

An interesting boat trip in prospect for u3a members!

All aboard the Boston Belle



Neil Oakman from the RSPB gave members a preview of our boat trip on the Boston Belle at the January monthly meeting. Starting from the lock where the Witham becomes the Haven we were 'taken' down the Haven past the Stump where Peregrine Falcons often nest, under the town bridges and past the new Boston barrier built to prevent a recurrence of the flooding following a tidal storm surge in 2017. The river passes the memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers imprisoned in Boston Guild Hall whilst trying to flee to America. So much history in such a short stretch of the river.

The boat then proceeds out into the Wash to view birds such as Gannets and Oyster catchers on the mudflats. Depending on the time of year one of the two types of dolphins present in the Wash may well join us alongside the boat. Turning into the River Welland the Boston Belle will proceed as far as the Fosdyke Bridge. Along the way it should be possible to see common seals resting on the mud flats at low tide and from 50 to 80 species of bird through out the journey. Thankfully there will be RSPB personnel to spot and identify the birds for us.

In all the trip will take between 4.5 and 5 hours depending on the tide. The date for departure is August 15th with boarding from 12.20pm. For RSPB members it will be £24 and for others it is £29. Contact a committee member if you'd like to go – places are going fast but we'll have a waiting list to make sure we make the best use of the Boston Belle on the day.