



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

I am writing this at Easter. The cold weather has hopefully left us, blossom is on the trees and in a short time our countryside will be transformed. For our U3A this means the coming start of a new year. This is signified by the AGM on Tuesday May 3rd. during which we must present the annual reports for approval, and elect committee members. After the business is completed, I hope you will be awake for an entertainment by our Drama Group. My enquiry as to what might be in their show was just met by meaningful smiles! However, after the December meeting I am sure that it will be well worth attending.

On a somewhat more serious note, you should be aware that two members have taken training courses and are now nominated persons to cover first aid needs at our monthly meetings. They are Maureen Bew and Margaret Harkey. I give grateful thanks to them for accepting this role, but hope that they are never called upon to use their training.

Last month I appealed for volunteers to help with a project involving student projects at local schools. Eight members volunteered. At a subsequent

meeting, ideas and subjects were considered and should be followed up in the summer term. However one volunteer, Phil Day, found himself, within days, in a school helping with a project on World War 2. The first hand experience of those times was well received, demonstrating the benefits of contact between the generations.

This time of year is when other U3As decide that Stamford is a lovely place to visit. This year is no exception. In July we will be pleased to meet a group from Chesterfield U3A. Last year, as I went to the bus station to meet forty visitors from Yorkshire, I found that temporary loos at Sheepmarket were all out of action. This caused me great concern. Luckily, they had taken my earlier advice and made a very late 'comfort stop' not far from Stamford. This year we can of course give a much better reception to our visitors.

Best wishes,

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Dick Colgrove	Chairman
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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

TUESDAYS

May 3rd AGM

June 7th Joe David
The Eccentric English Gentlemen

Meetings are held at the United Reformed Church on the first Tuesday of each month. Coffee is served in the Hall at 10 am, the meeting starts in the Church at 10.30.

For information on how to become a member and for subscription information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Gill Bolton,

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SUBSCRIPTIONS — URGENT NOTE

The annual subscription of £6 for the year 2005 – 2006 should have been paid by the 31st March. If you have not paid, please pay as soon as possible or your membership will lapse.

You can download an application form from the Newsletter website at www.SU3ANews.co.uk if you have the technology, or otherwise you can ask the Membership Secretary for one - call

Gill Bolton 480611.

BURGHLEY HOUSE GARDENS

For a few weeks every year the normally private South Gardens of Burghley House are open to the public to see the spring flowers. This is a really beautiful garden and well worth a visit.

This year they will be open from 25th March to 30th April. Access is through the Sculpture Park. Go through the Sculpture Park door, cross the lawn and the gate to the gardens is on your right. There is no admission charge.

CHURCH VISITING

The first visit of the season will be to the St Andrew church at Irnham in Lincolnshire, north east of Corby Glen.

Lunch will be at the Griffin. Everyone is welcome to join this visit.

Anna Bridger

THEATRE GROUP

We have still a number of seats available for our last theatre outing before the summer break — the Birmingham Repertory Theatre's production of "Don Quixote" starring Mathew Kelly on 30th June 2005.

Please see the Theatre Group booking table at the April meeting for details of times of departure etc. The cost of this trip is £18.50 and includes the driver's tip.

If you need any more information please contact:

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

www.SU3ANews.co.uk/html/theatre.html



TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel group will be on Monday 25th April at 2.30 pm in the United Reformed Church Hall. Future ideas for holidays and outings will be discussed.

The guest speaker will be Richard Adams who will give an illustrated talk on his travels to Peru and India.

Paddy Thompson

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There are a number of other facilities, which makes the site worth visiting even though you might already have collected a printed version of the Newsletter. With more and more people having Internet facilities, and many now with broadband, websites are going to be very important for keeping in touch.

As you can see from the item on the left, application forms can now be downloaded, so that you can join or renew your subscription from home. Visit the site at

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to see what other items are available.

Some groups now have their own pages which can be addressed directly, or navigated to from the home page - watch out for the 'W' sign with details of the page address - there are two in this Newsletter.

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ELEMENTARY BRIDGE

Elementary Group is held every Tuesday at 2 pm in Stamford Bridge Club in the Arts Centre.

This group is looking for some more new members.

Please contact

Ellie Edmans

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting will be on 14th April with a visit to Castle Cement at Ketton. Those who are interested should put their name on the list provided.

The visit is limited to 20 people – one group of 10 in the morning and another group of 10 in the afternoon after lunch.

A Buffet Lunch will be provided for both groups.

Final details will be available at the U3A monthly meeting on 5th April.

Percy Moss

CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS

Peterborough U3A are organising a Study Day for Group Leaders, Group Co-ordinators and Committee members from different local U3As to compare notes on similar learning activity objectives.

The proposed date is now Wednesday 4th May.

Please would all Group Leaders tell Dick if you would like to go. A suitable venue will be arranged by Peterborough U3A.

WALKING GROUP

April 8th	South Luffenham Coach House	4 m	Anna and Harold Bridger
Apr 15th	Ashton near Oundle Chequered Skipper		Janet Smith and Margaret Harkey
May 6th	Easton on the Hill <i>(Meet at the Barnack Road Water Street Entrance to Burghley Park)</i> Lunch at the Exeter Arms Easton 45 minute return	3 m	Anna and Harold Bridger
May 13th	Ropsley	5 m	Roger Teasdale
May 20th	Denton	5.5 m	Roger Teasdale

All walks start at 10.30 am. Queries on individual walks please contact the Leader. General queries contact José on 720336. If you have any doubts about the conditions please contact the Walk Leader. In case of cancellations, or any other problems, Walk Leaders please contact José before 9 am. Please check your e-mails before leaving home! If you do not have e-mail, please 'link' with someone who does, who can relay any messages.

ART HISTORY

The Art History Group meet at the Livingstone Room in the United Reformed Church Hall at 10.30 on the second and fourth Wednesday each month.

The next talk, on Wednesday 13th April, will be an introduction to the Turner Whistler Monet Exhibition at the Tate Britain, which the Group are visiting on Wednesday 27th April.

The coach is now full and there is a waiting list for those wanting to go. We will be leaving the Bus Station at 8 am and the Danish Invader at 8.05 am.

If you have not yet paid for this trip please pay me at the April meeting. If you are not at the meeting, then please phone me to tell me what pick up point you want and pay me on the coach.

The next series of talks will be on Impressionism and the Impressionists and will be as follows:

- May 25th** Impressionism – How It Began
- June 8th** Manet
- June 22nd** The Lady Impressionists
Berthe Morisot and Mary Cassatt.

During July and August there will be no meetings and we will restart on 14th September.

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FAMILY HISTORY

On Thursday 14th April, we are planning a trip in cars to visit the Peterborough IGI, leaving Priory Court at 1.45 pm. Members are reminded please not to park their cars in the Priory Court car park - there is plenty of parking nearby.

If you need a lift, or you can offer one, please contact
Joan Shields

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monthly meetings are held every second Tuesday in the United Reformed Church Hall at 10 o'clock.

April 12th Lost or Deserted Villages in Lincolnshire
David Start from South Lincolnshire Heritage

(Note that this will be the last meeting to be held indoors until the Autumn).

Group Outings

- May 10th** Southwick Hall, near Bulwick
- June 14th** Tour of Ketton Village, led by Geoff Fox
- July 12th** Tour of Stamford Town Hall

Places on these outings are limited. If you would like to go on these outings contact

Trevor Dorkes

LUNCHEON CLUB

While the meetings are being held at the United Reformed Church the Luncheon Club will get together directly after the meeting in the Royal Restaurant which is situated in St Paul's Street, just round the corner from the United Reformed Church.

GLOBE THEATRE TICKETS

The day after we booked tickets for the 1 pm performance of the "Tempest" at the Globe on Sunday 29th May, our son phoned to tell us he had arranged our grandson's christening for that afternoon! Therefore I have two £25 tickets for that performance for sale. The performance is heavily booked so tickets are unlikely to be available elsewhere. If you are interested please contact

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