

# BOURNE u3a

## NEWSLETTER

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### *Chairman's Chat*

Hello All

I hope all members have been enjoying attending groups in the last month, I know that some of you only attend one group while some enjoy many groups. The choice is yours, but however many you attend I hope that some of you are helping your group leaders to run the group.

I say this because it is a daunting task running a group on your own and if the group leader for any reason cannot carry on running it, eventually, it would close. Please could you all consider offering your help to the groups you belong to, so should this happen there is always somebody else to take over.

If you have a copy of the latest TAM Magazine, please read opinion on page 39, all of it probably doesn't apply to our u3a, some of it certainly does.

This also applies to your committee. Currently we have 14 people carrying out the necessary tasks to keep Bourne u3a running. We need more people to come forward who would like to see how we work and possibly be part our future committee. Please have a think about it as we will be looking for new members to replace any retiring in the new year ready for the May elections.

We have now launched our online renewals and new member joining. It is going very well and quite a few of you have already taken advantage of an easy way to renew your membership. We have also had two new members join online already.

We have quite a few new members this month, Welcome to you all and I will see you at the new members meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**John**

### *Committee Page*

Do you believe in saving the planet? Do you want to do your bit?

Then help Bourne U3a go Green

Let me tell you how.

When you download a paper membership form from our website, you are using part of a tree that had to be cut down to make the paper.

You then fill in the form with a pen made mostly of plastic.

You write a cheque, more paper, possibly put both into a paper envelope.

You then use fossil fuels to drive to Corn Exchange to hand it in.

The Membership Secretary then drives home, burning fossil fuel, throws the envelope in the

bin, switches on their computer and puts your details onto that computer and files the paper form away, never to be seen again.

The Treasurer drives to collect the cheques and cash from Membership Secretaries home, takes the cheques home, switches on another computer, and enters details on that computer.

The Treasurer, then puts the cheques and a paper paying in slip into another paper envelope and drives to the bank, where they print a paper receipt for the deposit.

So how can you help save the planet?

RENEW ONLINE, you do not need a paper form, you do not need to find a pen that works, you do not need to remember your home or email address, or your phone number. You do not need to write a cheque, or find spare cash, or an envelope. You do not need to travel to the Corn Exchange just to drop your completed form and payment off, if not staying for the meeting.

All you need to renew online is to know your name, postcode, and membership number, and have a credit or debit card handy.

Give it a go, you can renew online now, without waiting for the December or January meetings.

**Treasurer**

**If you decide NOT to renew online, can you please ensure that you only use the new form downloaded from the website or picked up at the monthly meeting. Then send it to Jean Parsons at the address on this form. Under no circumstances send it to Jackie Searle's address as this is causing distress to her daughters and will result in processing delays.**

## **New Members**

We were pleased to welcome more new members during October and hope all enjoy their membership, they are Assuro Vassallo, Dianne Vassallo, Peter Ryde, Ann Wakeford, Peter Lofts, Kay Lofts, Christine (Chris) Mann and Colin Mann.

I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

**Jean Parsons – Membership Secretary**



Pat Howes of Bourne U3a, together with several other members attended Sunday's Remembrance Day Parade and laid this wreath in memory of all who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom on behalf of all members.

## *Monthly Meeting*

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

| <b>SPEAKERS FOR 2022</b>  |                      |   |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>DATE</b>               | <b>Speaker Names</b> | <b>Title of Talk</b>                        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Paul Robbins         | Great British Eccentrics                    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Bernard Locket       | The Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan |

## *Group News*

### **Church Visiting Group**

23 group members and friends drove down to Gosberton Clough on the last Thursday of October to visit the Church of St. Gilbert and St. Hugh. We were made welcome by 5 working and retired Church wardens and Vicars. This Church is very different from any we have visited before. In the 1800s those living in the hamlet of Gosberton Clough had to travel 3 miles to attend Church at Gosberton, or go to the Marjoram school in Risegate. But in 1896 the Vicar of Gosberton, Edgar Torr Hudson, decided to build a church for the hamlet. Land was purchased and fund raising began. The first foundation stone was laid in December 1902. The Church arrived at Gosberton by train in "kit" form and then by cart to the hamlet and what we see today is a Tudor style timber framed white Church. The Church was designed by Scottish designers William Bucknall and Sir John Comper. The Church was officially opened by the Bishop of Lincoln on 26 September 1903. There is a fine stain-glass window facing east designed by Comper who included his signature strawberry in remembrance of his father a priest who died suddenly whilst distributing strawberries to the poor.

At the beginning of the 1st WW over 250,000 refugees fled Belgium and came to Britain, many of them settling in the Spalding area of Lincolnshire and many of them were wood carvers. Four carved Angels were presented to Gosberton Clough Church by the Belgian refugees in 1915/16. At one time they held candles and over the years fingers and noses were burnt! During 2019 Church wardens Brian and Ian approached the Repair Shop to see if help could be given to restore the Angels and only a few weeks ago this project was featured on our televisions. The Angels have

been restored to their former glory, gilded in gold.



After the very interesting and informative talk about the Church we had the opportunity to take a closer look at the Angels. We were offered tea and freshly baked cakes at the village hall. We were certainly made welcome by the people of Gosberton Clough, and this visit closed our 2022 season in style.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in February 2023, we plan to hold a coffee morning when member Tony Stubbs will give a slide show presentation on the Churches visited by the group.

**Report by Sue Hadfield**

### **Science and Technology Group**

The October meeting of the Science and Tech Group place at our home meeting place of St Firmins Church Hall in Thurlby.

The subject for this month was Bridges, their design and development, presented by Terry Noble.



The Arkadiko Bridge



The Millau Bridge

Bridges can be anything from an old railway sleeper across a drain to the Millau Viaduct Bridge in France.

Terry's presentation was about the design and development of bridges, starting his presentation with a picture of a packhorse bridge that is visible from his house.

The known history of bridges goes back to the oldest known bridge, the Arkadiko Bridge that was built in Greece during the Bronze Age. Through the Romans developing concrete bridges using volcanic lava to make cement.

Many early bridges are built of stone and then with the coming of the Industrial revolution iron bridges started to appear like the one near Telford. Many more bridges were built during the industrial revolution notable ones being the Bristol Suspension bridge and The Royal Albert Bridge at Saltash both built by Brunel. Terry explained the many types of bridge design and construction and how development has led to safe and reliable constructions we use today. Terry rounded off the presentation by touching on past disasters including the Tay Bridge that collapsed when a train was crossing and the Tacoma Straits suspension bridge that collapsed in 1940 in full view of newsreel cameras.

The presentation held our attention throughout and prompted plenty of questions. We all learnt something, and it was an enjoyable experience.

**Report by Michael Thorpe**

### **Wednesday evening Supper group**

Another lovely meal this time at the Woodhouse Arms in Corby Gren hosted by one of the couples in our group.

**Report by Rosie Cooper**

## Poetry Group

In October, the Poetry Group enjoyed sharing poems by Roger McGough - once a member of The Scaffold (Lily the Pink), more recently the presenter of Radio 4's 'Poetry Please' and also the President of The Poetry Society, which ain't bad for a lad from Liverpool who went to school with John Lennon.

We then moved on to poets whose first name begins with the letter M, including Mary Wilson, who was the wife of Prime Minister Harold Wilson (coincidentally also a Liverpudlian). It turns out that Mary was born at Diss in Norfolk and survived to the grand old age of 102. Other poets we enjoyed were Margaret Atwood, Michael Longley and Matthew Arnold.

This month I'm going to share with Bourne U3A the poem issued by Poet Laureate Simon Armitage about the death of Queen Elizabeth. It is a double acrostic (read down the first letter of each line to find the word 'ELIZABETH') and the 'double' nature of the poem is to reflect the regnal number of Elizabeth - II. I think it is a superb poem that will stand the test of time and is a fitting tribute to the monarch who has marked the greater part of all our lives. It is based around the Lily-Of-The-Valley, a favourite flower of the Queen, which is also known as 'glovewort'. Queen Elizabeth was sometimes known, herself, as 'Lily' or 'Lilibet'. A 'Munro' is the name given to the highest mountains in Scotland.

### **Floral Tribute by Simon Armitage - Poet Laureate**

*i.m. Queen Elizabeth II (21/4/1926-8/9/2022)*

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,  
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.  
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,  
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.  
A promise made and kept for life - that was your gift -  
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,  
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.  
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,  
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.  
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower  
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained  
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence  
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day  
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and  
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,  
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness  
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

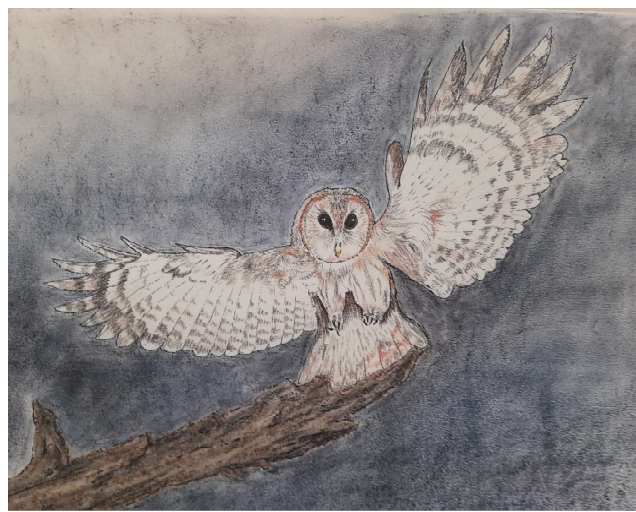
**Group Leader Phil Dunkerley**



## *Bourne Brushstrokes - November Gallery*



## *Wildlife*



Wildlife is always an enjoyable topic for many artists using their own photography or other peoples as a guide for colour and accuracy.

Jill Ward's pastel work of a Cuckoo is so good it looks just like a photo. The Fox by Wendy Hodson is in watercolour pencil and not so realistic.

In October, 10 members of the group had another enjoyable day at the Egleton Bird Reserve on Rutland Water. The autumn colours were glorious, and we had our own "Watercolour Challenge" even after four hours some of the artists had not finished.

The group would like a day trip in 2023 to somewhere different, indoor preferably with good visibility and big windows. If you can suggest anywhere, please contact us.

| BOURNE U3A COMMITTEE 2022 – 2023  |                |                 |  |
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I welcome reports of Group activities with photographs, if applicable.

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9am on Saturday, 10 December 2022**

Please e-mail your copy and pictures to [editor@bourneu3a.org.uk](mailto: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                                   |   | <b>New Group</b>                |
| 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<br>Mike Alexander 01778 571516<br>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                      | <b>New Group</b>                |
| Jazz   | May Slater 01778 425525  | Thursday evening every 4 weeks                    | Check with Group Leader         |
| Litter Picking Group                         | Vaughan Roberts 01778 426255<br>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<br>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<br>Eric Cooper 01778 394656                           | 1st Tuesday morning every month                   | St Firmins Church Hall, Thurlby |
| Singing for Pleasure                         | Marjorie Wright 01778 422252<br>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                |