

# BOURNE U3A NEWSLETTER

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*Wildflower Meadow at RHS Wisley*

## *Chairman's Chat*

Hi Everybody,

As the new Chairman of Bourne U3A, I thought I should introduce myself. I am Malcolm Scriven, a retired Economics and Business Studies teacher and I have been a member of Bourne U3A for nearly six years. Many of you will have come across me in my role as Membership Secretary or Group Leader of Science and Technology.

We have a new Committee and half the members - Karen Knott, Penny Neal, John Owen and Bill Reid – are completely new. By the time you read this we will have allocated jobs on the Committee but please be patient, remember that we are all volunteers, and appreciate that it will take us a little time to master our new roles. A full list of the new Committee can be found on the last page of this Newsletter.

I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the retiring Committee members – Eric Cooper, Eleanor Boss and Jeanette Marshall. They have worked hard and given their time freely. I am sure they will continue to make valuable contributions to Bourne U3A in other ways.

I must make particular mention of our retiring Chairperson, Pat Howes. Over the past two years, Pat steered Bourne U3A through some difficult and complex issues with a mixture of patience, common sense and good humour. Apart from the usual domestic matters, she has coped with an avalanche of statutory obligations that have been forced on us from outside. I hope that she takes considerable satisfaction from the knowledge that she leaves Bourne U3A in a strong, well founded position. She has done all the hard work that the new Committee can take advantage of as we move forward.

So, what of the future? I am a firm believer that 'If it isn't broke, don't fix it'. Bourne U3A works well in its current form so please do not expect any radical changes. But I also like the Japanese business philosophy of Kaizen or continuous improvement. This is the idea that everybody in an organisation is responsible for its success, and successive, small improvements can eventually lead to big steps forward. The U3A is a self-help movement so if you see something that needs doing or something that can be improved within the organisation, think about how you can make it happen. Talk to a Committee member and, if we can, we will help you achieve the objective and make Bourne U3A just a little bit better for everybody.

It is an honour to be Chairman of Bourne U3A (and just a little bit daunting). Let's hope we can build on Pat's firm foundations and continue to build a thriving and, above all, fun, organisation.

Cheers,  
Malcolm

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

*Martin Adkins, Alison Greatwood*

**New Members Meetings**

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

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<b>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</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker and Subject</b>
17 June	Chris Andrews RSPB - <i>RSPB in South Lincs - from potatoes to plovers</i>
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>

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<b>ROTAS FOR THE COMING MONTHS</b>				
<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.</i>				
<i>Tel: 01778 570234</i>				
	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
<b>DESK CLERKS</b>	Chris Cook Cathy Hebborn	Eleanor & John Boss	Anne Barrett Jeannette Marshall	Ingrid Canwell Susan Hadfield
<b>VISITOR HOSTS</b>	May Slater Dennis Windsor Pat Benn	Jeanette Marshall Margaret & Michael McGregor	Paul & Pearl Rose Philip James	Eleanor Boss Jan Douglas Pam Smith
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Church Visiting	Antiques and Collectables	Kurling	Play Reading

## *News for Group Leaders and Potential Group Leaders*

### **SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE NETWORK GROUP (SLNG)**

Bourne U3A is a member of SLNG together with the Deepings, Grantham, Stamford, Welland, Sleaford, Spalding and Sutton Bridge U3As.

The Bourne U3A Committee appoints a SLNG representative to attend meetings and if the meeting is likely to discuss particular U3A functions then appropriate members from each U3A are also invited. The Chairman also usually attends.

The group meet around six times a year to discuss matters of mutual interest and to plan joint group events. Jean Hogg, our Regional Trustee, also attends providing a link to regional and national activities. The Regional Trustee has a budget for the East Midlands region and is able to support both network and individual U3A events. Bourne U3A received a grant towards the cost of our successful Open Day.

**Learn, Laugh and LEAD**, is a SLNG joint activity for all Group Leaders and potential Group Leaders to be held on Thursday, 31 October 2019 in Sleaford. It will be an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with people from U3As across South Lincolnshire. A programme will be announced after the SLNG July meeting.

Please reserve the date in your diaries. The Committee has agreed to reimburse travelling expenses and hopes that lifts can be offered for non-drivers. If sufficient numbers want to attend, a coach may be arranged without charge. In addition, any payment for refreshments at the event will be met by the Committee.

Chris Searl  
Bourne U3A SLNG Representative

### *Committee Page*

#### **Bourne U3A is moving from GDPR Consent to GDPR Legitimate Interest**

Until now the Committee has had to obtain your specific consent to collecting your data.

However, under new rules, provided the Membership Application states that your data will be stored on a computer database and not disclosed to third parties without your consent, the Legitimate Interest option allows your data to be collected without further consent because it is needed to administer Bourne U3A.

In order to use GDPR Legitimate Interest, it was necessary to make an assessment that covered the expected benefits, a necessity test and a balancing test. The survey was approved by the Committee on the 10 April 2019 and it was agreed that it would be implemented for new members and any membership renewals on or after the 20 May 2019 when the new Committee takes office.

If you have any questions regarding this new policy please contact Chris Searl at [webmaster@u3abourne.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@u3abourne.org.uk)

## *From the Editor*

You may have noticed that the May issue contained only three Group Reports as I can only publish what I receive.

I know that many of the Groups are out and about, particularly in the summer months. It would be interesting to know what your group is doing and seeing. I also think it could be good if groups who are planning interesting visits could mention it the previous month (or two, bearing in mind deadline dates) so members could be tempted to join the group to participate.

Do you want to fill a coach for a trip?

Need to make up minimum numbers?

How about inviting another group to join your outing? Science & Technology combined with Church Visiting to visit the Bell Foundry last month.

The pre-meeting show at each Monday meeting, except May AGM and December, could also highlight your group outing. Contact Chris Searl about this.

Come on Group Leaders – tell other members what your group has to offer so hopefully I can allow space for this each month.

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## *Local Charity Events*

*These events are neither organised by the U3A nor are they for commercial gain. Any member may suggest a suitable entry for this page on similar lines, but publication will be at the discretion of the Editor. There will be just one page per month.*

### **St John the Baptist Church, Baston, Saturday 22 June, 7 for 7.30 pm.**

CONCERT by Jeff Woods a.k.a. "PavaNotti" to include popular opera favourites, songs from the shows and lots of fun and laughter! Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine and nibbles. In aid of church funds.

Contact [bastonctf@gmail.com](mailto:bastonctf@gmail.com) or 07471 198497 for further details.

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

**13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July Noon to 5pm £2.50 per person but children are 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.

## Group News

### POETRY GROUP – PHILIP DUNKERLEY

In April, while I was away on family duties in Brazil (some might say it was really a holiday), the Poetry Group immersed itself in *'The Sea'*, and in May we reverted to *'Childhood'*; such evocative topics with no shortage of moving and thought-provoking poems. We have a full Group membership, which sadly means having had to say 'no' to two prospective new members. However, one of these is examining the possibility of starting a second poetry group, which may mean opportunities for U3A members with an interest in poetry to enjoy both *immersion* and *reversion* soon. If this comes off, best express your interest quickly!

Poetry is both new and old. Here is a line by living poet Gregory Pardlo that hooked teenager Kara Jackson for poetry:

*'She makes jewellery of herself and garlands the ground with shadows'.*

And here is a section from a poet who died in 1850 — Wordsworth's *'The Prelude'*, chosen by Janet Dowse for our May meeting:

“And in the frosty season, when the sun  
was set, and visible for many a mile  
the cottage windows through the twilight blaz'd,  
I heeded not the summons: happy time  
it was, indeed, for all of us; to me  
it was a time of rapture: clear and loud  
the village clock toll'd six; I wheel'd about,  
proud and exulting, like an untired horse,  
that cares not for its home. All shod with steel,  
we hiss'd along the polish'd ice, in games  
confederate, imitative of the chase  
and woodland pleasures, the resounding horn,  
the pack loud bellowing, and the hunted hare.

So through the darkness and the cold we flew,  
and not a voice was idle; with the din,  
meanwhile, the precipices rang aloud,  
the leafless trees, and every icy crag  
tinkled like iron, while the distant hills  
into the tumult sent an alien sound  
of melancholy, not unnoticed, while the stars,  
eastward, were sparkling clear, and in the west  
the orange sky of evening died away.”

Why wouldn't you want to join a new poetry group?

*Editor's note: More details shortly about the proposed new group.*

**CHURCH VISITING – JACKIE SEARL**



For the second successive month, The Group meeting was a little different. We visited Peakirk for a visit to St Pega's church, a unique designation, a village walk and to view one of the small archaeological digs which regularly take place. Visitors enter the church through the magnificent and unique arch (see below). The church is built on the site of an 8<sup>th</sup> century nun's cell with a charter issued in 1014-15 for the building of the Saxon church. The original Saxon width can be seen on the exterior west wall, but the existing internal aisles are Norman. The bell tower with three bells is 12<sup>th</sup> century.

The remains of the magnificent wall paintings date to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, depicting Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, St Christopher and morality scenes. It is thought that in some cases up to twenty layers of paintings and wall paint exist today on uncovered walls. The remains of the rood screen stairs can be seen. The lectern is Jacobean, and the lady chapel contains stained glass featuring St Guthlac. Other glass can be seen throughout the church.



We then viewed the finds of the current dig which started the day before our visit. There were lots of pottery shards of various dates, a superb and large tooth and various other artefacts.

Our visit continued with a walk around the village including the proven route of Car Dyke in the village. We saw the remains of a 13<sup>th</sup> hermitage, thought to be associated with St Pega, before our guides, Avril and Greg, showed us interesting buildings and gave us a potted history of the edge of the fen village. Much of the information is based on finds from their village digs.

Despite the superb refreshments served to us, some enjoyed lunch at the village pub, *The Ruddy Duck*.

A fascinating visit linking church and village over more than a millennium and our thanks go to everyone involved.

**AVIATION HISTORY GROUP – JOHN OWEN**



Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May was our first trip out the year. Fifteen of us made our way to the Newark Air Museum and were greeted by our guide for the day.

Our first impressions were very good as we could see a newly developed café for the very important food and drink.

We started the tour and entered a fairly new hangar and spent some time looking at the aircraft and other items within. Some of us went inside a Canberra and a Varsity, others just enjoyed looking from the outside.

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**WINE APPRECIATION 3 - PAM SMITH**

At the May meeting we welcomed 2 new members which was good as we were down in numbers due to holidays and other commitments.

Finally, Spain was on the map and a white and a red were tasted but not a Rioja in sight! First, a wine that was a newly fashionable white from the Rais Baixas region of Galicia, North Western Spain; an Albariño. The group found it light and zesty with fresh peach flavours, with some legs. A good accompaniment to shellfish and some of the group thought as a summer garden drink. This wine was purchased from Aldi and was definitely a good example of the wine (and cheap).

The grape is Albariño which was probably bought to Spain from Germany.

The second wine, a red, was a Priorat from Catalan. A wine blended with old Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot grapes; the yields are low. The wine had been decanted for an hour. It was very dry, with some dark fruit flavours. It was an aged wine, 2 years, it showed some legs but not what is expected from a 2014, 14% wine! It was purchased from Lidl with a good recommendation from the buyer. We were slightly disappointed.

We finished the evening with a selection of Spanish savouries and lots of chat.

**GROUPS WITH VACANCIES**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>VACANCIES</b>
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 History	01778 426255	1st Friday of the month	10
Canasta	01778 421 295	2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings	NO LIMIT
Church Visiting	01778 422518	4th Thursday am	6
Classical Music	01778 421864	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 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings	NO LIMIT
Discussion Group	discussion@u3abourne.org.uk	3rd Thursday Morning of each Month	2
Friday Striders	bourneu3a.walk@gmail.com	2nd and 4th Friday mornings every month	2
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 Weekday 1	01778 701068	1st Thursday 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
Reading 4	01778 422391	Last Tuesday morning every month	3
Reading 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	Bill Reid 01778 570234	2nd and 4th Tuesday Mornings at 10.30 every Month	NO LIMIT



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

**The copy date for the July issue is  
9am on Saturday, 29 June 2019**

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or post to *Jackie Searl, 6 Lilac Close, Bourne, PE10 9TS*

*I reserve the right to either bring forward or retard this date if my  
personal circumstances dictate it.*