

# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023

Meetings are held in  
The Corn Exchange, Bourne.  
Third Monday of the month  
Next meeting 19 June 2023

# BOURNE u3a Learn, Laugh, Live

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## *The Chair's Chat*

Hello everyone

My name is Pat Howes and I am very happy to be your chairwoman for the coming year.

Many of you already know me, like chewing gum, once I get onto the bottom of your shoe you cannot get rid of me. For those members who do not know me I am looking forward to meeting you in the coming year.

We have an excellent committee and I would like to say thank to those members who have offered to stay on for another year and a big welcome to our new committee members Val Shuell, Kevin Grewcock and Jacqui and Richard Linning.

Our group leaders continue to do a great job and on behalf of everyone I simply say a big thank you.

By the time you read this ATO will have enjoyed a happy day in Skegness. Sun, sea and sand between their toes. Brilliant.

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June the Drawing and Painting Group will be celebrating their achievements with an exhibition at the Abbey Church Hall. The event starts at 11.00 and I know they would be very pleased to see as many of you as possible enjoying their work.

Well that's everything for now but please remember if the committee can help you with any u3a matter or if you have any ideas that you would like to suggest and help with you just have to give me a call.

Best wishes

Pat



### **From the Editor**

Welcome to the June edition of Bourne u3a Newsletter. This is the first of what I hope will be many as your new Newsletter Editor.

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### **GIFT AID**

#### **Gift Aid – what is it?**

Gift Aid is a refund of your income tax to a charity.

How does it work?

If you pay income tax in any year, you can claim this back as a gift to one or more charities, up to the amount of income tax you have paid.

For Bourne u3a, this means if you pay income tax, you can donate it to us.

When you pay £12 membership, we can get 25% more from the taxman as long as you have paid £3 or more in income tax and **ticked the Gift Aid box on your membership form.**

So why should I?

1 - The amount Bourne u3a receives from the taxman in Gift Aid refund, helps to keep your annual membership cost down.

2 – It is great to get money back from the taxman

If you do pay income tax and are not sure if you ticked the Gift Aid box, but want the taxman to refund some of your tax to Bourne u3a, send an email to me and I will tick the box for you. [treasurer@bourneu3a.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@bourneu3a.org.uk)

Mike Alexander  
Treasurer, Bourne u3a.

### **GROUP VACANCIES**

To see a list of Group vacancies go to the website at:  
<https://bourneu3a.org.uk> and click on "Groups" then "Click for list of Group vacancies".

## ***Committee Page***

**Renewing online with your credit card  
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## ***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***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
19 June	Police Work—Missing Persons	Steve Seabrook
17 July	Maths on the back of an Envelope	Rob Eastaway
21 August	Great British Eccentrics	Paul Robbins
18 September	The Plague Dr of Eyam	David Bell
16 October	Farming and Wildlife	Nicolas Watts
20 November	The Battle of Towton	David Skillen
18 December	The Ukulele Orchestra of Spalding	

## ***Desk Clerks, Meet and Greeters***

Desk Clerks	19 June	Anne Barrett	Janet Blacoe	
Meet & Greet	19 June	Pam Smith	Marilyn Batchelor	Susan Hadfield
Desk Clerks	17 July	Maureen Handy		
Meet & Greet	17 July	Pat Benn	Jayne Christmas	
Desk Clerks	21 August	Jeanette Marshall	Yas Fairbairn	
Meet & Greet	121 August	Eleanor Boss	David McDonald	John Boss

We were pleased to welcome more new members and hope all enjoy their membership.

Doreen Robinson, Alistair Tough, Liz Tough

**Jean Parsons – Membership Secretary**

## **Anytime Out – Coach Trips**

We run coach trips to places of interest within about 3 hours of Bourne. Members of the Anytime Out groups are the first to hear about the trips, however we rarely fill the coach. So by the start of the month of the trip, we generally throw the trip open to any member of Bourne U3A, either individually or as a member of one of Bourne U3A's other groups.

In the past we have added members of the Science and Technology, and the Gardening groups to our travellers. So why not look at what we are doing and if a specific trip is of interest to you and your friends, get in touch with Stewart or a member of the Anytime Out committee and we will try to get you on to the trip.

All of our trips leave Bourne Bus Station and go straight to the destination – no running around the villages collecting people. So we just sit back and let the driver do the work. Contact us for availability.

### **Our Visit To Chatsworth in May**

The Any Time Out (ATO) group and friends visited Chatsworth on a bright (and, thankfully, dry) morning in the middle of May. On arrival most people headed for the café and lunch or coffee, as our entrance to the house wasn't until 1.30pm

We then had the option to visit the gardens only, the gardens plus the house or the gardens plus a guided tour of the house. Those who had chosen the guided tour were met at the entrance by their guide and found out many interesting facts about the house & its history. Others were happier to explore the house at their own pace. The 'Mirror Mirror' "exhibition" purported to 'reflect on 500 years of creativity and innovation at Chatsworth'.... I'm not sure that ATO members felt that the juxtaposition of 'modern art' and classical was really to their taste! But it was interesting to see the ducal robes and coronets on display.



## **COMING UP**

### **A trip to the Seaside - June 15<sup>th</sup>**

This is a simple and local opportunity to revisit Skegness but without you needing to drive or park. We will end the day with a special presentation at the Aquarium about their fish and their work. We get to see the feeding time and then see other fish and animals in the attraction. Note that this is not the Sea Life seal sanctuary, that is about 800 yards up the promenade and you will have time to visit that separately if you want. Cost for our trip and Aquarium is £23 per person.

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## Anytime Out—Newby Hall - July 20<sup>th</sup>

One of the best private gardens in the country. Recently on TV with Susan Calman and others. The hall is a fine building and is full of wonderful art – we will get our own private guided tour.

There are special exhibitions of Giles Brandreth's Teddy Bear Collection (including Sooty, Pudsey and many other famous bears) and also a collection of adult Dolls Houses full of their own special crafts and handiwork.

This visit will be of interest to Gardeners, Art lovers, Craft enthusiasts.

At the moment we are collecting a £15 deposit from anyone who wishes to book a seat.

It should take under 3 hours driving but we will stop at a services. There is so much to see at Newby, we have decided to leave earlier than normal.

The final details of the trip will be announced with the cost by July 6<sup>th</sup>, but we already know that this full day will be cost less than £40.



## Friday Striders

Walk on Friday started at the Mill Stone pub in Ryhall and 21 members turned up on a lovely sunny and warm day.



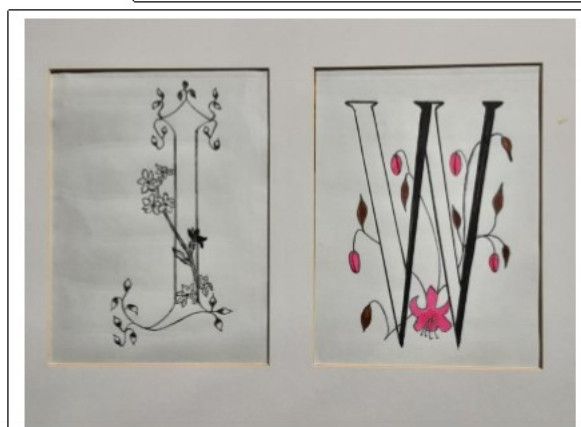
The derivation of the name Ryhall comes from a halh, a piece of land in the bend of a river, where rye is grown. The River Gwash is a tributary of the River Welland rising near Knossington, west of Oakham. Flooding was a regular occurrence in the village before the creation of Rutland Water in 1972. The River Gwash is also fed by springs which has provided a reliable source of water for centuries. Water power on the fast flowing stream was used by the Mill which stood at the junction of Mill Street and Essendine Road until the 1920's. It was

demolished in the early 1950's.

The walk was 5.5 miles long on a variety of surfaces from tarmac roads to grass fields passing the grounds of Toilethorpe open air theatre. The route had its ups and downs including one short section of track with a steep down hill and a climb up the other side.

Group Leader: Janet Cartwright.

## *Bourne Brushstrokes - June Gallery*



### **Calligraphy - The skill of handwriting**

Our Artists this month are  
Lesley, Wendy, Brenda, Rosie and Jill Ward

Who did which beautiful piece of work needs no explanation

## **Science and Tech Group Meeting May 2023**

### **The Subject of the May meeting was:-**

### **Marine Policing, the presenter was Steve Seabrook**

Mays meeting was a presentation by Steve Seabrook, a former Marine Unit Inspector of Maritime Police in Kent. Steve had been given the challenging task of directing the maritime policing for the 2012 London Olympics as there was a perceived terrorist threat via the Rivers Thames and Medway estuary.

He explained how he inherited a police unit that was ill equipped both structurally, mainly due to poor discipline and an amalgamation of the Kent and Essex forces who had previously operated separately with different styles of policing, and technically due to a reluctance to adopt modern navigation equipment.

Steve went on to explain the many problems with navigation and communication in the estuary, in that what appears to be a nice clear piece of blue water on a normal map is anything but when seen on a marine map and when having to navigate the waters in real time due to the many obstacles such as sandbanks, shallows, sunken ships and tides etc. and often a lack of radio contact, not to mention the weather.

The police were using a prototype lifeboat, The Princess Alexandra III, and two planning inflatable boats but both types had issues when it came to commodification, The Princess Alexander III was fibreglass construction and not visible on radar rendering it invisible to large shipping and coastguards and it along with poor maintenance of its and the inflatables radio masts were some of the problems that had to be corrected.



The Princess Alexandra III

Errors in communicating latitude and longitude, that were causing problems in locating craft was another problem to be solved, this being achieved by dividing the map of the Estuary into squares.

This was a riveting presentation on problem solving in this particular setting and was much appreciated by the audience. Steve will be giving the presentation at the June General Meeting on Police Work and it is recommended if you would like a presentation with interest delivered with a good mix of seriousness and subtle humour.

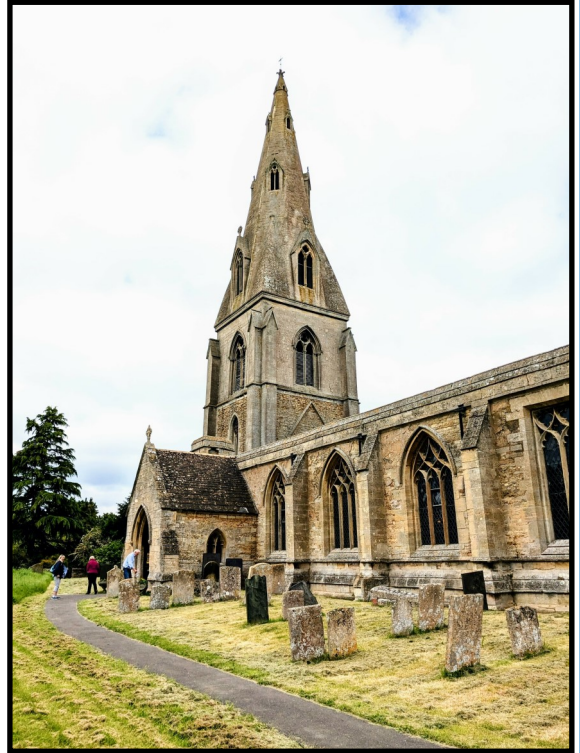
Report by Michael Thorpe.

## CHURCH VISITING GROUP

On 25 May the group visited at Peter and Vincula (St Peter in Chains) in Threkingham. We were introduced to both the village and the church itself by Richard Linning and then had an interesting talk from a member of the Church Recording Society explaining their work throughout Lincolnshire.

They'd brought an example of their finished work on Bourne Abbey Church detailing every item right down to photos of the hallmarks on silver items

In the church the font dates back to about 1200. Near the entry there is an effigy of a 7'7" knight in tunic + chainmail accompanied by a lady in flowing dress, veil and wimple.



We were treated to refreshments including delicious homemade cakes.

Outside we viewed the broached spire - apparently the finest in England and visited by King Charles back in 1971.



There is an ivy covered stump in the graveyard which is all that remains of the village's Holy Cross.

Report by Sandy Love



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### Quote of the Month

“Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else “.