



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

I hope everyone had a very pleasant Easter break. It's so pleasing to see the signs of spring after such a long hard winter – the trees showing the first green shoots, the daffodils – albeit a little late and the gambolling lambs.

Apologies to all who were so cramped at the March meeting. An unprecedented number of members turned up and we were rather full. For this reason we have decided to temporarily close the membership from today's meeting until further notice to let numbers settle down.

This is the time when we need volunteers for members of the Committee in any capacity. Please come forward!

And speaking of volunteers please don't be shy about trying to set up new groups. Group leaders might be interested to hear that I have received two missives recently from Head Office that are relevant to them. One is a detailed list of questions and answers about the Public Liability Insurance that the U3A carries for all our meetings and group meetings – a very detailed document. The other is a huge list of DVDs available on loan from Head Office covering almost every group that we have. If anyone would like a copy of either publication please get in touch with me or Chris as I will be giving her a copy of them both once the Easter holidays are over and life returns to normal without grandchildren!

It seems to be getting more and more difficult to find people for the jobs that require a bit more work. We've been without a Theatre Group Leader for about three years and it looks likely that the Travel Group may have to close because of the lack of leader to replace Dick.

However I have managed to find an interim solution for the Theatre Group. Margaret Beardshaw who runs Deepings Theatre Group may have a few places available on the her trips: details inside.

As you will read in the inside pages we now have two Highgrove trips planned. Those of you who are going on the 10th of June should all have been contacted by me by now but if I have not contacted you please can you phone me to say that you know you have to have photo ID – either a passport or a Photo driving licence. The list is available for those going on the trip on 8th September so do check if you are on that and tick the appropriate boxes.

One of the interesting things I did in March was to sign on the web site for information about tickets for the Olympic Games. Ticket sales will start in 2111 and those who sign up now will be contacted then. The website is www.London2012.com.

And finally a reminder that the Private Gardens at Burghley House are open until the 1st of May. As things are a little late this year, the daffodils are still at their best – or will be for a few more days at least after this meeting. They open at 11 am but close very early with last entrance at 3.30 pm.

You can wander at will and see the dogs' cemetery and the other lovely borders off the beaten track.

All the best,
Hendy Farquhar-Smith

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
Sue Webster	Minutes Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	Speaker Finder
Horace Farquhar-Smith	
Lynn Darwin, Kathleen Fryer, Judy Westwood	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

Apr 12th Nature Conservation and Sea Defences in Lincolnshire
David Robinson

May 3rd AGM
Drama Group Performance

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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YOUR CHANCE TO HELP RUN STAMFORD U3A

The AGM will be held on Monday 10th May. If you would like to join the Committee in any capacity whatsoever, please get in touch with me or with any Committee member.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

FAMILY HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on 21st April at 2.15 pm at Jim Guthrie's house.

Jim Guthrie 752755

DEEPINGS THEATRE GROUP

Swan lake – English National Ballet matinee at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday June 12th. Tickets £30 to include coach.

Jersey Boys at the Prince Edward Theatre London – Matinee Tuesday 6th July – Tickets £35 each to include coach. If you are interested contact

Margaret Beardshaw

HIGHGROVE VISIT 10TH JUNE

Please pay for this at the April meeting – cheques for £30 to be made out to Stamford U3A Art History Group or contact Hendy on 756316.

Please note that you must bring photo ID – either a Photo Driving Licence or a passport. No other form of photo ID is acceptable. If you have not yet discussed this with me, please can you phone me to say that you know you have to bring photo ID.

HIGHGROVE VISIT 8TH SEPTEMBER

The list of people on this trip is on the notice board and will be available after the meeting. Please let me know if you cannot come. Can you also tick the list to say whether you need to be picked up at the Bus Station at 7.30 am or the Danish Invader at 7.35. Please also tick to say that you know you must bring photo ID.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next meeting of this Group will be on Thursday 8th April from 10.30 am – 12.15 pm. The Singalong will be on Monday 19th April from 10.30 am – 12.15 pm.

Rita Wood



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www.wellandcallconnect.com

A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Wed 12th May Love Never Dies

Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to The Phantom at the Adelphi.

Tue 12th May Michael Angel Exhibition

Courtauld Gallery

Tue 25th May London Assurance

with Simon Russell Beale, Fiona Shaw and Richard Briers.

Boucicault's brilliant comedy at the National Theatre.

Wed 30th June Neil Simon's Sweet Charity

Tamzin Outhwaite (sell out transfer from the Chocolate Factory) **OR**

La Bête

Joanna Lumley, Mark Rylance and David Hyde.

Comedy Theatre

Wed 1st Sep Love Never Dies

Sat 30th Oct Orff's Carmina Burana

Royal Philharmonic 400 voices in monumental harmony
Royal Albert Hall

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769

CHURCH VISITING

The next visit by this group is the Heckington Church on Friday 30th April. Leaders are Elaine Ward 740323 and Mavis Sharpe. Ring Elaine for route details. Visit starts at 11 am.

GARDEN GROUP

The Garden Group are organising a day trip to Norwich and East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens on Wednesday 16th June. Maximum cost will be £21 including admission. Book at the April meeting. More information, contact

Sandy Ellis

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

The April meetings will be on 14th and 28th April.

Dancing takes place in the upper room of Barn Hill Church from 11 – 12 noon. New members welcome.

Graham Creedy

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of this group will be in Barnack Village Hall at 2 pm on Thursday 8th April. Everyone welcome. For more information ring Ian Burrows on 749554

Ian Burrows

TRIP TO YORK

Antiques Two are taking a coach to York to visit Fairfax House on May 17th. Fairfax House is described as the finest Georgian house in England and has a large collection of Georgian furniture, clocks and paintings.

All members of Stamford U3A are welcome to come on this trip. The approximate cost is £19.50 for coach, house entrance and gratuities and £13.50 for coach and gratuities only. For more information contact

Kay Johnson

ART HISTORY

There will be no Art History Group meetings in April. The next meetings will be on 12th and 24th May when the subject will be **The Glasgow Boys**.

Our meetings are now 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

STROLLERS

May 14th Easton-on-the-Hill – Blue Bell
Leader Daphne Sharpe

Please be there by 10.45 am if you want to order lunch.

All walks start at 11.00 am. For more information contact

Anna Bridger

Visit your websites

www.StamfordU3A.co.uk

www.SU3ANews.co.uk

TRIP TO THURSFORD

A trip to the Thursford Christmas Spectacular has been arranged for Monday 15th November. We have been allocated two types of tickets – 30 Standard (which are not the cheapest and are in a very good position) and 10 De Luxe.

The cost, including coach, spectacular and driver's tip will be £40 for Standard seats and £45 for de Luxe. If you are at all interested please sign up today indicating whether you want Standard or de Luxe seats.

Please contact Hendy on 75636 if you want more information or you want to put your name on the list.

The good news is that that the pick up times will be 10 am from the Bus Station and 10.05 am from the Danish Invader. We should be home by 7 pm. The other good news is that although there are several catering outlets it is quite acceptable to take a packed lunch.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please renew your membership as soon as possible



This will take place at Burghley park on Sunday 16th May in aid of Cancer Research UK. You can walk, jog or run 5 kilometres (or 10 if you really want to). The entrance fee is £12.99. You can sign up for www.raceforlife.org or ring 0871 641 1111.

If you're entering more than one participant, you will need to know their postal address, email address and emergency contact details.

WALKING GROUP

April 16th Thorpe Wood Golf Club

Mary Rowe

May 7th Ryhall

Peggy Aldridge

May 21st Brooke Church

Aileen Marriott

Marion Manger

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

Chris Rippington

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The next meeting of this group will be on Monday 19th April at Ryhall Village Hall when the speaker will be the Matron of Stamford Hospital who will talk about activities within the hospital at present and in the future.

Afterwards we will talk about keeping ourselves safe in the garden now that Spring has arrived and more of us are "growing our own." For more information contact

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group is still looking for a new leader to take over after the Dubrovnik holiday. Interested members should contact Dick Colgrove or other members of the Committee.

If no leader comes forward, the Travel Group will close and we will have a "closing down meeting" with a speaker on Tuesday 11th May at 10 am at Barn Hill.

Dick Colgrove

LOCAL HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on Tuesday 13th April and will be the last indoor meeting until October. John Plumb will be talking about **Mediaeval Religious Sites in Stamford**.

The meetings are held at Barn Hill at 10 am for a 10.30 am start. Everyone is welcome.

Christine Bearne
