



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. I will actually be at the meeting today – first time since May! All my trips went well – the Baltic cruise, the Art History trip to Cornwall and finally the Harlaxton Summer School. Harlaxton was particularly successful this year and I am very grateful to Rita and the Singing for Pleasure Group who came to entertain us on the Tuesday.

The South Lincs Neighbourhood Group are organising a workshop for group leaders at the Bourne Corn Exchange on Wednesday 6th October from 2 – 4 pm. I think this is a wonderful opportunity to meet other group leaders and exchange ideas. Unfortunately I can't go as I am already booked for baby sitting my grandchildren but if you would like to go please get in touch with Chris Rippington on 765651.

The Gardens in their Context Group at Harlaxton visited the Japanese Garden at North Clifton and the garden at Doddington Hall. Horace and I had to recce both gardens and can thoroughly recommend them. The Japanese Garden is open daily except Mondays from 10.30 am – 4 pm and the entrance is £4. It is very easy to find. Up the A1 to the A46 Lincoln road. Turn left on to the A1133 Gainsborough road at the next roundabout and carry on up there to North Clifton. The Japanese garden is signposted.

Doddington Hall is equally easy to find. It is off the A46 Lincoln by pass – on the B1190. They are open Wednesdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from 1 – 5 pm and running from 1st August – 10th September is a Summer Exhibition of Historic and interesting Wedding dresses. It has an excellent café and shop.

As you may know, Age Concern and Help the Aged have combined to form Age UK. They are running an excellent service called First Contact giving free advice and information for people aged 60 and over. It is aimed at enabling people to stay safe and independent in their own homes for as long as possible. Our area contact is Jayne Thomas on 01775 710737 – Mobile 07531 914981. But if you would just like a little more information please see me as I have a few of their leaflets.

I've had a very nice e-mail from Steve Bonde of the British Legion thanking us once more for our Parcels for the Troops. He also sent me some of their letters which I will bring to the meeting. One of the letter writers mentions her German Shepherd dog. The Legion has been sending parcels to the Dog Handlers Unit at Kandahar air base for some time and they include a few squeaky toys and Bonios - for the dogs – not the handlers! A lot of the Artillery people are still out there from North Luffenham and the Legion continue to send them regular parcels. As you know most of the people from RAF Wittering are now home but there is still a contingent out there from the RAF Medical Team at Edith Cavell Hospital. The Legion will be sending them a large selection of parcels shortly.

And finally I heard the oddest thing the other day. Someone said that many of our members don't come to the meeting because they are not interested in the subject that the speaker is talking about. Surely the whole point of the U3A is to learn about new things and not have a closed mind.

All the best,
Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
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Lynn Darwin, Kathleen Fryer, Judy Westwood	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

Aug 2nd Privies, Pigsties and Old Coppers
June Barton

Sep 6th The Swinging Sixties
Gerry Burrows

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Barn Hill, except for Bank Holidays. Coffee at 10 am - the meeting will start at 10.30 am.

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HIGHGROVE VISIT 8TH SEPTEMBER

Please pay at the August meeting if you have not yet paid. Cheques for £30 to be made out to Stamford U3A Art History Group.

Remember you will need photo ID – either driving licence or a passport – and a snack in case – as we did on the June trip, we get held up.

No cameras are allowed at Highgrove. Leave the Bus Station at 7.30 am, Danish Invader at 7.35 am. More information contact

Hendy 765316

FAMILY HISTORY

The Group will not be meeting in August or September but will resume in October.

Jim Guthrie 752755

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

There will be no meeting in August.

Rita Wood

CHURCH VISITING

The next visit will be on the 27th August to two churches – Carlby and Essendine, Contact Rosemary Chappel or Anne Sewer

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

THE CORN EXCHANGE THEATRE

The Stamford Gilbert and Sullivan Players present

IOLANTHE

By WS Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan

September 28th - October 2nd 7.30 pm, mat 2.30 pm

Tickets £11 matinees £10, concessions £10 and £9

Contact the Corn Exchange Theatre 01780 766455



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A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Wed 1st Sep Love Never Dies
Adelphi Theatre

Wed 20th Deathtrap. Ira Levin's comedy thriller with Simon Russell Beale

Sat 30th Oct Orff's Carmina Burana
Royal Philharmonic 400 voices in monumental harmony
Royal Albert Hall

Wed 10th Nov Wicked
with Lee Mead.
Apollo Victoria Theatre

Sat 11th Dec John Rutter's Christmas Celebrations
Royal Albert Hall

Wed 10th Aug Wizard of Oz
2011 London Palladium

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769

BALLROOM DANCING

There will be no Ballroom Dancing in August and the next session will be on 22nd September.

More information contact

Meg Atkins Moss

PRIORY INVESTMENT CLUB

If can see the green shoots of financial recovery why don't you come and join us at the Priory Investment Club. Invest a modest figure every month and cash in on a market recovery.

The Club is informative and interesting, but above anything else - it is great fun! Note, this Club is not a U3A Group. If you are interested contact

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JAZZ APPRECIATION

Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd of August at 7 pm. The theme this time is going to be 'Sport'.

For more information contact

Terry Watkins

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Please note that there will now be a Summer break and the next meeting will be on the 22nd September at 11 am at Barn Hill.

New members welcome. For more information contact

Graham Creedy

PARCELS FOR OUR TROOPS

The Royal British Legion, Stamford, are arranging to send to our troops, on active service in Iraq and Afghanistan, those small items which they cannot get locally and which means so much to them as a reminder of home! They tell us that they really would like to get puzzle books, disposable razors, travel games, sweets, wetwipes and personal toiletries. Anything but liquids and chocolates which do not post well.

The aim is to show them our concern and appreciation for everything they are doing under very difficult circumstances, and in particular, to show them that they are not forgotten. Please bring your donations a meeting, or contact Steve Bond for more information t: 757041

TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on Tuesday 21st September at 10 am at Barn Hill. Speaker to be arranged.

Maggie Newbigging

STROLLERS

Next meeting of this group will be on August 13th at Colsterworth at 11 am. Meet at the White Lion. Please don't park in the car park unless you are eating at the pub. Come early to see the menu.

Alan and Christine Jones

OPEN GARDENS

BELVOIR LODGE BELVOIR

Open Sunday 15th August from 12 noon until 4 pm in aid of the RNLI Entrance £5 – accompanied children free. BBQ and Teas.

HOLYWELL HALL

Open Sunday 29th August from 2 – 5 pm. In aid of St John's Ambulance - £2.50. Plant Stall and Teas.

THURSFORD VISIT 15th NOVEMBER

Please can you pay for this at the August meeting if possible or at the latest the September meeting. There will be a list available showing who has to pay what. Again cheques to be made out to Stamford U3A Art History Group There are two seats left at £40 each for coach and seat.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

FREE OFFER

The Dance Group who meet at Tinwell Village Hall at 10.30 am are offering you a FREE session on August 12th and August 26th for you to try our dance sessions. In addition the session on 26th August will be followed by a picnic (weather permitting) on Tinwell playing field.

DO COME AND JOIN US

Val Harvey

CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS

The South Lincs Neighbourhood U3A Group is holding a workshop for local U3A Group Leaders from 2 – 4 pm on Wednesday 6th October at Bourne Corn Exchange.

This should be interesting as it will give you a chance to meet other leaders and exchange ideas. Please try to attend this. If would like to go, contact

Chris Rippington

ART HISTORY

The next meeting is on the Wednesday 22nd September when the subject will be

The Scottish Colourist JD Fergusson.

Our meetings are held in the small upper room at Barn Hill. They start with coffee around 10.15 am and the talks begin at 10.30 am. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

WALKING GROUP

August 6th Wansford. Park near Papermills Pub. Helen Simmonds

August 21st Langham. Park by the church. Chris Rippington

Sept 3rd Apethorpe. Chris Rippington

All walks start at 10 am and are around 5 miles. New members always welcome. For more information contact

Chris Rippington

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!

Tonight at 6.30 pm at St Nicholas Church Stretton Jill Collinge will be giving a talk on

Curiosities of the Counties.

Tickets are £10 to include canapés and wine.

Ring Judy Tullett 410139

or e-mail Jill Lessey on djlessey@havman.co.uk.

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you don't manage to get your Newsletter from the monthly meeting, you can always get your copy of the Newsletter from the Website. Please note that personal details have been taken out for security. However, if you want to contact a Group Leader, or anyone else, click 'Contact Us' your e-mail will be passed on to the person concerned.

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