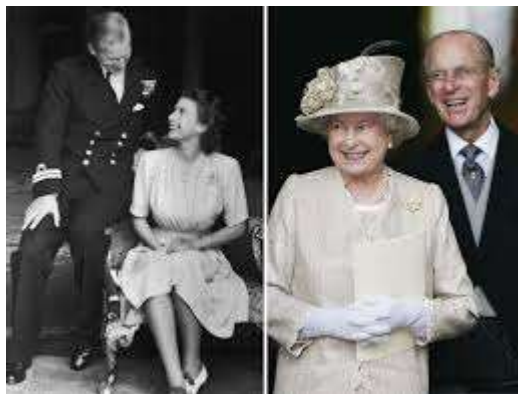




Phillip came to me today,  
and said it was time to go.  
I looked at him and smiled,  
as I whispered that "I know"  
I then turned and looked behind me,  
and saw I was asleep.  
All my Family were around me,  
and I could hear them weep.  
I gently touched each shoulder,  
with Phillip by my side.  
Then I turned away and walked,  
with My Angel guide.  
Phillip held my hand,  
as he lead the way,  
to a world where Kings and Queens,  
are Monarchs every day.  
I was given a crown to wear  
or a Halo known by some.  
The difference is up here,  
they are worn by everyone.  
I felt a sense of peace,  
my reign had seen its end.  
70 years I had served my Country,  
as the people's friend.  
Thank you for the years,  
for all your time and love.  
Now I am one of two again, in our Palace up above.

*Anonymous*



***Rest in Peace your Majesty***

# BOURNE u3a

## NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER 2022

WEBSITE: - <https://www.bourneu3a.org.uk>

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1100094

### *Chairman's Chat*

Hello All

I hope you have all been keeping yourselves cool as we have had another little spike in our daily temperatures. August 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](mailto:groups@bourneu2a.org.uk) .

On a sad note, one of our members who was a friend of mine as well has passed away. I am sure a lot of you who have been in Bourne for a while will have known or heard of Judy Smith. A true servant of Bourne people and the county. RIP Judy.

In the next few weeks, we are going to upgrade Bourne u3a Website which can be found at [www.bourneu3a.org.uk](http://www.bourneu3a.org.uk) . To try and reduce paper use and save some trees we are going to introduce 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.

**John**

## *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>
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Cancelled due to the Funeral of H M Queen Elizabeth	
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Steve Price	Magic
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*

### **Art History 2 Group**



Our Art History group enjoyed an excellent summer outing to Grimsthorpe Castle today. We met for coffee and then went into Grimsthorpe Castle for the house tour with the jubilee exhibition called “The Crowning Glory 400 years of fashioning kingship”. We all agreed that our guide was excellent and gave us a good history of the house with all its royal connections. When we finished the tour, our lunch was ready for us in the temporary refreshment tent and was tasty and good value for money. We may not have travelled very far from Bourne this year but that suited us very well and we had a sociable event in the sunshine which was just right.

*Group Leader Betty Davies*

### **Poetry Group**

At our August meeting, your Poetry Group began by examining the poetry of John Keats (1795-1821) - the mathematically astute will already have worked out that Keats died, of tuberculosis, at the tender age of just 25. Yet he is now recognised as one of the greatest poets of the English language, one who emerged into the second period of Romanticism, along with Percy Bysshe Shelley and Lord Byron. ‘Ode to a Nightingale’, or ‘Ode on a Grecian Urn’ anyone?

We then moved on to look at poems by poets whose first name begins with the letter 'K'. Among these was Kay Boyle (1902-1992), an American who had some advice for those of us who swell the ranks of the U3A:

### **Advice to the Old (Including Myself)**

Do not speak of yourself (for God's sake) even when asked.  
Do not dwell on other times as different from the time  
whose air we breathe; or recall books with broken spines  
whose titles died with the old dreams. Do not resort to  
an alphabet of gnarled pains, but speak of the lark's wing  
unbroken, still fluent as the tongue. Call out the names of stars  
until their metal clangs in the enormous dark. Yodel your way  
through fields where the dew weeps, but not you, not you.  
Have no communion with despair; and, at the end,  
take the old fury in your empty arms, sever its veins,  
and bear it fiercely, fiercely to the wild beast's lair.

So there!

At our September meeting, the Poetry Group was considering the work of a poet whose surname starts with the letter 'L', and we chose Philip Larkin (1922-1985), who was born in Coventry but spent much of his working life as the Librarian at Hull University. In spite of being a rather pessimistic chap (he once said '*deprivation is for me what daffodils were for Wordsworth*'), he was a superb poetic craftsman and remains one of the country's best-regarded poets. Three of his poems made it into *The Nation's Favourites Poems*, published by the BBC - *An Arundel Tomb*, *This Be The Verse* and *The Whitsun Weddings*.

For our first name 'L' poet, four of us opted for Louis MacNeice (1907-1963), so it seems only fair to share with our U3A kith one of his short poems - the title is *Reflections*. Are you sitting comfortably (you might need to pay attention)? Then I'll begin:

The mirror above my fireplace reflects the reflected  
Room in my window; I look in the mirror at night  
And see two rooms, the first where left is right  
And the second, beyond the reflected window, corrected  
But there I am standing back to my back. The standard  
Lamp comes thrice in my mirror, twice in my window,  
The fire in the mirror lies two rooms away through the window,  
The fire in the window lies one room away down the terrace,  
My actual room stands sandwiched between confections  
Of night and lights and glass and in both directions  
I can see beyond and through the reflections the street lamps  
At home outdoors where my indoors rooms lie stranded,  
Where a taxi perhaps will drive in through the bookcase  
Whose books are not for reading and past the fire  
Which gives no warmth and pull up by my desk  
At which I cannot write since I am not left-handed.

***Group Leader Philip Dunkerley***

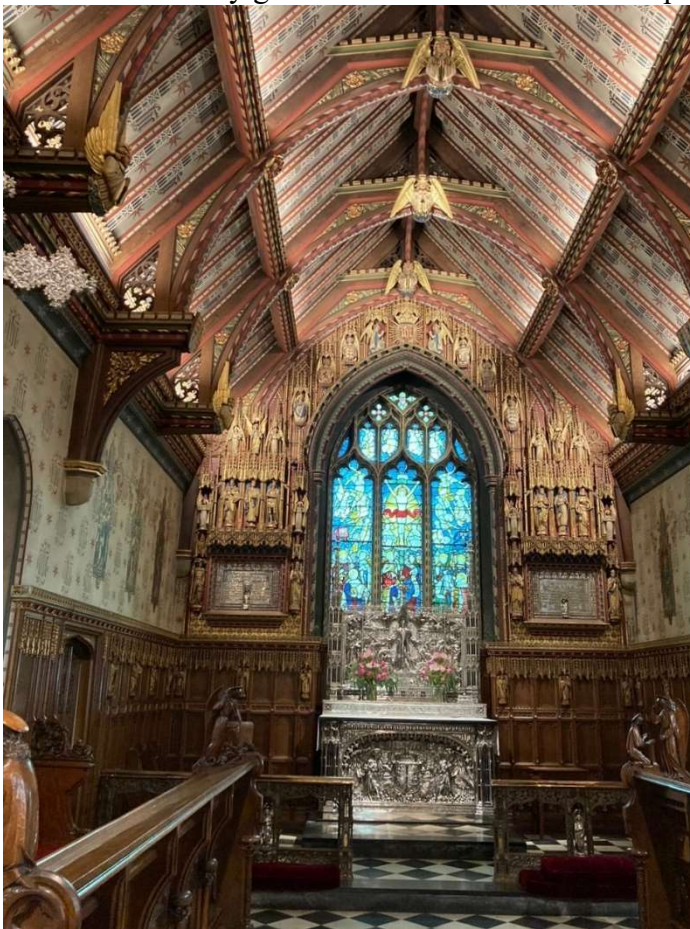
### **Any Time Out Group**

9:30 a.m. on a cool Thursday, July 21st, The Any Time Out group travelled across to visit Sandringham House driven by Andrew from A&P. Sandringham is recorded in the Domesday Book



as "sant-Dersingham" and the land was awarded to a Norman knight, Robert Fitz-Corburn after the Norman Conquest. SH has been the home of four generations of the Royal Family having been bought for Edward and Alexandra as a Wedding Present by his Mother Queen Victoria. Queen Elizabeth's Father and Grandfather died here, and Prince Philip spent his last few years in a Cottage on the Estate of over 21.000 acres.

We arrived about 11.15 and a guide from the estate came onto the coach to welcome us and give us some information. Most of us went straight to the restaurant to have an early lunch which then gave us plenty of time to walk around the estate ending up in the church. This is where the royal family spends their Christmas Day morning prayers. It does not look very big from the outside, but the inside has a tremendous impact on everyone who sees it as it is so very beautiful. The lower half of the altar is solid silver and was a gift to Edward VII from the Wanamaker family in America. After Edward died Princess Alexandra had been very pleased with this magnificent gift and so the Wanamaker family gave her a beautiful solid silver pulpit to match. There is much exquisite carving



at the other end and on the Ceiling, beautiful stained-glass windows and quite a number of banners from various battles.

Having spent quite some time in the church (A buggy was available for people who did not want the 20-minute walk to the House) we then went to meet the guide who was going to take us on our privately booked tour. I personally preferred the earphones which could be made to repeat anything one had missed. In one magnificent room is a glass cupboard full of Jade. 200 pieces of which had been given to Queen Alexandra on her birthday!!

WHAT a beautiful House and gorgeous country gardens. With a lake, what more could one want! Having walked around the lake we found a setting full of fabulous blue Butterflies which could be ordered in memory of loved ones. We spent a wonderful day here with lovely photographs of our visit. 4.00 clock saw us trudging tiredly back to the Coach Park for our trip home. But one BIG surprise for one of my

friends as her family was staying on the campsite and they came to look for her. Hugs and kisses all round. It was a fabulous day. Safely home by 6.00pm.

*Janet Burton, Group Leader*

The Any Time Out group visited East Ruston Vicarage Gardens, near Cromer, on 18th August.

We had almost a full coach, with 41 group members coming along for the ride.

We left Bourne bus station at 9am and enjoyed the passing scenery en route from the comfort of our A&P coach, skilfully driven by Marcus.

We had a comfort break at Dobbies, Kings Lynn and arrived at our destination around 11:30am, perfect timing for an early lunch either in the courtyard garden or the indoor dining area. After the hottest English summer known to man, we did have a few showers that day, but it didn't dampen our spirits & we all agreed "the gardens need it".

The gardens, nevertheless, were absolutely amazing, with natural pathways winding mysteriously, taking us through formal beds, rockeries & wooded areas.

There were avenues which afforded views of Happisburgh lighthouse, perfectly framed like a painting at the end of one, and St Marys Church at another.

We came across a paddock of alpacas (we thought one looked very much like Freddie Mercury) with quail running through, completely unfazed by us.

There was the opportunity to buy plants that were for sale and enjoy a very pleasant afternoon in gorgeous surroundings, before boarding the coach at 4pm for the return journey.

A resounding success agreed by all.

***Report by Val Shuell.***

## **Science and Technology Group**

Back at St Firmin's Church Hall for a presentation about Levertons of Spalding given by Holt Myers, the grandson of one of the founders of the Company.

Laverton's was once Spalding's largest employer and Caterpillar's largest European dealership. Caterpillar is a leading USA Company producing agricultural, industrial, construction and power generating equipment that had its roots in producing vehicles using tracks rather than wheels and gained its name from the appearance of moving vehicles being similar in appearance to the movement of a caterpillar.

Levertons existed from 1904 until 1970, when it was sold to Unilever. Holt Myers grandfather, Fred Myers, had bought into the business of Herbert Leverton

Levertons started business as a motor car sales and repair business and continued until the outbreak of WW1 when it, along with other Companies, was required to include the service and repair of agricultural machinery in support the production of food supplies during the conflict. It also produced traction machinery for the military.

After the war had ended the Company continued to demonstrate the advantages of tracked agricultural vehicles powered by internal combustion engines over that of steam powered equipment and horses that were the norm for the period. As Levertons were selling Caterpillar agricultural equipment they sent a representative to apply for a franchise for selling in Lincolnshire and were offered the franchise for the UK. By joining with another entrepreneur, Jack Olding, they managed to expand the business, further expanding after WW2 to include industrial machines from Caterpillar as well until, now managed by Holt Myers father. The business carried on until 1970 when it was sold to Unilever and then went into decline and so the story of Spalding's heavy industry was over.

The presentation was very interesting and included some candid insights into the Myers family history.

***Report by Michael Thorpe***

## Advertisement

### Bourne Organ Club & Keyboard Concerts

Did you know that you can enjoy wonderful evenings of live musical entertainment every month right here in Bourne? Concerts normally take place on the third Wednesday, in the Corn Exchange, beginning at 7:30 pm and ending about 10 o'clock. The next concert will be on **Wednesday October 19th**. Tickets can be bought on the door - £7 for members, £8 for non-members. Everyone is welcome.

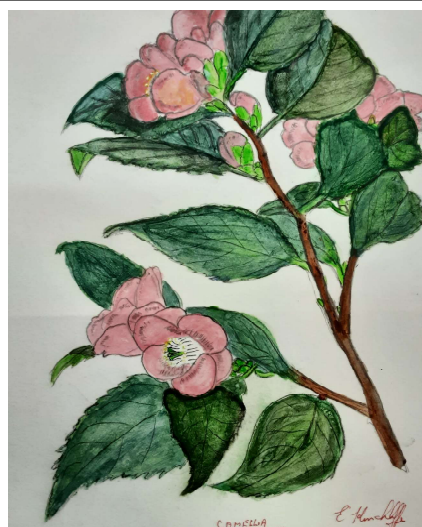
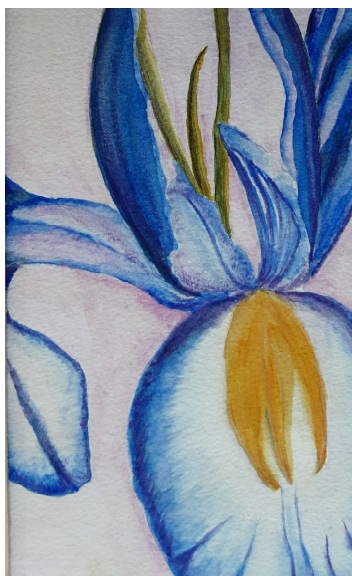
A number of different keyboard players appear during the course of the year, travelling to Bourne from all over the country. The programmes are very varied, covering genres such as film and theatre music, jazz, light classic, pop, music from the Sixties, and others. There is an interval for tea or coffee and biscuits (included in the entrance fee), after which a raffle is drawn for those who have purchased tickets.

Bourne Organ Club has been running for more than twenty years and always welcomes newcomers, who help the club thrive. Please do come along and find out what excellent entertainment we provide. And if you can bring a friend, so much the better!

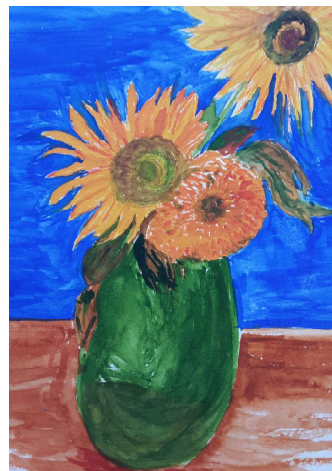
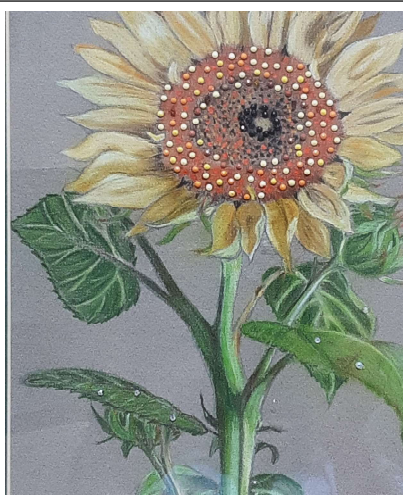
Contact John and Linda Wass on 01778 424947, or Christine Cooke on 07989 698032, for further information



## ***Bourne Brushstrokes - September Gallery***



**"Summer Sunshine"**



After our summer break the artists have returned refreshed and with enthusiasm for our next project which is any piece of work of A4 size that will be exhibited at the Abbey Church later in the year.

For the September Gallery we have continued the "Flower" theme to celebrate our lovely summer with bold and colourful work from Eric Hinchliffe "Camellia", relative newcomer Anne Corpe "Vase of sunshine", Jill Ward pastel "Jewelled Sunflower" (zoom in to see the added jewel beads) and Brenda Greatwood "Iris" in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.

We are still holding group meetings at the Abbey Church Rooms every Tuesday from 10.00am to 12noon where you will be warmly welcomed with coffee and biscuits.



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

**9am on Saturday, 8 October 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 JULY 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
Basic Cookery (for men)	Alan Palmer 07704 830078	Date to suit members	At Members Homes
Birdwatching / Natural History	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	Jackie Searl 01778 422518	4th Thursday morning Monthly resume Spring 2022	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	Contact Group Coordinator Pat Howes 01778 425786	Date and venue to be decided	New Group
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 Gill Fox	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 Indoors Spalding	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	
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 afternnon 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