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Chairman's Chat

Hello All

Welcome to my penultimate Chairmans Chat, I hope you are all have a lovely Easter. The sun has been out for the first three days giving us a real taste of spring. I will be standing down as your chairman this year and wish every success to whoever takes over and to all the new committee, who I am sure with your help will continue to make this a very good u3a to belong to.

Walking by the Bourne Eau yesterday I spotted this very good-looking male Mandarin duck with his sails up looking for a female.

Not one I have seen before but would love to see many more of them.



The vast majority of members have now renewed their membership for another year, for those who have not I am sure that you would all wish them well and would welcome them back should they decide to return.

We seem to be attracting quite a few new members this year, if you are one of them, Welcome I hope you find groups you are interested in and make many new friends.

John

Committee Page

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 2023		
Date	Subject	Speaker
17 th April	Must Farm	Mark Knight
15 th May	The Natural History of Scotland	Steve Lovell
19 th June	Police Work. Title to be arranged	Steve Seabrook
17 th July	Maths on the back of an envelope	Rob Eastaway
21 st August	Great British Eccentrics	Paul Robbins
18 th September	The Plague Dr of Eyam	David Bell
16 th October	Farming and Wildlife	Nicholas Watt
20 th November	The Battle of Towton	David Skillen
18 th December	TBA	

Desk Clerks, Meeters and Greeters

Desk Clerks	15 May	Yas Fairbairn	Kay Lofts	Peter Lofts
Meet & greet	15 May	Colin Peters	Cathy Hebborn	

New Members

We were pleased to welcome more new members during March and hope all enjoy their membership, they are Wendy Booker, Sue Slowey (Susan to be known as Sue), Ann Robinson, Nelly Jacobs and Gerald Roulstone (known as Ges)
I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Jean Parsons – Membership Secretary

Important Information

Local Elections 4 May 2023

Remember that the Local Elections on 4 May 2023 will be the first time that you will need photo ID to be allowed to vote.

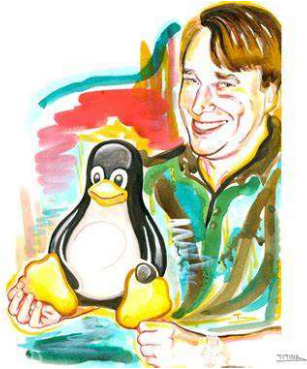
You can use passport, driving licence (but not the old paper type) or bus pass, but will need to prove who you are before you are given your ballot paper.

More details are available at [Accepted forms of photo ID | Electoral Commission](#) but you can apply to SKDC for a Voter Authority Certificate if you do not have an acceptable form of identification - [NEW: Voter ID at Local Elections on 4 May 2023 \(southkesteven.gov.uk\)](#)

Malcolm Scriven

Group News

Science and Technology Group



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

Open-Source Software presented by Stewart Goldsmith, a member of the Bourne U3a.

This month's presentation gave us an insight into open-source software (OSS) and how it differs from proprietary software used in most personal computers (PC). Stewart, with many years' experience in the software industry, firstly

gave a brief history of software and hardware developments and evolution from the early machines that required enormous amounts of physical space to contain up to more modern systems used in offices, and gave an insight into further developments coming along that will further miniaturise computers to the point where the physical size of the wiring plugs becomes the main limitation to the size of box that houses the computer. It was also pointed out how the computer impacts into our everyday life in so many ways in control systems in our homes, cars, our shopping etc.

He went on to explain the limitations that the proprietary software used in current (PC) machines has, particularly that the user has a licence to use the software, but the source code is not accessible to the user because the creator is the rights holder and exercises intellectual property law to exclude the user from modifying it. They also charge the user not insignificant sums of money for using it. OSS, sometimes known as free software, on the other hand is computer software that is released under a license in which the copyright holder grants users the rights to use, study, change, and distribute the software and its source code to anyone and for any purpose. For an example, Linux that was introduced by Linus Benadict Torvaids as a hobby in 1969 is an OSS as is Android used on many mobile phones.

Stewart is a very enthusiastic believer in FLOSS, which is open-source software that is free to use, not necessarily free of charge, and set out to demonstrate many ways where it can be superior to the proprietary software most of us use and the user is able to contribute to the content, as with Wikipedia. Pointing out that we could load it onto our PC' and laptops, although Microsoft and Apple will make it difficult. He also pointed out how proprietary manufacturers are prepared to use OSS when it suited their applications even though they charge us for a licence for use only of their product.

This was a very impressive presentation by a presenter who has an obvious enthusiasm for his subject and certainly held our attention and gave a great deal of food for thought.

The next presentation will be Marine Policing by Steve Seabrook on Tuesday 2nd May from 10:00, usually our presentations last 45 mins. To 1 hour. All U3a members are welcome.

Report by Michael Thorpe

Church Visiting Group

The Church visiting group visited the lovely Church of St Marys at Bainton in March, when the graveyard was full of delightful primroses.

We were welcomed by Philip Richards who gave us a very interesting talk on the history and various stages of building at St Marys. There is evidence of an earlier Saxon Church on the site, but it is believed the Nave we now see may have been a Chapel to the mother church at Ufford. A Sanctuary with a curved east end was added c1136 and this was then made into a Chancel with a square end and a northern aisle added. C1275 saw a tower with a broach spire constructed away from the western end of the Church, and in about 1280 the Church was extended to meet the tower.

Many alterations were carried out during the Gothic period including larger windows, a Lady Chapel and a Vestry. The Victorians added pews and put the Font on a new base and added a new bowl to the original 13c structure, they also covered up a tombstone to the floor of the original single cell house of prayer and are responsible for planting a Redwood tree only a few metres from the lovely east window where there is much evidence of cracking to the stonework.

All glass is clear making this a lovely light Church but like a lot of village Churches it is in need of large investment to stop any further deterioration.

Refreshments were served by the Bainton Church ladies including homemade biscuits iced in chocolate U3A. This was a good first visit of the year and we now look forward to visiting All Saints Church at Wittering on Thursday 27th April.

Group Leader Sue Hadfield

Friday Striders



For the groups last walk of March, 19 Striders met at Pickworth. After leaving Pickworth the walk progressed towards Clipsham Great Wood and Holywell Wood. After leaving the woods the walk headed towards Cipsham before returning to Pickworth passing the limestone quarries. There have been quarries at Clipsham since the 13th Century. Lincolnshire Limestone has been used for centuries in buildings such as the Palace of Westminster, Ely Cathedral and Oxford Colleges.

The walk, whilst having some muddy sections, was enjoyed by those attending before the majority went onto the The Crown at Great Casterton for lunch.

Group Leader Janet Cartwright

Bourne Brushstrokes

Our group learned recently that their tutor had passed away. Chris Moxley who has been a U3a member for some time was one of our group's tutors. Chris gave many hours of his time preparing for and giving instruction to our group. He provided motivation, inspiration, and friendship to all our members. Chris will be sadly missed by us all, we will miss his humour, his artistic expertise, and his guidance. Many members owe their artistic talent and continued development to him.

Chris was helping our group to organise an event that is planned to take place later this year. We have decided to continue with this event and will be displaying some of the art Chris inspired us to do. This event is as follows:

Bourne U3A Drawing and Art Group MEET THE ARTIST event which will include an exhibition and sale of some of our work. The event will be held in the Bourne Abbey Church Hall on the 3rd June with the door opening at 1100 and closing at 1530. There will be light refreshments and any donations will go to a local charity to be chosen by the group's members at a later date.

Group Leader Peter Gillatt

Advertisement (with committee approval)

Spectacular textile art at Peterborough Cathedral: eight million stitches to create the world!

'Threads through Creation' is an astonishing textile art exhibition showing at Peterborough Cathedral from 22nd March to 30th April. It's a real treat for anyone interested in the applied arts, textile art and sewing.

The show is touring twenty cathedrals and consists of twelve beautiful huge silk panels re-imagining the story of Creation from the bible.

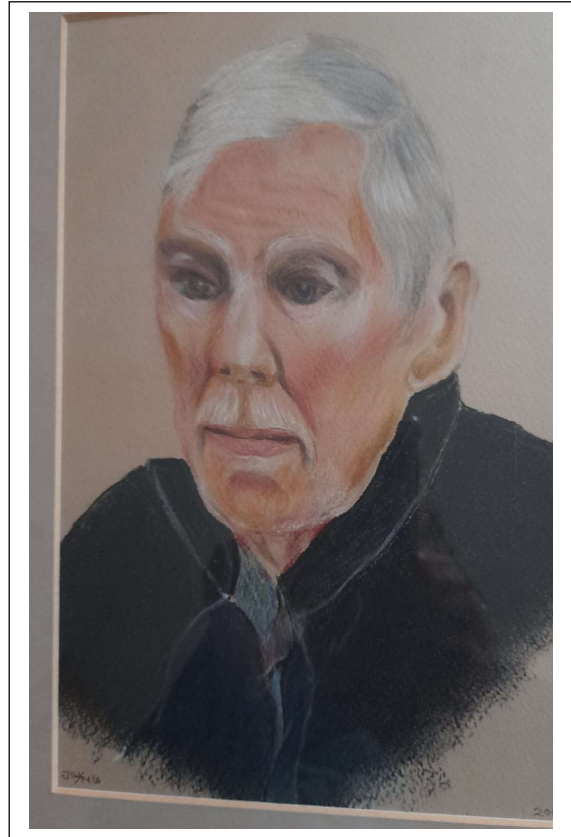
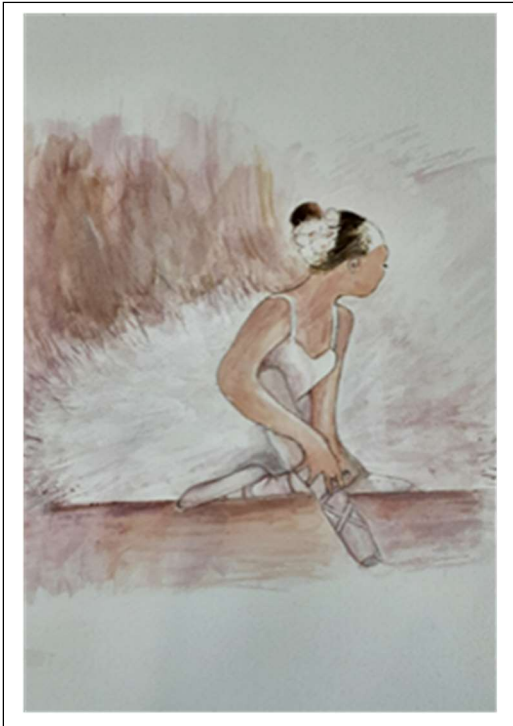
You'll find the huge scale, vibrant colours, complex designs and spectacular stitching truly breathtaking. Some of the panels are quite abstract, others figurative.

The panels are extraordinary – 2.7m high, from 1.5m to nearly 4m wide. It's one of the largest textile art projects by a single artist, ever. It took textile artist Jacqui Parkinson three years - and eight million stitches.

Further info: www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk www.creation-threads.co.uk

Free PDF – whether or not people get to see Threads through Creation, they can get a very interesting 24page PDF entitled 'Behind the scenes' giving a lot of extra background information especially for stitchers: people can download it free by visiting the website www.creation-threads.co.uk

Bourne Brushstrokes - April Gallery



“People”

I had already planned the theme of “People” for the anniversary of the Bourne Brushstrokes Gallery first printed in April last year. It seems appropriate to show again Jill Wards pastel work of Chris Moxley, the groups tutor who has recently died and our group leader Peter Gillatt has said some kind words in a separate article.

The Ballerina is by Angela Gray and the Beach Family by Ingrid Canwell

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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 Monday, 8 May 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.

As this is my penultimate newsletter, I would like to thank all the contributors over the past 3 years or so. Hopefully you, the membership, have enjoyed that which has been produced and I hope that contributors will be able to support the new editor when he takes up the reins after the AGM.

All the best Paul

GROUPS WITH VACANCIES 27th MARCH 2023

Group	Leader	Meets	Venue
Abbey Church Garden Group	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483	Last Tuesday afternoon of each month or as notified	Outside Church in Church Walk
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 07949 524475	4th Thursday afternoon every month	Wake House
Birdwatching / Natural His	Vaughan Roberts 01778 426255	1st Friday of the month	As Notified By Group Leader
Church Visiting	Sue Hadfield 01778 426417	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
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 Steve Froy 01778 393017	Currently Tuesdays and Thursdays Outdoors BTBC	As Notified By Group Leader
Jazz	May Slater 01778 425525	On hold until the New Year but please contact leader if you are	Check with Group Leader
Listening to Classical Music		On hold until New Year. If interested contact Pat Howes on	At members homes
Litter Picking Group	Vaughan Roberts 01778 426255 Pat Howes 01778 425786	3rd Friday morning	As Notified By Group Leader
Local History	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483	1st Monday of every month at 1400	Wake House
Lunch Lunch	Chris Cooke 01778 393544	To suit members	As notified by Group Leader
Meeters & Greeters	Bill Reid 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings	
Play Reading	Marylyn Black	1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings each month	Members homes
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 Ankersen 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
Snooker (3)	George Brown contact at gw.b@btinternet.com	Every Thursday 13.30 to 16.00	Snooker 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	Hollywood Bowl Peterborough
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