increase in Covid levels, so I hope that you have all remembered to get your booster vaccinations.

September has been another good month for new members, and I would like to welcome you all to Bourne u3a. I hope you all find groups to join, if you need any help our Groups Co Ordinator can be contacted at groups@bourneu2a.org.uk .

On or about the 1st November we are going to upgrade Bourne u3a Website which can be found at www.bourneu3a.org.uk . To try and reduce paper use and save some trees we are introducing membership renewal on our website, with payments by debit or credit card. This over time will become our preferred method of renewing. We have looked at several u3a's around the country using this method and some have most members paying online, most above 50%. A full guide will be issued when it happens along with a reminder of your membership number.

Of course, for those who don't wish to or cannot pay this way there will still be the option to fill in a paper form and pay by cheque by post or at a general meeting in cash with a completed form. Please do not put cash in the post as has happened before.

At the same time new members will be able to join on our website as well. These changes will help us to reduce our paper use, save trees and above all reduce the massive workload that the membership secretary sees at renewal time. It will also be much more convenient for yourselves.

As Usual on Remembrance Sunday on 13th November we will be laying a wreath, after a parade from the Bus Station. Pat Howes has agreed to lay the wreath and needs some others to join her on the walk. If you are willing, could you please let her know on groups@bourneu3a.org.uk I am sure she will appreciate the company.

John

Committee Page

Jackie Searl

Jackie's daughters, Lynn and Gill, are very sad to have to let you know that Jackie passed away peacefully in Peterborough City Hospital on 3 October 2022. Less than three weeks earlier she had been diagnosed with a rare, very aggressive and untreatable form of leukaemia.

Along with her husband, Chris, Jackie moved to Bourne in 2008 and they both got involved with various groups in the U3A. Over the years Jackie particularly enjoyed the gardening, family history, Nosh and Natter and Church Visiting groups in addition to serving on the committee.

In 2021 Jackie graduated from the Open University with a first-class Honours degree in History and had recently started a Master's in history with Open University.

Lynn and Gill invite you to join them in celebrating Jackie's life at Peterborough Crematorium on 19 October at 2:30 pm. Jackie requested family flowers only and donations to the Medical Detection Dogs charity.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting is held on the 3rd Monday of each month at Bourne Corn Exchange, the hall is open from 13.45 and the talk generally commences at 14.15

SPEAKERS FOR 2022		
DATE	Speaker Names	Title of Talk
17 th October	Steve Price	Magic
21 st November	Paul Robbins	Great British Eccentrics
19 th December	Bernard Locket	The Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan

Group News

Church Visiting Group

22 members of the Church Visiting group visited the Church of St. Peter at Maxey on Thursday 22nd September, when we were welcomed by Church Warden Mandy Loveder and her husband, retired Church Warden Michael. The Grade 1 Listed building is dated about 1113 A.D. although there is evidence in the churchyard that reveals a Saxon Church existed on the site prior to the present Norman building. It is thought the original Church and village, lying to the east of the existing Church, were burned by the Danes in 1013. Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry V11 (who at one time is believed to have resided at Bourne Castle) may well have visited the Church of Maxey as she lived at Maxey Castle. Records show that a



priest from Crowland Abbey visited Countess Margaret at Maxey to service her needs in the private chapel at the Castle. The Church has been added to many times over the years and it is clear from the picture that the Tower was increased in height twice since its original construction. An interesting feature is a Piscina at the same level as the clerestory windows, only 11 in the country

can be found at this height. There is a wonderful very old door with 3 rusted old locks serving the Vestry, hidden behind a more modern door. One unusual feature of the Church is that it is all box pews and years ago it was quite clear which pew you were allowed to occupy!

Having heard all about the history of the Church and a little of the people of Maxey, Mandy went on to tell us about the Bats that have their nursery roosts in the Church, Long Eared Brown, Soprano, and Common Pipistrelle. They are clearly loved by Mandy who explained how she would have to pick up the babies from the floor after they had been learning how to fly and had crashed down.

Tea, coffee, and biscuits were available, and several members enjoyed going through the registers and records/newspaper cuttings maintained by the Rev. Sweeting in the 1800s and kindly put out on display by Michael. Quite a collection of Roman artifacts was also on display gathered by the Rev. Sweeting emanating from the village of Castor.

Our next visit will be to the Church of St Gilbert and St. Hugh at Gosberton Clough on the 27th October.

Science and Technology Group



The September meeting of the Science and Tech Group at our home meeting place of St Firmin's Church Hall, Thurlby

The Subject this month was regarding the Sleaford Navigation Trust and was presented by Steve Haynes, Secretary of the Trust.

The Sleaford Navigation is approximately 12.5 miles long and run by the Sleaford Navigation Trust that was formed in 1977 to restore the waterway, in conjunction with The Environment Agency.

The Canal was opened in 1794 running from the River Witham to Sleaford basically making a navigable waterway in place of the River Slea. It ran through seven locks most of which were adjacent to windmills. The Canal never reached its intended terminus but was never the less financially successful with wine cider tea going out and coal coming in. Business prospered until the introduction of the railway in 1857 that led to the waterway being abandoned by act of Parliament in 1878, although some traffic continued until the 1940s.

Steve described the history of the building and the various people involved in the planning and building of the canal along with stories of the inevitable back slapping and arm twisting needed to complete such an enterprise. He also gave an insight into the work being carried out by volunteers like himself to restore the waterway.

The picture above shows Navigation House which was the cartelist that formed the Society who have worked and are working to restore the waterway.

Report by Michael Thorpe

Bourne Brushstrokes - October Gallery



Another month and another selection of artists using four different mediums.

Charcoal "Rabbit" by Wendy Hodson, "Church of my childhood" by Peter Gillatt in acrylics, "Spider in the dew" in inks by Karen Allen and in watercolour by Angela Grey "Thanks for my ball".

October 18th, we have a group visit to Rutland Water Nature Reserve to experience the Autumn so expect some colourful work in the future.

Everyone is welcome (U3a members or not) to come and see our work at the Abbey Church rooms on a Tuesday morning – down the passage beside the sandwich shop on Spalding Road or the road opposite the Darby and Joan club. You will always receive a good welcome with coffee and biscuits as well.

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

**The copy date for the next issue will be
9am on Saturday, 12 November 2022**

Please e-mail your copy and pictures to editor@bourneu3a.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.*

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES SEPTEMBER 2022			
Group	Leader	Meets	Venue
Antiques & Collectables	Steve Froy 01778 393017	2nd Monday afternoon every month	Wake House
Art History 2	Betty Davies 01778 571631	1st Wednesday morning every month	At Members Homes
Aviation History	John Owen 01778 420378	4th Thursday afternoon every month	Wake House
Birdwatching / Natural His	Vaughan Roberts 01778 426255	1st Friday of the month	As Notified By Group Leader
Caravan and Motor Home Users Coffee and Chat	Contact Group Coordinator Pat Howes 01778 425786		New Group
Church Visiting	Pat Howes 01778 425786	4th Thursday morning Monthly	As Notified By Group Leader
Clay Pigeon Shooting	Gerry McLean 01775 750544	The first Friday of every month	As Notified By Group Leader
Computer Tutoring	Martin Adkins 07852 532276	As required	
Creative Writing 2	John Boss 01778 424153	3rd Wednesday of every month	At Members Homes
Classical Music 2	Richard Rice-Oxley 01778 394839	3rd Wednesday of every month a.m	At Members Homes
Desk Clerks	Bill Reid 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings	
Drama Workshop	Malcolm Ranson 01778 423834	2nd Wednesday every month	St Firmins Church Hall, Thurlby
Friday Striders	Janet Cartwright 01778 344831	Friday mornings twice a month	
Gardening	Janet Blacoe 01778 393226	1st Tuesday afternoon every month	St Firmins Church Hall, Thurlby
Green Bowls	David Ashby 01778 424137 Mike Alexander 01778 571516 Steve Froy 01778 393017	Currently Tuesdays and Thursdays Outdoors BTBC	As Notified By Group Leader
Handicrafts Group 2	Contact Group Coordinator Pat Howes 01778 425786	Date and venue to be decided	New Group
Jazz	May Slater 01778 425525	Thursday evening every 4 weeks	Check with Group Leader
Litter Picking Group	Vaughan Roberts 01778 426255 Pat Howes 01778 425786	3rd Friday morning	As Notified By Group Leader
Meeters & Greeters	Bill Reid 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings	
Memorial Garden Group	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483	Last Tuesday afternoon of each or as notified	Outside Church in Church Walk
Railway	Tony Burke 01778 426617 Paul Gosden 01778 420292	First Wednesday of each month at 14.00Hrs	As Notified By Group Leader
Reading 4	Chris Ankerson 01778 422391	Last Tuesday morning every month	At Members Homes
Reading Morton	David Mainwaring 01778 571213	1st Friday morning every month	At Members Homes
Science and Technology	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483 Eric Cooper 01778 394656	1st Tuesday morning every month	St Firmins Church Hall, Thurlby
Singing for Pleasure	Marjorie Wright 01778 422252 Jill Gornall 01778 423677	2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons every month	Methodist Church Hall
Theatre Group	Janet Burton 01778 426462	2nd Monday afternoon each month	Wake House
Table Tennis	David Moisey 01778 421864	Every Tuesday and Friday Afternoon	Harveys Gym
Ten pin Bowling	Dave Rippon 01778 422101	Every Wednesday Morning	As Notified By Group Leader
Wayfarers Walking Group	Bill Reid 01778 570234	2nd and 4th Tuesday Mornings at 10.30 every Month	As Notified By Group Leader
Wine Appreciation 2	Gerry Blacoe 01778 393226	4th Friday evening every month except December	At Members Homes