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Chairman's Chat

Hello All

I hope at this time of year you are all attending your groups, having a little celebration, and planning for next year. If you are one of our much-valued group leaders I would like to thank you for your help in enabling our u3a to flourish and grow. I hope all group leaders that can, will attend your group leaders meeting in January, please let Pat Howes know if you will be attending if you have not already done so.

Thanks to all of you who have renewed online, changing over to this way as our main way of paying your subscription is proving very popular, for those of you who don't wish to pay this way, you can still fill a form out and post it to the membership secretary or bring it to the main meeting.

We have our final main meeting for the year on the 19th of December, hope to see many of you there.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

John

Committee Page

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New Members

We were pleased to welcome more new members during November and hope all enjoy their membership, they are Nicholas Chandler, Michael Mitchell, Colin Atkin, Brian Moran, Maureen Moran, Philip Neasham, Janice Costin & Patricia Stewart

I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Jean Parsons – Membership Secretary

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
19 th December	Bernard Locket	The Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan

A little something from a mother to all the out there as Christmas arrives!

‘Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
Was panic and chaos, and many loud shouts.
There were presents to wrap, and veggies to peel,
And the table to set for tomorrow’s main meal.

A cake to cook, and pies to bake
And lots of other fine goodies to make.
There was beer to cool, and wine to chill
And stockings to hang, for Santa to fill.

The children would not go to bed when they should
Said Mum “He’s not coming, you haven’t been good”.
But at last, as the clock struck a quarter to one
They had it all finished, with everything done.

They had a hot drink and climbed up to bed
Both of them eager to rest their tired heads.
But just as they nodded and closed their tired eyes
The first of the children decided to rise

“Has he been, has he been?” came an excited shout,
“No – now get back to sleep or he might miss you out”

The house was finally quiet and still
And soft silver moonlight crept over the sill
And as they all slumbered, with a sigh and a snore,
That old Christmas magic started working once more

**The children woke them at the first crack of dawn
To savour the joy of a new Christmas morn
So, relax and enjoy it, and with any luck
Your day will be perfect and not totally f*******

Group News

Science and Technology Group

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

The Subject of the November meeting was, **Rutland Water, presented by Peter Ashworth.**

The theme of Peter's presentation was the origins of Rutland Water (formally Empingham Reservoir), its geography and background information regarding the conception and construction of the reservoir and its accompanying recreation facilities.

The original concept was included in an Act of Parliament that specified that the site should contain car parks, sailing club, fishing facilities and nature reserve as well as being a reservoir.

Peter toughed on early resistance to the construction of a reservoir at the site notably from the NFU and how some landowners lost property to enable it to happen. Also, the archaeological dig that was required before the main construction was allowed to commence.

Peter was able to share his knowledge of the early work carried out at the site as he was involved from the early stages of the construction and had pictures of some of the early construction including the tunnel for the River Gwash that supplies some of the water for the reservoir along with water pumped from the Rivers Welland and Nene.



from New Zealand. A pinot gris to go with seafood and spicy dishes. A pinot noir recommended for roast chicken. They were both found to be very palatable when drunk on their own!

One grape variety also featured at our November meeting: this time the grenache. From the Languedoc region in France came a blended white recommended for spicy and smoked dishes. From Spain, where the grenache[a] grape was more dominant, a wine for poultry or pasta. The white wine was given the thumbs up by the group whoever felt that the red offering was somewhat lacking in body.

To celebrate another successful year for the group, our December meeting will be held in Bourne's very own wine and tapas bar.

Report by John Boss

Poetry Group

In December, the Poetry Group paid heed to the special nature of this end-of-year month by having an 'anything goes' meeting of either favourite poems or poems written by members. Among the Festive Fare were offerings from W. B. Yeats, Robert Burns, Wendy Cope and R. S. Thomas. Janet Dowse, Richard Horne, Yve Scott and I (the undesigned) inflicted some of our own verse on the company, before we enjoyed mince pies with brandy cream and mulled wine (in moderation). The poem that I'm going to share in this newsletter, though, is one by Wendy Cope (buy her, read her). It's really for 'the girls', but I think (hope) 'the boys' will be big enough to enjoy it too! Title 'He Tells Her':

He tells her that the Earth is flat—
He knows the facts, and that is that.
In altercations fierce and long
She tries her best to prove him wrong.
But he has learned to argue well.
He calls her arguments unsound
And often asks her not to yell.
She cannot win. He stands his ground.
The planet goes on being round.

Group Leader Phil Dunkerley

Friday Striders

Friday 25th November saw the last walk of the 2022 programme start from the Cholmeley Arms, Burton le Coggles. 17 striders enjoyed a walk of just over 5 miles along farm tracks and field side paths. Good weather and considering the amount of rainfall recently underfoot conditions not too bad.



22 walks have been completed during 2022 with varying lengths from 5 miles to 9 miles (but with shorter options available). Whilst most of the walks have been in the Lincolnshire countryside a few have strayed into East Northamptonshire and Peterborough areas. Each walk has been very well supported, with on average 15 striders on each walk.

Currently programme for 2023 being organised with the first walk being on Friday 14th January. If interested in coming along, please get in touch nearer the time.

Finally, a big thank you to those striders who have led walks this year and to those who have attended to support them. Without leaders the group is unable to function and if you haven't led this year then please consider offering to lead in 2023.

Group Leader Janet Cartwright

The Ten Pin Bowling Group

The first meeting was held at the Hollywood Bowl High Wycombe at 11am on Wednesday 30th November. Eight eager members met and paid the game fee of £3.38 individually by cash or credit card. The game was enjoyed by all, as was the proposal to hold future meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month commencing on 11th January. It is anticipated that the group will achieve 12 members.

Group Leader Peter Read

Bourne Brushstrokes - December Gallery



Less words and more pictures from some of our many talented artists to wish you all

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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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, 7 January 2023**

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