

BOURNE u3a

NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Chat

Hello All

I have really enjoyed the last month, the positive things that have happened have far outweighed the negative ones. For me there were two main U3A positives, the first was the day before my Aviation History group meeting the booked speaker phoned me to say that he could not make it. Not wanting to cancel the meeting I emailed the group for ideas and on the day one of them gave a short talk, totally unprepared because of time constraints. The second U3A positive was I attended a new member's meeting where we not only had group vacancies that the new members wanted, but we also had an offer to start a new group and another offer to run one in the future.

Our AGM and the election of committee members for the next year is upon us again and as a self-help organization, we are always looking for members old or new to join our committee. And this year is no exception. We have at least two vacancies and would welcome anybody that wants to join us and help us run what is a highly successful U3A

We urgently need a new Membership Secretary. We cannot run without one for long, as the new committee will be individually fully committed to other jobs. Lots of help will be given to anybody who volunteers.

Please don't exclude yourself because you have just joined or been a member for many years. Have a chat with any committee member if you need any information.

John

Committee Page

New Members

We were pleased to welcome more new members during April and hope all enjoy their membership, they are Diana Bell, John and Sylvia Rice-Oxley and David Venables.

I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Jackie Searl – 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 | | |
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| DATE | Speaker Names | Title of Talk |
| 16 th May | AGM / Colin Ray | History of the Music Halls |
| 20 th June | Gary Powell | St. Paul's Cathedral |
| 18 th July | Graham Short | Art on a pin head |
| 15 th August | Jane Barnes | Tales from Dairy Farmer's Wife |
| 19 th September | Steve Lovell | Wildlife of Lincolnshire |
| 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

Any Time Out Group

Time Stood Still on April the 21st when the Any Time Out group went to what used to be called the Horological Centre that is now called the Museum of Timekeeping in Upton near Newark. We were welcomed with a hot drink and biscuits and an introductory talk into the world of clocks and timekeeping in general. We were divided into 2 smaller groups and were shown the history of clocks and some absolutely fantastic, beautiful clocks through the centuries. The other half was shown the origins of the Speaking Clock and how it goes through to today. We had a very interesting time before going across the road to have a delicious lunch.

We then went back to our coach and travelled off to Southwell Minster. We were going to have a guide at 3pm but we were a little early and so we all had time to look at the Exhibition on show there. One single person had spent 3 years making the most wonderful tapestries of the Garden of Eden. We were extremely lucky to see these and every single one of us stood there going WOW! Once again, we were split into two groups. Our Guide was named Victoria and what she did not know was not worth knowing. The Minster building is absolutely incredible and must be seen as there are not enough words to describe it. There are two bits from a Roman villa on display. One is a picture on a wall and the other are some mosaic tiles from a Roman floor underneath some of the oldest pews in the building. There are 21 mice carved into varying pews and Archbishop chairs. The stained-glass windows have varying Histories including some having been bought from a French market and placed there. A visiting choir was just arriving to start practising during the last few minutes of our visit. They were the icing on the cake as they were wonderful. We have to say a big thank you to our driver Marcus who drove us home for tea at 6.00pm. A wonderful day was had by all. Report from Jan Burton Group Leader.

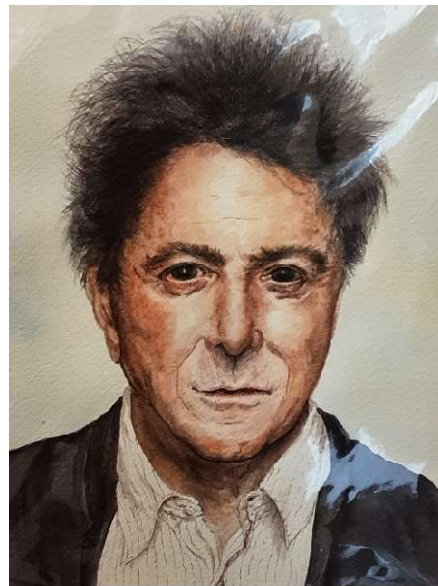
Janet Burton, Group Leader

Brushstrokes - May Gallery

“Cat in thought” by Karen Allen



“This little piggy” by Wendy Hodson



“Dartmoor” by Margaret Shephard

“Dustin” by Janet Dowse

Church Visiting Group

April 2022 saw the first meeting of this group in over two years when we were warmly welcomed Colsterworth. The village is situated on the old Great North Road in close proximity to Ermine Street – both Roman roads.

The site is thought to have had a preaching cross, the heavily carved remains of which can be seen in the church. As it would have been close to the River Witham, it was a convenient site for baptisms. The building of the church is thought have been begun in the late 600s and features of the Saxon period can be seen today – zig zag carving over an arch as well as the interesting view of a column which is partly square and partially semi-circular, marking the end of the old Saxon building before it was extended. The offset tower, built in stages from the 13th century, was originally detached from the church but the extension of the chancel connected the two.

The church had long connections with the family of Isaac Newton who was born at Woolsthorpe Manor, a mile or two away. Newton was baptised in the church and a copy of the baptism register

can be seen. Both his parents were buried in the church, but the exact position is not known. Several monuments mark the Newton association.

Two vicars called Mirehouse carried out extensive works in the Victorian period rebuilding the nave adding many monuments to their family associations. It is thought that the installation of a new organ during this period may have covered the Newton family graves.

This is a fascinating church with many different styles of architecture, some unusual features including holes, containing terracotta pots, in the walls below the clerestory windows. We were told these were an old method of ensuring sound projected around the building.

Jackie Searl, Group Leader

Friday Striders

April 22nd walk started from the Horse and Jockey Pub at Manton. After a short walk through the village we picked up the footpath running parallel to the railway line passing Manton Junction. Walk continued across several fields, heading up to Wing.



After passing through Wing and crossing the Corby to Stamford railway line the walk took us past Lyndon Hall and then through the village before joining the Lyndon Road. We then walked past Rutland Nursery getting our first glimpse of Rutland Water before returning to the pub at Manton.

19 walkers enjoyed a very undulating walk with good view across the Rutland countryside.

17 of the walkers then had a pleasant lunch at the Horse and Jockey.

Janet Cartwright (bourneu3astriders@gmail.com) **Group Leader**

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