

# **BOURNE U3A**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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### *Chairman's Chat*

Hi everybody, sitting here writing this I am looking forward to our first meeting back in the Corn Exchange on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2:15 pm start. I am hoping that it will be just one more step back to some sort of normality, we have a good speaker to look forward to and as usual tea, coffee, and biscuits are available at the end.

I really like supporting the retention of anything to preserve the Heritage of Bourne, and Bourne's history. I have been involved in the preservation of the Old Town Hall for some time, hoping eventually for it to become Bourne Arts Centre. To this end there is this month a celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Town Hall's creation. Our very own Drawing and Painting group will be displaying their art at the old town hall from the 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October. Open all day. Please visit them and have a look around if you have a few minutes.

Continuing with trying to retain Bourne's heritage and because of my love of trains I have been following the fate of Bourne's last old railway bridge. I expect you have seen articles in the local paper and the local magazines. I attended the SKDC planning committee meeting in Grantham as a member of the public and witnessed how the planning committee work. We were successful in persuading most of the council members to support the retention of the bridge and to vote 8-1 in refusing to allow it to be demolished without further discussion.

It was nice to meet our Jazz group at the restart of live Jazz monthly at the Black Horse in Baston. Already booked for October.

**John**

### *Committee Page*

#### **A Note from The Editor**

Most of you will have been receiving your Newsletters by e-mail throughout the restrictions caused by the pandemic. However a few, who have no access to e-mail have still been getting their copies.

This has been through the efforts of a few volunteers who have, each month, delivered by hand copies to members and I would like on behalf of the whole committee to say a big thankyou to all of those volunteers.

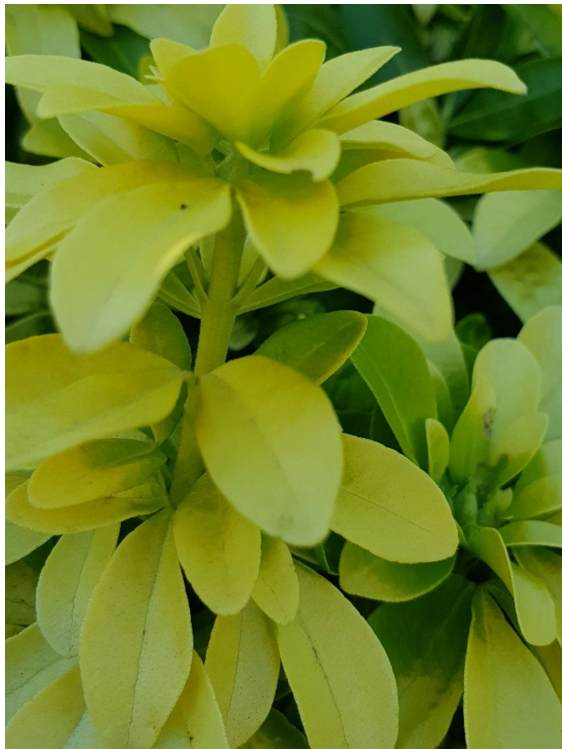
## **New Members**

We were pleased to welcome two new members in September - Graham and Jill Watkin who have joined in the last month. We also pleased to welcome Christine Cull and Ian Dack who have re-joined.

We look forward to meeting you all at our meetings.

Jackie Searl    Membership Secretary

## ***Photography Challenge***



Entries for the final challenge " Golden Leaves " were received from Dianne Hinchliffe and Sandy Love

## ***Group News***

### **Drama Workshop Group**

The Drama Workshop Group has now moved to meet at St Firmin's Church Hall, Thurlby, on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 2pm. This venue will allow us to increase our group size so we do now have vacancies for anyone interested in joining us for fun with words and games where we can be someone completely different.

Last month we engaged in our own version of TV's Would I Lie to You, which was hilarious and will be repeated but not for a few more months.

The plan for October through December is to recreate Dickens' A Christmas Carol with everyone having a chance to show their inner Scrooge or nicer than nice put-upon Bob Cratchit. Whether we perform as brilliantly as Alistair Simm or as manically as the Muppets, it doesn't matter as long as it is in the best possible taste and most of all, fun.

Interested in joining, then please contact Malcolm Ranson on 07885386634, or just come along on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup>

## **The Railway Group**

### **“Spirit Of Sandringham” The B17 Steam Locomotive Trust**

**Event Details: Wednesday 3 November 2021**

**Time – 2.00pm**

**Venue – Wake House, Bourne**

The Trust is building a full-size working example of a London North Eastern Railway B17 Express Passenger Locomotive for use on the National Network and Heritage Railways. It is being built using traditional engineering skills and offers training for people in apprenticeships.

Mr Brian Hall, Chairman of the above Trust has agreed to give a presentation covering the objectives, organisation, manufacturing, construction, fund raising initiatives, videos and finally Q's and A's.

The B17 is one of several “New Build” Steam Locomotives being built in the UK with “Tornado”, built five years ago, probably the most well-known.

Please come along and support this venture and our U3A Railway Group.

Please contact me, PAUL GOSDEN on 07946 397192.

## **Anytime Out Group.**

The Group have just had their first day out since the beginning of lockdown last year and what a wonderful day it was!! 27 people left Bourne at 9.00am Thursday September 23rd to visit the National Memorial Arboretum at Lichfield. The day was grey at 9 but by 10 the sun had come out and stayed with us turning into a wonderful Indian Summers Day. We arrived at 11a.m in time to join the 10-minute service of remembrance and then we went three different ways.

The largest group went on the land train which is an hour's journey around the site with recorded information. Half a dozen people spent the day on their own wandering around and 5 of us went on a buggy with a driver guide who was so knowledgeable and wonderful to listen to because of all the history he was telling us. Not just about the events that the memorials were showing us but actual stories about people who the memorials were about.

The youngest lad "shot at dawn" for deserting his post was only seventeen and a half but he had said he was 18. He was one of 349 men shot. Each one has a pole with his name and the date of execution in a beautiful but extremely sad grove where the sun comes up first on this incredible place of memories.

HMS Neptune was sunk when it hit two land mines and the crew of 750 were all lost except for one man whose Father had taught him to play Water Polo. He held on to a raft which had four severely injured men on it but each of those died over a week. A day later he was rescued and taken back to England. After two weeks he was sent on to another ship which was also sunk but again he survived. Then he was sent to the Korean War.

Talk about a cat with 9 lives!!

The incredible memorials are to people killed and things damaged in various places of war. The largest memorial - walls upon which are the names of those who have been killed in wars since the Second World war and will sadly, be added to in the future. The site is huge and cannot all be seen in one day. Whilst this is a site of remembrance it is also a site of celebration of lives well lived. The amazing memorials and beautiful grounds make visitors feel welcome. We sat there in total amazement when the sun actually showed through the sheets of glass showing the shadow of a warship, It was beautiful.



We gave our thanks to the driver Marcus and hoped that we would see him again next year when Any Time Out starts to travel again  
Group Leader Janet Burton

### **Wine Tasting Group 3**

Nine members attended this meeting held at a member's home.

The wines were chosen to accompany a fish pie.

We tasted three chilled white wines. The first was a Chablis, a lovely balanced wine not too dry, fruity with a smooth texture and good body. We were served sushi with this, which was a real treat. The second wine was a South African Chenin Blanc . A medium dry wine with a crisp, fruity taste. It was served with taramasalata to dip in. A good match to the creamier food. The final wine was an Italian Soave. It was not too dry , medium to light body with a good aftertaste. We drank this with tasty cod bites. It was a lighter wine which could easily be drunk on its own.

The wines were all purchased from Lidl at very reasonable prices. The Chablis had the higher alcohol content and the Soave the lowest. All of them worked well with the food.

The evening was completed with lots of chat, catching up with each other after so long being unable to meet.

A lovely evening.

Pam Smith

The information below is not a U3A Group as such but might be of interest to our members.

## **Bourne Organ Club & Keyboard Concerts**

If you'd like a wonderful evening of musical entertainment without leaving Bourne, then look no further than Bourne Organ Club & Keyboard Concerts, which are back in full swing again!

Concerts usually take place on the third Wednesday of the month, in Bourne Corn Exchange. Doors open at 7 pm for a 7.30 start, and tickets are £7. The programme consists of two hours of varied entertainment, film & theatre music, 60's sounds and music from the shows, jazz and light classics. Refreshments are served during the interval when the raffle is also drawn.

The next concert will take place on Wednesday, 20th October, when Brett Wales, a previous performer in Bourne, will again entertain. It'd be good to see you there!

Bourne Organ Club has been in existence for over 20 years, and we would all like it to continue. You will be made most welcome, whether you're a newcomer to the area or a long-time resident. Our organists are multi-talented keyboard performers, some of whom travel all over Europe and America, and also play on television. You are sure to enjoy a varied, entertaining and amusing evening.

If you have any queries, please ring John & Linda Wass on 01778 424947 or Christine Cooke on 07989 698032.

## **Bourne Arts and Community Trust**

Bourne Arts and Community Trust are holding their AGM at Wake House on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November commencing at 7.30pm, all welcome.

Wake House currently hosts several U3A groups, and we are back open for business to take any U3A groups that are thinking of starting back in the next month or so. We've even turned the heating on!

Due to having to make cost savings on staff hours, we are no longer able to provide the routine service of setting up and taking down tables and chairs in hired rooms as we used to. Likewise, the setting up of tea and coffee making facilities in the Baxter room will no longer take place.

Teas and Coffee will still be provided in the kitchen area and we would ask that a 50p donation be placed in the "honesty" box in the kitchen.

We believe this is in line with most of the other venues in the town, which have a "leave the place as you found it" policy.

There are of course exceptions to the rule and providing Wake House is informed in advance of specific requirements, we will do our best to accommodate these.

We trust you will understand the measures we have had to take in tightening our belts during difficult times.

Thanks, and kind regards

Martin Siddle Chair of BACT based at Wake House.

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