

BOURNE U3A NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

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Chairman's Chat

Spring is here at last, and most of us will have had the reassurance of at least the first vaccination. We had ours done in a very slick operation at Peterborough Showground, but from what I hear all vaccination centres have been very efficiently run with cheerful and friendly staff and volunteers. By the time you read this, most people over the age of 50 will have been vaccinated, and that is a magnificent achievement.

It is too early to rush back to normal life, but we can start thinking about meeting friends and family again. Postponed holidays are beginning to look possible and eating out may become a reality again. After we have all been vaccinated, and assuming the Government's timetable is not disrupted by some unforeseen event, U3A activities can resume.

Some groups will begin meeting outdoors in April while smaller groups, subject to the Rule of Six, may meet indoors from 17th May. If all goes well, groups will be able to resume activities from 21st June. However, I am conscious that the optimism of last summer was dashed as we went into another lockdown last year, and Government ministers have been at pains to urge caution over the next few months. I know many members will not feel confident about attending meetings for some time to come, while others are eager to return to normal as soon as possible.

I hope we can respect each other's attitude to the risk of attending meetings and understand that we all have different experiences and health concerns. Provisionally, the Committee is planning for a return to General Meetings in October. Some will think that is too early while others will be disappointed it is not sooner. However, October will give us time to catch up with family and friends, get away on holiday if we are lucky, and see what is happening to infection rates as we emerge into the post-pandemic world.

As we start thinking of a return to something like normal, the Committee is turning its attention to the Annual General Meeting in May. This will be held online again, and you can find the Calling Notice and nomination form for Committee members elsewhere in the Newsletter. Three Committee members are standing down and it is time for some of our newer members to take a turn at helping to run Bourne U3A. The Committee only meets once a month and there is no better way of finding out what goes on or meeting new people. There will be lots of help and support for anybody new to Committee work and playing a part in our recovery from the pandemic will be very rewarding.

Malcolm

Committee Page

Annual General Meeting BOURNE U3A

Notice is hereby given that the 20th Annual General Meeting of Bourne U3A will take place at 2 pm on Monday 17th May 2021 via Zoom.

The business to be transacted is set out below.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 th September 2020.
3. Trustees' Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2021
5. Appointment of Honorary Auditor for 2021/2022
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 3 May 2021 either by post or by scan and e-mail to secretarybourneu3a@gmail.com

A Nomination form is included at the end of the Newsletter

General Meeting – Monday 19th April – 2.00pm

April's General Meeting is a talk by Dr Javid Hashemi-Tafreshi entitled 'A Picture of Afghanistan'. This should be a fascinating talk and provide an insight into a mysterious country that we normally only see on the news for all the wrong reasons. Please email Malcolm Scriven (mpscriven@hotmail.com) if you would like to be added to the Zoom invitation list.

Malcolm Scriven

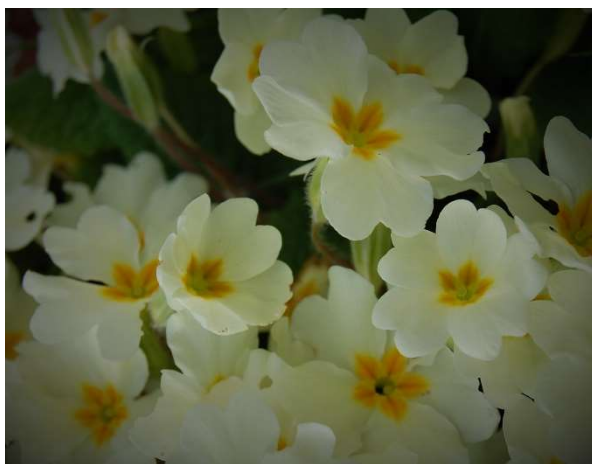
BOOM RADIO

I wondered if members would like to hear about Boom radio, which is a new music station aimed more at the older age group/baby boomers. We have told several friends who are now tuning in regularly. You can google all the information. You need to listen online, via the app, smart speaker etc because it is not available through digital radio in this area at the moment. It does not seem to have been widely publicised so a plug in the newsletter may do some members a favour.

<https://www.boomradiouk.com/>

Christine and Keith Gatland

Photography Challenge



The challenge was to take photos on the subject of “**Signs of Spring**”. Selected as the best were those above from Sandy Love, Sarah Roberts & Dianne Hinchliffe. Other photos were sent in by Val Shuell, Jacqui Lining, Patricia Benn and Jackie Searl.

The new challenge is " Brings Me Joy " (entries by 03-05-21)

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

Entries to :- vasmroberts@gmail.com

Group News

BOWLS GROUP.

The U3A Green Bowls Group are preparing for the start of the outdoor bowls season which normally starts towards the end of April but this year because of COVID there is some doubt about the actual start date. It looks as though the start will be towards the end of April beginning of May but will let everyone know as soon as we have confirmation.

We now have enough members in the group to fill 6 Rinks of 6 bowlers which is the maximum capacity for both indoor and outdoor bowls locations.

Outdoors we will be bowling twice a week Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 10am to 12pm.

Our preferred locations are Bourne Town Bowls Club for Outdoors and the Castle Sports Complex in Spalding for indoors.

Friendly matches with different bowls groups are also something our Group members enjoy so plans are being prepared for these extra events.

Anyone wanting to join the Green Bowls Group can request to be put on the waiting list and will be invited to join the Group when the opportunity arises.

Bowling with our Group is a great opportunity to get some good exercise and some very good social interaction. Even if you have never bowled before we can get you started just as many in our group started without any previous experience.

David Ashby Group Leader

RAILWAY GROUP

For our fourth speaker meeting via zoom Tom Ingall of the Great Central Railway preservation trust gave 29 of us a fascination insight into the workings of the operation. He gave us a potted history of the society since it's formation in 1962, which immediately followed the BR closure of the line by Dr R. Beeching. The reason for the closure was deemed that the line duplicated the East and West Coast Main Lines. As part of the closure process, bridges were removed and embankments were destroyed. This meant that the old GCR had two halves, separated by the bridge which traversed another main line – this meant that there had to be TWO heritage railway organisations. These organisations currently operate their own heritage railways – and very successfully. However, the ideal is for the bridges to be reinstated and one through route is formed again.

The main thrust of Tom's talk was about the work being done to join the two halves together again. The main bridge has been made and put in place but much work needs to be done to replace essential elements of the bridge and surrounding embankments and structures. There is no date for completion of the work as it is totally dependent upon the rate of funding coming in. For our part, we donated a sum towards the cause which will probably buy a handful of nuts for erecting the bridge side barriers!! But as Tesco says "E"

As an interesting side-issue to the talk was a question asked by an audience member: "Could the GCR, once completed, be a main link, once again, between Marylebone and Manchester?" If so, why not do this instead of HS2? Answer: "not known".

A very interesting and well presented talk. Without Zoom, we would be lost souls.

Tony Burke Group Leader

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR



Two dogs were sitting watching passer's by when one turned to his companion and asked, " why are the humans wearing muzzles?"

To which his friend replied "because they won't sit and stay"..

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

**The copy date for the May issue is
9am on Saturday, 1 May 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

*These events are neither organised by the U3A nor are they for commercial gain. Any member may
suggest a suitable entry for this page on similar lines but publication will be at the discretion of the Editor.
There will be just one page per month.*



*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 2021/22

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 send completed form to: John Boss, Honorary Secretary 36 Stephenson Way, Bourne PE10 9DD, or scan and send by e-mail to secretarybourneu3a@gmail.com by Monday 3 May 2021.....