

BOURNE u3a

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

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Chairman's Chat

Hello All

What a good U3A month I have had, with first the General meeting with very good attendance, not seen since 2019, and a very entertaining speaker. This was followed by the Aviation History Group with an excellent talk on the life of a Naval Officer, from his basic training to becoming a Helicopter Pilot. Following his experiences on HMS Argonaut and HMS Ark Royal, then being in the Falklands War on The Atlantic Conveyor, being sunk and spending 5 hrs in the freezing water before being rescued. He then ended up as Commanding officer at RNAS Culdrose.

At the end of the month, June and I attended Deene Park near Corby with the Garden Group. We were taken round the Gardens by the Head Gardener who was very knowledgeable about the garden itself but also knew all about the Brudenell family who have occupied Deene Park for a very long time.

I also attended a jazz evening at Baston where our Jazz Group were in attendance all enjoying the music. Fantastic Jazz with a six-piece Jazz Band all of whom had been with the big bands of the sixties and seventies.

All this goes to show how valuable our U3A is in allowing us to get out after the worst of Covid is over and enjoy ourselves, which must be good for our general health and wellbeing.

I was also lucky to get invited by relatives to a three-night stay in a very nice lodge at Raywell Hall near Beverly. Even though it was wet and windy we all had a lovely family catchup and plenty of good food.

John

Committee Page

New Members

We are delighted to welcome a bumper influx of new members during February 2022 and hope everyone enjoys their membership.

Barbara Cheek, Pauline Cox, Sheridan Dowd, Janet Flower, Stewart Goldsmith, Ruth Kent, Robert Oxford, Lynne Pepper, Robin and Susan Platts, Beryl Porter, Colin Pratt, Iain Reeves, Hilary Taylor

I look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Jackie Searl – Membership Secretary

BOURNE U3A

Notice is hereby given that the 21st Annual General Meeting of Bourne U3A will take place at 2 pm on Monday 16th May 2022 at the Corn Exchange.

The business to be transacted is set out below.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2021.
3. Trustees' Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022
5. Appointment of Honorary Auditor for 2022/2023
6. Motions
7. Election of Honorary Officers and Executive Committee
8. Date of The Next Annual General Meeting

Completed Nomination Forms and Notices of Motion must be with John Boss, Honorary Secretary, 36 Stephenson Way, Bourne PE10 9DD by 2 May 2022 either by post or by scan and e-mail to secretarybourneu3a@gmail.com

N.B. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary [see above] or elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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 **Please note that April's meeting is on the 4th Monday as the 3rd Monday is Easter Monday.**

SPEAKERS FOR 2022		
DATE	Speaker Names	Title of Talk
21 st March	Clive Simpson	Travels in Time and Space
25 th April	Mark Schofield from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Wildflower Gardening
16 th May	AGM	
20 th June	Gary Powell	St. Paul's Cathedral
18 th July	Graham Short	Art on a pin head
15 th August	Jane Barnes	Tales from Dairy Farmer's Wife
19 th September	Steve Lovell	Wildlife of Lincolnshire
17 th October	Steve Price	Magic
21 st November	Paul Robbins	Great British Eccentrics
19 th December	Bernard Locket	The Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan

Group News

Music for Pleasure (Closure of Group)

I took over as temporary leader of the Music for Pleasure group when Janet McNeil left some years ago. I hoped at that time that our numbers would increase and someone younger would be willing to replace me. Unfortunately, we have been unable to increase our membership and our numbers have gradually decreased so much that the group is no longer viable. I have therefore regretfully decided to resign as group leader and the group will no longer operate. It was one of the first groups to be formed after the foundation of Bourne U3A and has been running for over 20 years, so I am very sorry to see it go. I hope that someone in the future will be able and willing to restart it. If any of our present members would like to do so, please contact Pat Howes.

Margaret Shephard. Group Leader

Poetry Group

Poetry Group for Newsletter - 86th Meeting

In March, the Poetry Group dallied with George Gordon, better known as Lord Byron (1788-1824), and then shared poems chosen by poets whose first name begins with the letter 'G'.

Byron became a huge celebrity during his lifetime and was always controversial. He is considered to be a representative of the Romantic school, a poetic tendency that may be seen as politically left of center. He was a deist, a freethinker, a republican and a radical. He wrote several long, narrative poems (hundreds of verses), that put the humbug and hypocrisy of Establishment figures under the lens of his satire. Perhaps his best-loved poem, today, is the short one that follows:

She Walks in Beauty

She walks in beauty, like the night
of cloudless climes and starry skies;
and all that's best of dark and bright
meet in her aspect and her eyes;
thus mellowed to that tender light
which heaven to gaudy day denies.

One shade the more, one ray the less,
had half impaired the nameless grace
which waves in every raven tress,
or softly lightens o'er her face;
where thoughts serenely sweet express,
how pure, how dear their dwelling-place.

And on that cheek, and o'er that brow,
so soft, so calm, yet eloquent,
the smiles that win, the tints that glow,
but tell of days in goodness spent,
a mind at peace with all below,
a heart whose love is innocent!

Philip Dunkerley Group Leader

Friday Striders

21 Striders met at Stoke Rochford on another lovely sunny February morning. After leaving the car park the walk took us through Stoke Rochford Hall which over time has been a family home, a teacher training centre, a conference centre and currently a hotel.



After pausing beside a memorial plaque to hear about a World War 2 tragedy involving a Lancaster that crashed in the grounds in late April 1945, all seven crew members died, 6 Canadians and 1 RAF. The walk continued through the grounds and passed through the golf course.

We proceeded along a couple of field edge footpaths before emerging out onto the Skillington Road. A brief stoppage was taken at the end of the road for coffee before continuing towards Ponton Heath Farm. After

passing the farm picked up footpath onto the left and at the end joined a farm track which re-emerged once again onto the Skillington Road. Road then headed down into a valley and up the other side before we turned left onto footpath leading us back towards Stoke Rochford Hall. After re-tracing our footsteps, we returned to the end the walk back at the car park car. It was a very enjoyable 6-mile walk. After the walk 14 members went onto the White Lion at Colsterworth for a pleasant lunch.

Janet Cartwright Group Leader

Science and Technology Group

Tim Davies will talk about the fascinating story of U534, a German U Boat suspected of carrying Nazi gold, that was sunk towards the end of World War Two. It was salvaged in 1993 and ended up as a museum exhibit in Birkenhead. When the museum was renewed in 2009, Tim's company was involved in cutting the vessel into five pieces and relocating it in Birkenhead before joining two of the pieces back together. His talk deals with the background to the story, and the engineering problems they had to overcome.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 April in St Firmin's Church Hall, Thurlby, PE10 0EH. Refreshments will be served from 09.30 and all Bourne U3A members are welcome to attend.

Malcolm Scriven Group Leader

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

**The copy date for the next issue is
9am on Wednesday, 20 April 2022**

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.



*To advance the education of the public and in particular the education of middle-aged and older people who are not in full-time gainful employment in Bourne and district.
The provision of facilities for leisure time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the above persons in the interests of their social welfare.*

**NOMINATION FORM FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
for the year 2022/23**

Members wishing to stand should ensure they are eligible to do so under the Charity Commissioners rules.

Nominated persons should sign below to agree to stand for election and must be proposed and seconded.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AND SIGN

<i>Position</i>	<i>Print Name and Membership No. of Nominated Member</i>	<i>Signature of Nominee</i>	<i>Printed Name, Signature and Membership No. of Proposer</i>	<i>Printed Name, Signature and Membership No. of Seconder</i>
Chairman				
Vice Chairman				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Committee				
Committee				

Please return your completed nomination papers to John Boss, Secretary, Bourne U3A at 36 Stephenson Way, Bourne PE10 9DD, or scan and send by e-mail to secretarybourneu3a@gmail.com by Monday 2 May 2022.....