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Patterns of Nature by Liz White

Chairman's Chat

Hi Everybody,

We went on holiday to Canada in 2017. While exploring Newfoundland we visited St. Anthony and discovered the story of Wilfred Grenfell. He was a remarkable man; charismatic and energetic, he created what became the Health Service in North West Canada while leading a life that could have been written for a Boys Own adventure. On one occasion, at the turn of the twentieth century, he was dog sledding to operate on a patient in a remote Labrador community when his dog team fell through the pack ice into freezing water. He managed to swim to an ice flow and survived for three days before being rescued, although he had to kill three of his dogs to stay alive. He successfully completed the operation two days after being rescued.

A number of quotes are attributed to him but one of my favourites is "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveller; that the purpose of this world is not 'to have and to hold' but to give and serve". Our twenty-first century politicians, business leaders and media personalities could learn a lot from the example of Wilfred Grenfell.

I like that phrase "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth". I stand in awe of Wilfred Grenfell and his like. There are others who don't get their names on a museum board in a small Newfoundland town; the young women who qualified as nurses in London and, in their early twenties, travelled to the wilds of Labrador to run Grenfell's nursing stations. Alone, in an inhospitable land, they treated native Inuit and European trappers and fishermen alike – sometimes for horrific injuries, and with nothing more than a few bandages, kindness, and faith. I might not know their names, but to me they are giants who demonstrate the best of human spirit.

Few of us have the strength of character or opportunity to embark on heroic missions like Wilfred Grenfell. But when I look around Bourne, I see many, many people 'rendering service to others' and 'paying the rent for their room on the earth'. Think of Wake House, The Butterfield Centre, Don't Lose Hope, and the voluntary work of the Salvation Army, the local churches and many, many others. Even within our own U3A there are hundreds of Group Leaders, tea makers, visit organisers, hall bookers and countless members – all 'rendering service to others'. None of the volunteers that keep these organisations going will have a museum dedicated to them, but I like to think that, if he could see it, Grenfell would look at Bourne and say, "You know, they're not doing a bad job."

Cheers, Malcolm

We welcome the following members who have joined us recently and hope all enjoy participating in the various activities:

Carol Barnett, Louise Grant, Victoria Mitchell, Ruth Moody,
Bernadette Robinson, Sarah Upton

New Members Meetings

Meetings are held in Wake House. Details of future meetings are available from the Group Co-ordinators, published in the Newsletter and on the rolling screen at the monthly Monday meetings.

The following speakers have been booked for forthcoming Monday monthly meetings at the Corn Exchange which has a hearing aid loop system. Doors open 1.45 pm with Meetings starting promptly at 2.15 pm	
Date	Speaker and Subject
18 November	Andy Hawes - <i>The trials, tests and temptations of writing Opera Libretti</i>
16 December	Jane Lang - <i>British Red Cross – connecting human kindness with human crisis</i>
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21 January	Sam Owen - <i>The Future of Food</i>
17 February	Sam Dobson – <i>Sir Malcolm Sergeant, local hero</i>
16 March	Steve Short - <i>David Niven, It's magic</i>
20 April	Tony Hadfield - <i>Islay and the poetry of peat</i>
15 May	Annual General Meeting
15 June	Clive Simpson – <i>What do we do with Space – the final frontier?</i>
20 July	Ken Davies – <i>Rutland Osprey Project</i>
17 August	Jane Barnes – <i>The Delight of Dairy Farming</i>
21 September	Rob Eastaway - <i>Maths – the beautiful drama</i>
19 October	David Templeton - <i>Mary Queen of Scots, from Sheffield to Fotheringhay</i>
16 November	Liz Fleuty - <i>Living Waters – The Canal and River Trust in the East Midlands</i>
14 December	Jenny Westwood – <i>The Bourne Connection: gaining an education in Nyansakia</i>



ROTAS FOR THE COMING MONTHS				
	November	December	January 2020	February
DESK CLERKS	Cathy Hebborn Jeannette Marshall	Marilyn Batchelor Margaret Smith	Jane Christmas Chris Cooke	Eleanor and John Boss
VISITOR HOSTS	Colin Peters Vaughan Roberts Dennis Winsor	May Slater Pat Benn Pam Smith	Jeannette Marshall Pat Howes Eleanor Boss	Michael & Margaret McGregor Deirdre Neagus
REFRESHMENTS	Reading (Bourne)	Executive Committee	Art History 2	Canasta

Committee Page



Prior to the October Monday Meeting, Groups Leaders met for an update about group matters. Malcolm can be seen above outlining business affairs before introducing Penny Neal and Karen Knott, the Group Co-ordinators, Martin Adkins who is looking after Publicity and John Owen, Membership and Vice Chairman, and Bill Reid all of whom had joined the Executive Committee last May. Chris and Tony also mentioned computing, financial affairs respectively. This was followed by a buffet lunch and the opportunity for everyone to chat.

Group News

CREATIVE WRITING 2 – JOHN BOSS

Our group has undergone a major step change recently. Our founder leader, Ros, has been offered a book deal and understandably has decided that this means that she must shed some of her commitments.

I now find myself the new leader of our group. Not, I'm afraid, by universal acclaim on the part of group members. It is simply a case of being the slowest to take a step backwards when volunteers were sought.

We have now settled into a new pattern of activity at our monthly meetings. We submit in advance a piece of work on an agreed subject. Our monthly meeting is taken up with a critique of our individual efforts. So far none of us has burst into tears or flounced out as a result of any feedback.

We have room for at least one, possibly two, more members. If you are interested, please contact me by telephoning 01778 424153 or E Mail john@eleanorjohn.plus.com.

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POETRY GROUP - PHILIP DUNKERLEY

In October the Poetry Group enjoyed seasonal poems relating to Autumn and Halloween - strangely Keats' 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' did not feature, but we had many other fine poems. Below is one of them, an interesting 'traditional' rhyme said to date back from mediaeval times. 'Soul cakes' were usually laden with spices, currants, etc., and before baking were topped with the mark of a cross to signify that these were alms. They were begged by children on or around Halloween and thus appear to have been a precursor of 'trick or treat'. For more info look up 'Soul cake' on Wikipedia. The rhyme, probably sung, went like this:

God bless the master of this house and the mistress also,
And all the little children that around your table grow,
Likewise your men and maidens, your cattle and your store,
And all that dwells within your gates, we wish you ten times more.

A soul, a soul, a soul cake,
Please good missus, a soul cake,
An apple, a pear, a plum or a cherry,
Any good thing to make us all merry.
One for Peter, two for Paul,
Three for Him that made us all.

The lanes are very dirty and my shoes are very thin,
I've got a little pocket I can put a penny in.
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you.'

WINE GROUP 3 – COLIN PETERS

Our monthly meeting was held on the Friday 11th October and two wines were sampled. The group has decided that at each meeting we sample two wines from one grape variety selected by the host. The grape variety selected on this occasion was Nebbiolo. Nebbiolo the greatest grape of Piedmont, the base of Barolo, Barbaresco, Gattinara, etc., is named for the autumn fog, nebbia, of north western Italy. The wine varies from smoothly fruity to biting black, ageing superbly.

The first wine sampled was Barolo from the wine co-operative Terre Del Barolo 2015. The opinion on this wine was deep red in colour and that it did not have a distinctive aroma. The legs were weak. Dry Fruity taste. The wine would be better as part of a meal not as a standalone drinking wine.

The second wine sampled was Barolo Vendemmia Terredavino 2015. This wine received more or less the same reaction as the first. This wine was slightly darker in colour and fuller bodied. It also would be better as part of a meal Meats, Casseroles and Cheeses etc.

Both wines would have gained from decanting but due to only one decanter being available at the time it was decided that it would be unfair to decant just one.

No clear favourite wine emerged. Classed as a no score draw. I do not think either of these wines were the best this region can offer but you do not know until you try.

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ANYTIME OUT GROUP – JANET BURTON

It was a bright sunny morning on Thursday October 17th when the Any Time Out group went to visit Oxburgh Hall in King's Lynn. We were very lucky as it had been raining extremely heavily for 4 days before hand. Our coach left promptly on time at 9:30 arriving at the hall just after 11. A "Meeter and Greeter" welcomed us to the hall and checked the membership cards for the National Trust members. When I had paid for those who are not NT members we were allowed to go through the gate, and we stood in absolute amazement looking at this magnificent place.



The Hall was built in 1482 and is totally surrounded by a moat. Unfortunately, at the moment there is scaffolding as they have to totally replace the roof. We were told that not only are they replacing the roof, but they are removing every single Elizabethan chimney stack of which not one is the same as any other and they are beautiful!! The moulds from the original bricks have been found so new bricks are being made and the chimneys will be put back together exactly how they are now - what an achievement. There is a small restaurant, so we were able to have light meals during the day and of course plenty of coffee and tea when required.



We were made very welcome on entrance into the hall where the guides in each room certainly knew what they were talking about. One of the first things we were told was that the house was due to be demolished in 1951. An American relation to the family heard this disastrous news and with two or three other family members they put together £6,000 and bought the house which is now worth millions and millions. The roof repairs alone are going to cost £15 million. Beautiful wallpaper, fabulous ceilings, wonderful woodwork, glorious furniture, lots of paintings and fabulous tapestries.

What more could anyone want - we were in seventh heaven and so thankful that this house is still there for us to look at. It certainly made our day. The family of Bedingfield are Catholic so naturally there is a priest hole and we were shown it. We declined the offer to go down into it as we were not sure we could get out again. There is a Kings room and a Queens room. I made the mistake of asking if Queen Elizabeth 1 had stayed but as a Catholic family she would not have been made welcome. The King and Queen who actually stayed there were the parents of Henry VIII. There is a magnificent piece of tapestry made by Mary Queen of Scots on display. Also, one made by Bess of Hardwick. We visited Hardwick Hall a couple of years ago. Lots of questions were asked and we were given more history about the house and family. The gardens are delightful, and a wonderful day was had by all. The family have their own chapel with a stunning triptych on display but there is also a church close by. As one walks up to the church you realise that half of it is a ruin. There had been a magnificent spire but in April 1948 this was struck by lightning and to the horror of people in the fields working close by the whole thing collapsed and has never been rebuilt. We arrived home at 5:30 having thanked our driver Marcus. I would like to feel that if the ATO group is still going in 3 to 5 years' time that we would go back and see it in the magnificent splendour it must have looked when it was first built.

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CHURCH VISITING – JACKIE SEARL

For the final church visit of 2019, twenty-two members met at Osbournby church where we were welcomed by Derek, our guide, and Jane, his wife, with drinks and biscuits.

Records mention a church on the site in 1086 but the earliest feature to be seen today is the circular Norman font with decoration of interlaced arches.



Restoration took place in the mid-late 19th century but many of the medieval pew ends can be seen and include St George and the Dragon, Adam and Eve, a knight on horseback and an amusing one of a fox in the pulpit addressing a flock of geese.

The dado of the rood screen remains in place with various carved heads appearing around the church. There are several paintings at the rear of the church together the royal coat of arms, and a Ten Commandments Board. A list of vicars dating back to 1219 can be seen.

We were treated to anecdotes about the village which has a population of 350-400. Jane also explained to me later that the carved wooden seat to be seen surrounding the walnut tree at the junction of the A15 and High Street was the result of a project by village ladies who had to learn to wood carve before starting on this seat which reflects features of the church and wildlife and flowers seen around the village.

Later, a few people went on to see Scott Willoughby church – a tiny, remote building a mile from Osbournby down a single-track road. Today, there are just three properties in this hamlet but records show a now lost village. It had box pews, lectern and pulpit but was still used for services and ceremonies from time to time together with a mysterious framed “picture”, possibly showing 10th or 11th century fragments.

KURLING GROUP – ROS TIBBOTT

Open morning

Wednesday, 11 December from 10am – 12 midday at Bourne Corn Exchange.

Come along and give Kurling a go, we are a small friendly group.

Refreshments will be served.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - MALCOLM SCRIVEN

Member's Forum

Tuesday 3rd December at St Firmin's Church Hall, Thurlby, PE10 0EH.

An opportunity for members to give a short talk on a scientific or technical topic that interests them. Refreshments served from 9.30am. Talks start at 10.00am

Contact Malcolm Scriven for details – 01778 426483

Local Charity Events

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

IN AID OF

BLOODWISE

(Formerly Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research)

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2019

CORN EXCHANGE

10am – 1pm

Organised by Dr Michael and Mrs Margaret McGregor

whose 21-year son died of Leukaemia in 1985.

**They have held an annual coffee morning since he was diagnosed in 1983,
raising over £108,000 for the charity.**

Bourne and District Flower Club

Thursday, 28 November at 7.30pm in The Corn Exchange, Bourne

'IN FESTIVE MOOD'

John Chennell, National Demonstrator

Tickets £10

Contact Pat 01778 425852 or Jackie 01778 346582

Bourne Town Bowls Club – Christmas Dinner Dance – 14 December 2019

Corn Exchange, Bourne – 7 for 7.30pm until midnight – Black Tie / Optional.

Four course Meal, Dancing and Belly Dance Show

Tickets £30 from The Ginger Fox Café

Cash or Cheques payable to Bourne Town Bowls Club

Do you have a Canon Printer which uses the following inks?

Our Canon colour printer has recently broken so we have a range of unopened packs of inks:

Code 520	Large Black x 1
Code 521	Small Black x 2
Code 521	Yellow x 2
Code 521	Cyan x 2
Code 521	Pink x 1
Code 521	Mixed pack of 1 Yellow, 1 Cyan and 1 Magenta

If you can use these inks, which are free, please contact us on 01778 422518 or e mail jackie@theajsnetwork.com.

GROUP VACANCIES

GROUPS	VACANCIES	CONTACT	MEETINGS
Antiques & Collectables	NO LIMIT	01778 393017	2nd Monday afternoon every month
Anytime Out	6	Janet Burton	1st Thursday morning every month
Art	2	01778 422019	Every Thursday afternoon
Aviation History	NO LIMIT	simplyjohn@outlook.com	4th Thursday afternoon every month
Birdwatching / Natural History	7	01778 426255	1st Friday of the month
Canasta	NO LIMIT	01778 421 295	2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings
Church Visiting	6	01778 422518	4th Thursday am
Classical Music	5	01778 421864	3rd Tuesday every month Afternoon
Clay Pigeon Shooting	NO LIMIT	Gerry McLean	The first Friday of every month
Computer Tutoring	NO LIMIT	07852 532276	As required
Creative Writing 2	3	07940 714914	1st Monday afternoon every month
Desk Clerks	NO LIMIT	Bill Reid 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings
Discussion Group	3	discussion@u3abourne.org.uk	3rd Thursday Morning of each Month
Drama	3	01778 426617	usually a Wednesday afternoon (once a month)
Drawing and Painting	1	07752342671	Every Tuesday morning
Friday Striders	2	bourneu3a.walk@gmail.com	Friday mornings twice a month
Gardening	2	janetblacoe@gmail.com	1st Tuesday afternoon every month
Green Bowls	NO LIMIT	01778 424137	Every Monday 12oclock and TUESDAY 11am INDOORS
Jazz	4	01778 425525	Thursday evening every 4 weeks
Kurling	NO LIMIT	07759 677012	2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings of each month
Ladies Fun and Exercise	NO LIMIT	01778 421020	2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings every month
Lunch Gp Weekday 1	1	01778 701068	1stThursday afternoon every month
Meeters & Greeters	NO LIMIT	Bill Reid 01778 570234	At the main Monday meetings
Music for Pleasure	1	01778 425778	First Wednesday in month.
New Members	NO LIMIT	groups@u3abourne.org.uk	As announced in the Newsletter see Group Leader(s)
Photography	16	01778 426255	1st Wednesday of the month
Play Reading	1	01778 219447	1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings every month
Poetry 2	NO LIMIT	0	TBA
Railway Group	1	01778 426617	First Wednesday of each month at 14.00Hrs
Reading Gp 4	3	01778 422391	Last Tuesday morning every month
Reading Group Morton	1	01778 571213	1st Friday morning every month
Science and Technology	NO LIMIT	Malcolm Scriven 01778 426483	1st Tuesday morning every month
Snooker Group (2)	3	01778 426904	Tuesday PM
Table Tennis	3	David Moisey 421864	Every Tuesday,Wednesday and Friday Afternoon
Tap Dancing	NO LIMIT	01778 560548	Every Thursday of the Month
Ten pin Bowling	NO LIMIT	airforce1.dr@gmail.com	Every Wednesday Morning
Theatre Visits	5	01778 393544	2nd Monday afternoon every month
Wayfarers Walking Group	NO LIMIT	Bill Reid 01778 570234	2nd and 4th Tuesday Mornings at 10.30 every Month
Wine Appreciation 2	3	geraldblacoe@gmail.com	4th Friday evening every month except December

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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, 30 November 2019**

Please e-mail your copy and pictures to newsletter@u3abourne.org.uk
or post to Jackie Searl, 6 Lilac Close, Bourne, PE10 9TS

I reserve the right to either bring this date forward or retard it if my personal circumstances dictate.