



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

First of all an apology to all you who had to wait so long to renew your membership at the March meeting. We have now discussed ways of avoiding this next year so we hope things will be smoother in 2009. While on the subject of renewing membership, please remember if you have not renewed by the 31st of May, your name will be removed from the membership list.

After a wintry March, April seems to have brought the spring. I was preparing the Newsletter on the 1st of April and I got an e-mail that I thought was a joke – but it isn't. Would you believe that there is a production of Sleeping Beauty on Ice planned for the 6th – 10th of August at Burghley House. Full orchestra as well to the music of Tchaikovsky. It will be in some kind of Big Top in the grounds.

And talking of Burghley House, the private gardens are open again for a few weeks until the 30th of April. This year there is a charge of £3 to go to the Peterborough Downs Syndrome Association. Last entry is at 3.30 pm. The entrance is through the Orangery Restaurant.

We have had an invitation to go to a celebration of Ten Years of Care at the Priory Court Nursing Home on Saturday 19th April from 7.30 – 10.00 pm. There will be wine and canapés and a free draw. If you would like to go please ring Priory on 766130.

Last year at the AGM some of the art and craft groups put on a display of their work in the hall while we were having coffee. It would be very interesting to do that again this year. If your group has anything they would like to display – photographs, creative writing etc please bring them along. It would be particularly interesting if we could see some photos of the Travel Group's visits to foreign parts or some of the latest offerings from the Photographic Group.

With the AGM coming up next month we need nominations for Committee members. If you are interested in being a Committee member please ring me.

I was delighted with the response to the Mansion House trip. 65 people have signed up and the first 40 will be going on 2nd July. I have arranged a second trip for the 9th of October and the 25 people on the waiting list will automatically be put down for that trip. Check with me if you are in any doubt about which trip you are on.

Enjoy the spring and for those of you with gardens – don't over exert yourselves!

All the best,

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Paddy Thompson	Deputy Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
Sue Webster	Minutes Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	Speaker Finder
Sheila Halliday-Pegg	
Jill Haynes	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

April 7th Leadership
Gp Capt RLA Atherton
OC RAF Wittering

May 5th AGM

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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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL due 1st April

Membership renewal forms will be available when you register at the April meeting. We will have an additional table to avoid congestion.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that if you have not renewed by the 31st of May, your name will be removed from the membership list.

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The next meeting of the group will be held at the Rhyall Village Hall on April 21st at 2 pm.

We shall be welcoming Penny Rowley, Contenance nurse, to our next meeting on 21st April. She will be covering continence problems in males and females and will help to overcome the taboo of discussing such subjects. Like it or not, it is common in the age group of U3A!

We shall also be discussing ideas for improving road safety from our driving, our walking and our grandchildren's points of view. Please come along and join in.

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

SUNDAY CONCERT

On Sunday April 13, at the Market Overton Village Hall, we are presenting a concert by one of the UK's top organ performers, Chris Powell from Coalville. Chris is an international performer, apart from the UK he regularly performs in Australia, New Zealand and America and will be playing a varied programme of music on the latest and fantastic £13,000 Roland Atelier AT900C electronic organ.

It is a two-hour concert with a thirty minute interval for free light refreshments commencing at 3 pm. Admission costs only £5.00. For more information contact

Albert Ratcliffe 01572 755724

TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will take place at 10 am on 29th April at Barn Hill. Final details for the holiday to Ireland will be given at this meeting.

Our speaker for the meeting is Paul Smith from Thomas Cook. He will give an illustrated talk on "Thomas Cook and the Origins of Popular Tourism."

Seats are still available for the proposed Bristol and Bath overnight trip in early September. For more information please see Dick Colgrove or ring him

JAZZ APPRECIATION GROUP

The next meeting of this group will be held at the Watkins' residence in Ryhall at 7 pm on 28th April. The theme will be "Ladies' Names."

For more information contact

Terry Watkins

BALLROOM DANCING

There will be no ballroom dancing until September, details will be published in the August Newsletter. For more information contact

Meg Atkins Moss

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tuesday 8th April – Sandra Bailey will give a talk on the story behind the Eleanor Cross. This is the last indoor meeting of the group before the summer visits. The meeting will be held at Barn Hill at 10 am.

Summer 2008 Visits

May 13th Harlaxton Manor – Leader Christine Bearne

June 10th Woolsthorpe Manor – Leader Alec Burt

July 8th Tour of Kings Cliffe – Leader Ann Linton

Places on these visits are very limited. For more information contact

Christine Bearne on

MANSION HOUSE TRIP - 2nd July

Please note that to avoid the worst of the traffic into London we have decided to leave on this trip as follows

Leave Stamford Bus station **07.30** am

Leave Danish Invader **07.35** am

MANSION HOUSE TRIP No 2

The trip on the 2nd July has proved so successful that I have arranged another trip for Thursday 9th October. I have automatically put all the people on the waiting list down for that trip. Please can you check today if you can make the alternative date. If you are one of the lucky 40 who put their names down first please check the list and pay today or as soon as possible.

Cost for the Mansion House and Guildhall tours is £15 and for the Mansion House, Guildhall and Guildhall Art Gallery tours is £20. Please make out cheques to Stamford U3A Art History Group.

Leaving Bus Station 07.30 am and Danish Invader 07.35

For more information

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

KETTON TENNIS CLUB

We have received a very kind invitation from Ketton Tennis Club to make use of their courts on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am – 12 noon each week during the summer. There will be two members of the Club present to help with coaching and organise games. This is a very good opportunity for anyone who wants to learn tennis or improve their game and have the fun of a social morning. You may invite friends who are not members of the U3A.

There will be a small cost of £2 per session but this will include all tennis balls, coaching and refreshment drinks. For more information and to book contact

Terry Connolly on 01572 812902

COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting of the Country dancing group will be held on Tuesday 15th April at 10.30 am in the Roman Catholic Church Hall.

For more information contact

Mary Rowe

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group will be a visit to the Science Museum and to the Victoria and Albert Museum on April 10th.

The bus will leave the Bus Station at 8 am, and the Danish Invader at 8.05 am.

There are still spaces available, if interested contact

Percy Moss

STROLLERS

The next stroll will take place on April 18th starting at the White Horse in Empingham at 11 am. For more information contact

Nancy Alexander

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Future dates are:

April 2nd, 16th and 30th at 11 am at Barn Hill Methodist Church. New members are always very welcome.

For more information contact

Graham Creedy

CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

The greatest challenge that humanity has ever faced is well under way now - What can we do?

This new group has recently been formed. They meet at 2.30 pm every third Tuesday. For more information, including details about venues, contact

John Polkinghorne

MAHLER IN THE CATHEDRAL

The Resurrection Symphony

Peterborough Cathedral 19th April 2008, 7:30 pm

City of Peterborough Symphony Orchestra, Peterborough Choral Society, St Peters Singers Gildenburgh Choir, Peterborough Male Voice Choir

Tickets will be priced at £12 and will be available from Tourist Information and from Stamford Music Shop.

VISIT YOUR WEBSITE

www.SU3ANews.co.uk

WALKING GROUP

All walks on the first or the third Friday starting at 10 am.

April 4th Empingham White Horse

Chris Rippington

April 18th Hambleton Peninsula

Lynn Darwin

May 2nd The Millstone Ryhall

Peggy Aldridge

May 16th Manton Horse and Jockey

Aileen Marriot This group is looking for additional members, especially men! For more information, or to join contact

Chris Rippington

ART HISTORY GROUP

The meetings of the Art History Group in April will be on the following Wednesdays:

April 9th when the subject will be **Futurism.**

April 23rd – Expressionism

The meetings are held in the United Reform Church Hall upstairs in the Livingstone Room. Talks start at 10.30 am with coffee from around 10.15 am. Everyone welcome. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

This group visits churches on the last Friday of every month, meet at the church at 11 am. Visits as follows:

April 25th TIXOVER (Maise Hand)

May 30th SEMPRINGHAM

(Ann McCloud)

June 27th SEATON (Shirley D Jackson)

July 25th MARHOLM (Peggy Aldridge)

After visits lunch is organised near by. Please contact Elaine Ward if you require transport.

Elaine Ward

Mavis Sharpe

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next group meeting will be on 10th April at 10.30 am and will be held in the upstairs room at Barn Hill. Please note the new venue. Everyone welcome.

For more information contact

Rita Wood
