

BOURNE u3a

NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Chat

Hello All

What a month it has been what with really bad weather for the Christmas lights switch on. And the new covid Omicron Variant. As more information becomes available it seems that it is only a mild illness for those who are vaccinated. More will be known in the coming weeks.

After my holidays being cancelled over covid I finally got away to Whitby for a week's holiday. With winds so strong some people were having to hold onto railings to stop being blown away

Stopping in the Royal Hotel in Whitby was quite an experience. Built in 1877 by one of the railway kings it has 114 bedrooms. Most of the public areas still show it off as a beautiful Victorian building, but unfortunately because of its sheer size a lot of work needs doing.



Don't forget our General meeting on the 20th December at the Corn Exchange

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year

John

Committee Page

Membership Renewals 2022/23

Hello everyone

It is approaching the time when your membership will be due for renewal with the new year starting on 1 February 2022. As Covid restrictions ease, with so many more groups and Monday meetings are restarting, may I make a plea?

Membership of our U3A now exceeds 500 and processing so many renewals (as well as new members) in a short space of time can be quite a task.

As I will be very happy to receive renewal applications at any time from now onwards, you will find a Renewal Form attached to this newsletter. **Please ensure you use this form and no other as there have been various changes, including to the details of the U3A Bank Account.**

The membership fee for the coming year remains £10 per person and £5 per person for Associates and can be paid in one of three ways:

- a. By cheque made out to Bourne U3A.
- b. Renewals can be made by Bank Transfer quoting your membership number as the reference.
- c. Lastly, in cash.

However you decide to pay, it is essential that you complete and send me a renewal form. If you do not submit a form or do not use your membership number as a reference when paying by Bank Transfer, it can be a prolonged process between the Membership Secretary and Treasurer to confirm your renewal (and I will have to complete a form on your behalf without knowing if any of your contact details have changed).

Please place your form and payment in a sealed envelope which can be placed in the container provided at Monday meetings, sent by post or dropped through my letterbox.

May I ask that everybody destroys any earlier membership/renewal forms in your possession and use only the latest version.

Thank you for your help in making renewals a smooth process for everyone involved.

Jackie Searl – Membership Secretary

Help Wanted

Would you like to volunteer your time to help Bourne U3A for one day a year?

If you can answer this sum; $2 + 3 + 4 + 5 - 6 = ?$, and get the correct answer of 9, and have had any experience in accounting, banking, budgets, handing out pocket money or just counting the pennies in your purse, then please contact the Treasurer who would like you to audit the accounts for Bourne U3A in April or May.

Send an email to Mike Alexander at treasurer@bourneu3a.org.uk and he will contact you.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting is held on the 3rd Monday of each month at Bourne Corn Exchange, the hall is open from 1345 and the talk generally commences at 1415.

See below for December's meeting.



FOOL'S GOLD
ACOUSTIC MUSIC - ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS

Carol and Steve have been performing their unique shows for some while - long enough to rack up over 1000 performances which have been delivered to audiences all over the UK.



Our show is essentially musical. We sing songs and play music - but there's a bit more to it than that. All of our songs have stories; histories, mysteries, tragedies, and romances that lie hidden behind them. We tell those stories - accompanied by some great projected images - and then perform the songs live, again with projected images. Some of our songs are original, and many are very familiar, (you will sing along!) and many shows are themed.



New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members during November:

Allan Beavers, Shirley Darley and Beverley Stone, Maggie Porter has re-joined Bourne u3a.

We hope you enjoy the benefits of membership and look forward to meeting you.

Jackie Searl Membership Secretary

Group News

Wine Appreciation Group 3

Since the return to face-to-face meetings in September, our group has tasted a variety of wines associated with specific meals. Earlier we chose wines to go with fish pie and roast lamb respectively. At our last meeting in November we look ahead towards Christmas and considered wines suitable for roast turkey. To my surprise at least, white as well as red was recommended. Specifically, we tasted a chardonnay from California and a pinot noir from Chile. The latter was rather disappointing given the superb pinot noirs that we have sampled in the past, which only goes to prove that nothing is guaranteed until the first mouthful. Of course, you are no doubt querying the relevance of all this given the likely unavailability of turkeys this Christmas. As an alternative therefore, why not choose a red burgundy or rioja. Recommended to go with wood pigeon, but will go just as well with its feral cousins!

Poetry Group

For the first time since January 2020 we had a full turnout for the November meeting; happily there are no jab refuseniks among us. Our poet of the month (surname beginning with 'D') was Walter De la Mare (1873-1956) and we had a thoughtful selection of eleven of his poems to share - read and enjoy 'Silver' below.

After fortifying ourselves with coffee and calories we turned to our 'D' forename poets, sharing the work of seven different poets, including Danny Abse, Dorothy Wordsworth and Derek Walcott. It was nice to experience the thoughts and styles of some poets with whom we might be less familiar. Next month we hope to welcome a new member to join in the proceedings.

Silver - Walter de la Mare

Slowly, silently, now the moon
walks the night in her silver shoon;
this way, and that, she peers, and sees
silver fruit upon silver trees;
one by one the casements catch
her beams beneath the silvery thatch;
couched in his kennel, like a log,
with paws of silver sleeps the dog;
from their shadowy cote the white breasts peep
of doves in a silver-feathered sleep;
a harvest mouse goes scampering by,
with silver claws, and silver eye;
and moveless fish in the water gleam,
by silver reeds in a silver stream.

Philip Dunkerley - Group Leader

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

**The copy date for the December issue is
9am on Saturday, 8 January 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.

Type of Rec	Mem. Year 2022/3	Mem. No.(s)	Amount Paid	Trans. No.	Surname and Initials
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Bourne u3a Membership Application OR Renewal *(please delete as appropriate)*
A Membership Form MUST be completed each year, INCLUDING FOR PAYMENTS MADE BY BANK TRANSFER.
Please return the form with payment to: u3a Membership Secretary, 6 Lilac Close, Bourne, PE10 9TS.

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

Member 1

Title	Forename(s)	I like to be known as:
Surname	Membership No.	
Email	Telephone:	
	Mobile:	
Address		
		Postcode

Member 2 – only if resident at the above address

Title	Forename(s)	I like to be known as:
Surname	Membership No.	
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MEMBERSHIP FEES PER YEAR

<input type="checkbox"/> One member £10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Two members at the same address £20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Part-year from 1 September until 31 December £6.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member £5.00
U3A Name and Membership No.	

If you join between 1 and 31 January you will be asked to pay the full annual fee of £10.00 which will then cover your subscription until renewal on 1 February the following year.

Please tick the method of payment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque payable to "Bourne u3a"	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	FOR RENEWALS ONLY
		<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Transfer to Sort Code: 82 - 11 - 07
		Account No.: 1 0 2 0 0 9 7 1
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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 GPDR 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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