

BOURNE U3A NEWSLETTER MAY 2021

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Chairman's Chat

This will be my last Chairman's Chat as I am standing down from the Committee after the AGM this month. I have served two years, and it is time for me to devote some time to run the two groups I lead. My long suffering wife, Lesley, also deserves more of my attention. As a self-help organisation, the U3A relies on a stream of volunteers to organise its activities, and those volunteers need to change regularly if we are to continue meeting the needs of all our members.

My time as Chairman has been possibly the most turbulent in Bourne U3A's history, and I must thank the Committee and Group Leaders for their hard work, good humour, and unfailing optimism in seeing us through difficult times. Also, thanks are due to the members who sent emails and messages of thanks and support. Your kind words helped keep our spirits up when the outlook was particularly gloomy.

We must now turn our attention to the AGM on Monday 17th May. I do hope as many of you as possible will sign up for this so that we can achieve a quorum and satisfy our legal obligations to the Charity Commission. You will have to vote to (hopefully) accept the Report and Accounts. There will also be votes to appoint the Honorary Auditor and the new Committee. This worked well last year by using polls on Zoom and we will use the same system this year. Tony Gray has prepared an entertaining quiz for us to provide some light relief after the AGM. The Trustee's Report, Annual Accounts, and a request to register for the meeting will be sent out shortly.

John Owen, our current Membership Secretary, will take over as Chairman, and there will be a few other changes to the Committee. However, seven members of the existing Committee have agreed to continue so there will be continuity and experience to see us through what we all hope will be the transition back to normal life. There will be a lot of work to do strengthening our groups and rebuilding the membership after the difficult times we have gone through, but we have a robust organisation, and I am confident John will have the wholehearted support of all members.

It has been a privilege to be Chairman of Bourne U3A over the last two years, but I am looking forward to getting on with the groups I run and playing my part as an ordinary member of the organisation. There is much to be done, but the outlook is positive, and members are keen to get back to normal as soon as it is safe. Let's get on with it!

Malcolm

Committee Page

General Meeting – Monday 17th May – 2.00pm

We are holding our AGM on Monday 17th May at 2.00pm on Zoom and need a good turn-out to achieve a quorum. I attach the Trustees' Report together with the Final Examined Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about the Report and Accounts at the meeting and will then be asked to approve them. You will also be asked to approve Colin York as the Honorary Auditor for 2021-2022.

I have also attached a list of members standing for election or re-election to the Committee. You will note that two posts are still unfilled. If nobody comes forward for these posts before the 17th, the meeting will be asked to nominate members. As there is only one nomination for each post, we will seek to approve the new Committee as a whole, rather than with individual votes.

At the conclusion of the AGM, we will have a little light relief in the form of Tony Gray's quiz. Our online quiz in February was a great success, so we thought another quiz would be a good idea.

I do hope as many members as possible will attend. Please email me at mpscriven@hotmail.com if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation.

Photography Challenge

The challenge was to take photos on the subject of "**Brings Me Joy**". Sadly only 3 entries were received this month, from Val Shuell, Dianne Hinchliffe & Sandy Love.

The new challenge is " Blue " (entries by 07-06-21)

The next challenge is " Reflections " (entries by 05-07-21)

Entries to :- vasmroberts@gmail.com



Group News

BOWLS GROUP.

We are very happy as we have started our bowling activities in bright warm sunshine this last week. Now we are ready for next week.

It is a bit of a juggle to fit everyone in to get at least one session a week so bear with me. If I have missed you out this week and you want to play give me a call as there might be a chance I can fit you in.

If you are included on any day and you cannot make it let me know ASAP but at the latest Monday and I will fit someone else in. If you do not let me know and we are short of a player we will need to ask you for the rink fees £3.50. The reason being we have to pay BTBC a fixed fee for each rink and the current cost of £3.50 only just covers the cost of the rink with 6 players.

Some feedback from BTBC Greenkeeper. It was noted that one or two bowlers were wearing incorrect footwear and this was skuffing the green. Please wear correct footwear smooth sole and no heels.

The secretary of BTBC committee passed on the committees welcome to everyone. They want all the U3A bowlers to enjoy the facilities and they will be making every effort to help us to do that.

We are still bowling under the COVID restrictions so we must maintain our care and make sure we keep ourselves safe and be aware of the need to help to keep others safe at all times.

David Ashby Group Leader



LITTER PICKING

Like a frustrated genie waiting to be released from its lamp, the litter picking group bided time until given the all clear to meet, according to the covid-19 regulations. At last however we were free to celebrate St George's Day by cleaning up a small fragment of Bourne. Armed with pickers and bags the hardy group of 8 (split into two groups) tackled West Road up to Stamford Hill and the northern end of the Elsea Park Relief road. In an hour and a half we filled 12 large dustbin bags before going our separate ways. It was a sociable occasion combined with doing our bit for the environment. The astronaut Tim Peake found a pair of frilly pink knickers when he did his litter pick which somehow eclipsed our findings of coat/shoe/sock/glove etc. Who knows what we will find next time- perhaps no rubbish anywhere??

Vaughan Roberts Group Leader

Another plea from the heart!

Am I just lucky? My wife and I postponed our 2020 Christmas break due to lockdown until just after Easter this year. So, we have just returned from a week in East Sussex, self-catering in a cottage on a working farm. Although there were nine cottages, we were the only people on site. With cows, sheep and chickens in abundance it was a nice way to relax away from home and get a change of scenery and air.



Ivy Cottage, nr Lewes, East Sussex.

How many of you have had to cancel a holiday? Quite a few I suspect. But have you happy memories of a previous holiday, either in the UK or abroad?

Why not write about it so that I can add it to our website. A couple of A4 pages plus some photos is all I need. No computer, not a problem, write it out in longhand and let me know and I can arrange to collect it.

Or how about some childhood memories of your place of birth. Many of our members are not from this area so tell us about where you went to school and grew up or about your working life. Some of it must be interesting!



South Downs, nr Lewes, East Sussex

Were you involved in an industry that is no longer around or did you have an unusual job? We are all raring to read about it!!

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

**The copy date for the June issue is
9am on Saturday, 5 June 2021**

Please e-mail your copy and pictures to editorbourneu3a@gmail.com

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.

Local Charity Events

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