

BOURNE **U3A** NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Chat

The Committee have got off to a flying start in the New Year. Our sense of community comes from shared experiences and the Committee thought it would be a good idea to have an event for the whole of Bourne U3A. 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower when a good number of Lincolnshire residents left to found what became the United States of America. A small sub-committee is looking at how we might mark the anniversary.

Another sub-committee is preparing a presentation to a group in Baston on what Bourne U3A does and the benefits it provides for both individuals and the wider community. If this works as we intend, it could be used to take the message to other groups and organisations in the local area.

One of the problems of an organisation the size of Bourne U3A is that it is easy for the Committee to lose touch with the members. Many people join a particular group through a friend's recommendation and become members by accident. There is nothing wrong with that, but it carries the risk that we become a loose collection of random interest groups that wither as members age. The Committee need to keep in touch with what groups are doing and ensure that we are providing the support and encouragement that members expect.

To that end, Committee members will try to visit as many groups as possible in the organisation over the coming few months – just to see what you are all doing and help us decide how best we can ensure that Bourne U3A continues to flourish.

We are also arranging a meeting for members who have joined us within the last six months. The Committee believes that we are a welcoming organisation that responds to new members' needs but there is no guarantee that new members see it that way. It is possible that a few small changes could improve new members' experiences of the U3A. Collecting information and the views of members is the easy bit. The harder job is analysing and evaluating the information to decide what we should do about it. Hardest of all is introducing the suggested changes because nothing happens in the U3A unless members are willing to make it happen themselves. We should also be wary about introducing too radical a change and throwing the baby out with the bathwater.

However, it should be an interesting exercise and help set the agenda for next year's Committee. If you would like to be involved, either on the Committee, one of its sub-committees, or simply suggesting ideas about the way forward, let me or one of the other Committee members know – you will be very welcome.

Malcolm

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

Cecelia Dudek, Anne Fensom, Elizabeth A Gregory,
Jillian Hard, Valerie F Shuell

New Members Meetings

Meetings are held in the Windmill Room in Wake House from 2pm to 3pm. Details of future meetings are published in the Newsletter and on the rolling screen at the monthly Monday meetings.

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	
Date	Speaker and Subject
2020	
17 February	Sam Dobson – <i>Sir Malcolm Sergeant, local hero</i>
16 March	Steve Short - <i>David Nixon, It's magic</i>
20 April	Tony Hadfield - <i>Islay and the poetry of peat</i>
18 May	Annual General Meeting
15 June	Clive Simpson – <i>What do we do with Space – the final frontier?</i>
20 July	Pete and Jackie Murray – <i>Rutland Osprey Project</i>
17 August	Jane Barnes – <i>The Delight of Dairy Farming</i>
21 September	Rob Eastaway - <i>Maths – the beautiful drama</i>
19 October	David Templeton - <i>Mary Queen of Scots, from Sheffield to Fotheringhay</i>
16 November	Liz Fleuty - <i>Living Waters – The Canal and River Trust in the East Midlands</i>
14 December	Change of Date Jenny Westwood – <i>The Bourne Connection: gaining an education in Nyansakia</i>

ROTAS FOR THE COMING MONTHS				
<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. Tel: 01778 570234</i>				
	February	March	April	May
DESK CLERKS	Eleanor and John Boss	Chris Cooke Pat Howes	Susan Hadfield Anne Barrett	Cathy Hebborn Marilyn Batchelor
VISITOR HOSTS	Bill Reid David Macdonald Colin Peters	Deirdre Neagus Jan Douglas Dennis Winsor	Paul and Pearl Rose Vaughan Roberts	Pat Benn May Slater Pam Smith
REFRESHMENTS	Science and Technology	Singing for Pleasure	Friday Striders	Any Time Out

Committee Page

From the Newsletter Editor

Please note that I am unable to deal with any queries relating to Membership issues including changes of e mail address, telephone numbers etc. These should be addressed to the Membership Secretary – John’s details are on the last page.

With internet access, members can, of course, update their basic personal details without contacting John as follows:

- Go the Bourne U3A website <https://u3asites.org.uk/bourne/home>
- Click on “Members Area”
- Click on “Members Portal” under “Links” on the top right side
- This will take you to the Login screen of BEACON
- Complete the five fields with exactly the same information as you used when joining
- Click “Confirm Identity”
- This will take you to the Members Portal Screen
- Click “Update your personal details”
- Your membership record will appear
- Update as necessary
- Click “Update Personal Details”
- Click “Return to Bourne U3A Website”
- Close website

It is as easy as that!

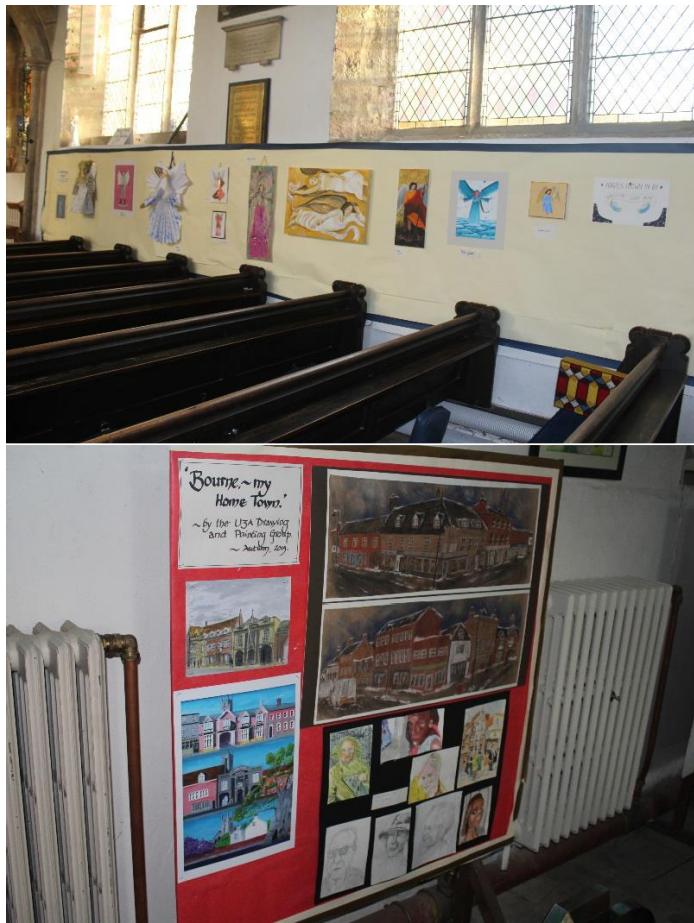
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DRAWING AND PAINTING – PETER GILLATT

We hope everyone has had a nice Christmas and will have a healthy new year.

Our U3A Drawing and Art Group exhibited some of our artwork in the Abbey Church over the festive season. At one side of the church we displayed art done to the theme of Angels. This artwork ranged from paper 3d models, watercolours, acrylic paintings and paper collages.

On the other side of the church we displayed artwork depicting scenes from our town. Again, they were in different mediums illustrating scenes of the town centre and beyond. We hope they were appreciated by those who visited the church.



Editor's Note: This report arrived too late for inclusion in the January issue.

LET'S MAKE MUSIC - MALCOLM SCRIVEN

Five, slightly nervous, musicians met for the first time on Tuesday afternoon, 28th January.

We had a French Horn, Cello, Violin, Piano and Descant Recorder. Vaughan played some jigs on the violin and Graham entertained us with some show tunes. Hilary, ably accompanied by Vaughan on the Piano, treated us to Vaughan Williams' Greensleeves while Jenny played the Adagio from Mozart's Clarinet Concerto on the French Horn.

Most of us managed to contribute something to this on the second run through and we will try to improve on it at our next meeting. We also looked at Acker Bilk's classic, 'Strangers on the Shore' and thought it would be worth trying next time. It was a good start to the group and great fun.

Next Meeting:

Monday 24 February 2020
14.00 – 16.00
5 Sycamore Close, PE10 9RS

Contact Malcolm on 01778 426483 if you would like to come along and join in.

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DRAMA - ANGELA BURKE

When we are not busy rehearsing, we do enjoy a fun, get-together evening, so we decided to hold a "middle of the road, easy swing" music night at the home of our very talented keyboard player, Graham. What a pleasure it was to sing and hum along to all the familiar show tunes which brought back various, happy memories for each of us and also to listen while Graham entertained us with a vast array of music, played in a most professional way.

It was just a perfect evening in the company of good friends - one that we hope will be repeated....



Now it is back to rehearsing for the U3A AGM.

Unfortunately, our numbers are still falling, and we are finding it increasingly difficult to put on entertainment - so I am appealing to anybody who ever took part in school productions or who has a yearning to tread the boards to get in touch with me and join our group. Not only will you make new friends but, according to medical experts, learning a new craft and stretching brain cells staves off dementia!!

Tel: 01778 426617

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - MALCOLM SCRIVEN

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Calculations
John Hennessy

St Firmin's Church Hall, Thurlby, PE10 0EH
Refreshments from 9.30am – Talk Starts at 10.00am
Details from Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483

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BIRDWATCHING AND NATURAL HISTORY – VAUGHAN ROBERTS

Outing to Bourne Woods- January 2020

With bravado the intrepid travellers (U3A nature group) planned their usual monthly outing, ready to face ice and snow and January blizzards as we admired nature's wonders. As the morning of the meeting arrived, we realised that it would be more of a case of coping with mud and puddles underfoot! Above boot level however the conditions were ideal- bright winter sunshine cascading through the trees with a blue sky above and no wind- ideal weather for enjoying the birds and mosses.

We set ourselves a possibly foolish target of seeing a tree-creeper, birds easily missed as they make little sound as they ascend the trunks looking for invertebrates and creepy- crawlies to eat. As we entered the woods we were serenaded by a robin, singing in the sun from only a few feet away. Some of the hazel catkins were fully out, releasing their pollen to the wind. We heard Jays calling from a distance – the unmusical sounds helped us to spot them through the branches. A little later we had splendid views of one as it fed on one of the Friends of Bourne Woods bird tables. There were plenty of tits making delightful contact calls as they kept up with their friends as they looked for food. We saw woodpeckers high in the treetops though surprisingly they were not drumming that day.

Leaving the larger paths, we soon found ourselves in a different world where badgers went about their business and the mosses grew undisturbed. We thoroughly enjoyed the walk together, occasionally sharing tales of mutual interest. We decided over coffee later that it had been a good trip.

And “did we see a tree-creeper?” you may ask..... Well we did! Indeed, we saw two as well as a nuthatch in a nearby tree so we could compare their colours and habits!

CHURCH VISITING – JACKIE SEARL

For the first meeting of the year we were joined by Jill Collinge, and some of her friends who were training to be Stamford Guides. Jill gave a fascinating talk entitled *Bell, Book and Candle* which talked about the origins of Christianity and the development of churches throughout the ages. She highlighted various special or unusual features of churches and cathedrals throughout the country. The group had visited some of the churches featured but we still learnt more, stressing particular points not seen on our visits.

For our February meeting, several members will give 10-15 minute talks on a range subjects including *Bits of John the Baptist; Find Them, Burn Them; The Development of Fresco Painting and The Italian Chapel, Orkney* followed by a “bring some food to share” lunch.

If you wish to join us in the Baxter Room at Wake House on 27 February starting at 10.30am, you would be made very welcome.

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POETRY – PHILIP DUNKERLEY

For our first meeting of the new year we shared poems about ... January! But the 'main course' was the English poet William Cowper (pronounced 'Cooper') who lived from 1731 to 1800. He was an interesting and important poet who bridged the period between the 'Augustan' poets of the Enlightenment (such as Dryden, Pope and Swift) and the more famous Romantic poets of the nineteenth century – including Wordsworth, Coleridge, Keats, Shelley and Byron. Cowper was very widely read for many years and deserves to be better-known today. Below is a short extract from his long work 'The Task' which, I think, shows how relevant his thoughts are to today's world in which power is too-often abused.

'Oh for a world in principle as chaste
as this is gross and selfish! Over which
custom and prejudice shall bear no sway,
that govern all things here, should'ring aside
the meek and modest truth, and forcing her
to seek a refuge from the tongue of strife
in nooks obscure, far from the ways of men:
Where violence shall never lift the sword,
nor cunning justify the proud man's wrong,
leaving the poor no remedy but tears:
Where he that fills an office, shall esteem
th'occasion it presents of doing good
more than the perquisite: Where law shall speak
seldom, and never but as wisdom prompts
and equity; not jealous more to guard
a worthless form, than to decide aright:
Where fashion shall not sanctify abuse,
nor smooth good-breeding (supplemental grace)
with lean performance ape the work of love.'

WINE APPRECIATION 3 – PAM SMITH

We started the New Year with eleven of the group and sampled two wines both new world varieties of the single grape Shiraz (Syrah). This red grape is said to have been brought to France from Persia in the 12th century. It flourished on the northern slopes of the Rhône producing expensive dark reds, a great one being Hermitage - out of our price range!! This grape variety was introduced to Australia where it is cultivated widely.

Our first wine came from South Eastern Australia and was not enjoyed by many of the members. The colour reported was dark red to crimson, it had little or no legs. Members tasted dark fruits and a very dry after taste and tannins. Some found it quite harsh. It was decided that it would need red meats or cheese to accompany it. It was from the Most Wanted range and cheaply priced.

The second wine had more of the Shiraz recognised characteristics. It was a much richer dark red and had good legs. On initial taste there was sharpness but also red berries. It was full bodied and gave hints of spice and oak. We all agreed it would be great with red meat. One of the members did guess that it was a Shiraz. This wine was from the Limari Valley, Chile. It was 14.5 % which was reflected in its price. It was a Tesco finest.

We finished the evening with a selection of cheeses, bread, savouries and lots of chat!

Group Vacancies

GROUPS	VACANCIES	CONTACT	MEETINGS
Antiques & Collectables	NO LIMIT	01778 393017	2nd Monday afternoon every month
Anytime Out	8	Janet Burton	1st Thursday morning every month
Art	10	01778 422019	Every Thursday afternoon
Aviation History	NO LIMIT	simplyjohn@outlook.com	4th Thursday afternoon every month
Birdwatching / Natural History	6	01778 426255	1st Friday of the month
Canasta	NO LIMIT	01778 421 295	2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings
Church Visiting	5	01778 422518	4th Thursday morning
Classical Music	5	01778 421864	3rd Tuesday every month Afternoon
Clay Pigeon Shooting	NO LIMIT	Gerry McLean	The first Friday of every month
Computer Tutoring	NO LIMIT	07852 532276	As required
Creative Writing 2	4	07940 714914	1st Monday afternoon every month
Desk Clerks	NO LIMIT	Bill Reid 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings
Discussion	3	discussion@u3abourne.org.uk	3rd Thursday Morning of each Month
Drama	4	01778 426617	usually a Wednesday afternoon (once a month)
Drawing and Painting	1	07752342671	Every Tuesday morning
Friday Striders	2	bourneu3a.walk@gmail.com	Friday mornings twice a month
Gardening	2	janetblacoe@gmail.com	1st Tuesday afternoon every month
Green Bowls	NO LIMIT	01778 424137	Every Monday 12oclock and TUESDAY 11am INDOORS
Jazz	4	01778 425525	Thursday evening every 4 weeks
Jigsaw Exchange	NO LIMIT	Richard Horne 01778 571992	3rd Friday of the month
Kurling	NO LIMIT	07759 677012	2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month
Ladies Fun and Exercise	NO LIMIT	01778 421020	2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings every month
Let's Make Music	NO LIMIT	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483	4th Tuesday afternoon every month
Lunch Weekday 1	1	01778 701068	1st Thursday afternoon every month
Meeters & Greeters	NO LIMIT	Bill Reid 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings
Music for Pleasure	3	01778 425778	First Wednesday in month.
New Members	NO LIMIT	groups@u3abourne.org.uk	As announced in the Newsletter see Group Leader(s)
Photography	17	01778 426255	1st Wednesday of the month
Play Reading	1	01778 219447	1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings every month
Railway	7	01778 426617	First Wednesday of each month at 14.00Hrs
Reading 4	3	01778 422391	Last Tuesday morning every month
Reading Bourne	1	whitfieldhm@gmail.com	1st Friday morning every month
Reading Morton	1	01778 571213	1st Friday morning every month
Science and Technology	NO LIMIT	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483	1st Tuesday morning every month
Singing for Pleasure	4	Marjorie Wright 01778 422252	2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoons every month
Snooker (2)	3	01778 426904	Tuesday PM
Supper	1	01778 394656	Every 3rd Wednesday Evening of the month
Table Tennis	1	David Moisey 421864	Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Afternoon
Tap Dancing	NO LIMIT	01778 560548	Every Thursday of the Month
Ten pin Bowling	NO LIMIT	airforce1.dr@gmail.com	Every Wednesday Morning
Theatre Visits	5	01778 393544	2nd Monday afternoon every month
Wayfarers Walking Group	NO LIMIT	Bill Reid 01778 570234	2nd and 4th Tuesday Mornings at 10.30 every Month
Wine Appreciation 2	3	geraldblacoe@gmail.com	4th Friday evening every month except December

BOURNE U3A COMMITTEE 2019 – 2020			
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I welcome reports of Group activities with photographs, if applicable.

**The copy date for the March issue is
9am on Saturday, 29 February 2020**

Please e-mail your copy and pictures to newsletter@u3abourne.org.uk
or post to Jackie Searl, 6 Lilac Close, Bourne, PE10 9TS

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

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Bourne U3A Membership Application/Renewal

YOUR DETAILS (Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS ONLY, INCLUDING EMAIL ADDRESS)

Member 1

Title	Forename(s)	I like to be known as:
Surname		
Email		Telephone:
		Mobile:
Address		
Postcode		

Member 2 – only if resident at the above address

Title	Forename(s)	I like to be known as:
Surname		
Email		Mobile

MEMBERSHIP FEES PER YEAR

<input type="checkbox"/> One member £12.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Two members at the same address £24.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member £9.00 annually (Member of another U3A. Evidence required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-year from Sept 1 st until December 1 st £7.00
If you join after December 1st, you will be asked to pay the full fee of £12.00 which will then cover your subscription for the next 13 months.	
This form plus payment should be handed to the Membership Secretary at the monthly meeting or sent to U3A Membership Secretary, 31 Essex Way, Bourne, PE10 9NH.	
Membership fees are payable by (please tick one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank transfer to Sort Code: 40-12-32 Account Number: 91230433 Reference Your Membership: Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque payable to "Bourne U3A" <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
GIFT AID: If you pay income tax and are willing to Gift Aid your subscription, please tick the appropriate box	<input type="checkbox"/> Member 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Member 2
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I/We apply for membership of Bourne U3A and confirm that I/We have read and will abide by the terms and conditions of membership as shown on the member's page of our website. I/We confirm that the form was completed by myself/ourselves. I/We will make full payment of fees due as soon as is reasonably practicable. **By signing this form, you confirm you are not in full-time employment and note that your Membership Records will be kept on a computer database that complies with the GDPR Legitimate Interest requirements. Your data will not be shared with third parties without your specific consent.**

Signature Member 1

Date

Signature Member 2

Date

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