



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Harlaxton Summer Schools were again very successful and we thank all those involved for this. The organisation of this event is now spread across several local U3As, but many Stamford members were involved on this occasion. The opening day would have given an observer the impression that U3A members were not hard up. Harlaxton's forecourt unloading area was full of gleaming Rolls Royces - a fine sight in front of a fine building. A Rolls Royce owners' rally was taking place.

The visit of 39 members of Chesterfield U3A on 19th July was also very successful. The visitors were very impressed with Stamford and Burghley. On arrival Peter and Shirley Grant served coffee at All Saint's. John Plumb and Alec Burt were guides, and several committee members escorted the two groups. Many Chesterfield members had not been to Stamford before and some plan to return independently now that we have 'whetted their appetites.'

I was asked recently if members could put up 'Items For Sale' notices on the display boards at the monthly meetings. This is quite acceptable for members' own items. Trade notices should not be displayed.

Maggie and I look forward to seeing group leaders and committee members at our coffee morning on Thursday August 4th, starting at 10.30 am.

As a footnote, I recently read a short poem referring to modern life and new technology. The suggestion was that young people are very adept at texting on their mobile phones, but may have forgotten how to write. This set me thinking about the new developments during our lifetime and their benefits. Many U3A members now benefit from the use of PCs and mobile phones and become proficient in their use. These are probably not life changing and we could manage without them. In other countries this can be different. I read that in poorer countries in Africa traditional landline telephones do not exist. However, the communication facility given by mobile phones is transforming their lives through rapidly improving the economies.

Best wishes
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Percy Moss	Treasurer
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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

September 6th	DW Gladman The British Legion
October 4th	Modern Communications Horace Farquhar-Smith

The September and October meetings will be held at the United Reformed Church on the first Tuesday of each month. The November meeting will be held back at Barn Hill on Monday 7th.

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SEPTEMBER Issue Deadline

22 August

MEMBERS' VIEWS

We welcome comments and views from any of our members on any topic. In particular, we are always willing to listen to the views of our members in relation to the running of our groups. Therefore, if you have any suggestions about any aspect of running your U3A group that you think might be useful, please get in touch with a member of the committee either in person, or by e-mail, or in writing. Or if you prefer, you can always contact

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CHURCH VISITING GROUP

The visit on the 26th August will be to Wittering Church and the RAF Chapel. If you would like to join us for this visit we will meet at the church in Wittering Village just before 11 am.

Anna Bridger

TRAVEL GROUP

DAY TRIP TO "THE DEEP"

Visit to Hull and "The Deep" on October 11th, leaving Stamford at approximately 8.30 am and returning at about 7.30 pm. There are still places available on this trip. If you would like to go, please pay Paddy £30 for the trip – it's too late for the deposit only. If you have already paid your deposit, please pay Paddy the balance of £25 as soon as possible. Please make your cheques out to Stamford U3A Travel Group.

ART & CITY BREAK TO NEW YORK

This is planned to take place from 26th March – 1st April 2006. The cost will be from £649 and will include 4 nights room only basis at a 3 star hotel just off Broadway, return flights and return airport transfers in UK and New York. Booking forms will be available at the July meeting. For more information contact

Paddy Thompson on



THEATRE GROUP

Until we are back in our old haunt at Barn Hill, notices of forthcoming theatre visits will be in the Newsletter and on posters which will be put on the main notice board at the monthly meetings. There will be also be a table at the meetings from September onwards from where tickets will be sold.

At the moment the performances we are planning to see in the next few months have not yet been chosen by the Theatre Group Committee, but will be advertised at the September meeting and will be entered in the Group's page at Newsletter On Line.

I will be on holiday in September so if you are interested please leave a message on my answer phone and I will reply as soon as I can. If you know of someone who likes theatre visits but who cannot attend the September meeting, please let them know our future plans once they have been published.

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

NEW GROUPS ANY SUGGESTIONS?

Cycling Group

There has been a suggestion that we should start a cycling group. Anyone interested, anyone willing to lead such a group?

Gardening Group

It has also been suggested that we start up a gardening group - a more 'hands on' group than the current Gardens Group, so that we can exchange ideas and plants and also to have talks from gardening experts.

Anyone interested in joining either, or both, of these groups please sign up at the next meeting or phone

Hendy on 756316

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group will be on September 8th at 2 pm in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church Hall.

The talk will be:

Paper Dart to Microlight Aircraft

an Aeronautical Journey by Percy Moss MBE

For the October meeting a trip to the Science Museum in London is being planned, and full details will be included in next month's Newsletter.

Percy Moss

ADULT EDUCATION CUTS

Those of you who have received your brochures for next year's Adult Education Courses will have seen that these have been cut back. These cuts make the role of the U3A even more important in the sphere of Lifelong Learning.

If you find that a particular course has been cut which you were interested in joining, get in touch with Hendy to see whether we can do something to provide you with a substitute within our own resources.

Please note that there are no longer any computing courses available at Focus Adult Education and Learn Direct at the Library has also closed. The only alternatives of which I am aware are those in Rutland and the excellent facilities still being offered at Deeping Community Centre. Any comments or questions contact

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LUNCH GROUP

The Lunch Group will meet at the newly refurbished Lincolnshire Poacher after the September meeting. There is a two course OAP lunch there for £6 and reasonable other choices. I will be asking for a show of hands at the September meeting.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

WALKING GROUP

August 5th	Braunston The Blue Boar	4 +	Janet Smith Margaret Harkey	
August 12th	Apethorpe The King's Head	5	Peggy Aldridge Jean Farmer	
August 19th	Uffington The Bertie Arms	4 - 5	Hendy Farquhar-Smith	
September 2nd	Fineshade Car Park (off A43 at Duddington) Choose your pub	5	Derrick Warrick	
September 9th	Deeping St James Waterton Arms	2	John and John McNeill (<i>A Riverside Stroll</i>)	
September 16th	tba		Roger Teasdale	
October 7th	tba		Peter Sterry - Blunt Judy Westwood	

All walks start at 10.30 am. Queries on individual walks please contact the Leader. General queries contact José
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.
Please share cars whenever possible, especially for those walks which are a little further afield.

COUNTRY DANCING

There will be no meetings of the Country Dancing Group in August. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September at the United Reformed Church Hall at 10.30 am.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316



ART HISTORY GROUP

There will be no meeting of the Art History Group group during August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th September at 10.30 am in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church Hall.

The subject will be Berthe Morisot.

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NEW GROUP LEADER WANTED

After several years of sterling service as the leader of the Swimming Group, Janet has decided to retire.

Therefore this group is looking for a new leader. However, it does not require much "leading" as such – just someone who swims regularly who would keep the Newsletter up to date with changes to Swimming times and make our members aware of the Active Life facility at the Pool.

If you are interested in taking over from Janet please get in touch with me on 765316.

Hendy.

ART I

Classes will restart at Essendine Village Hall on Tuesday 20th September at 10 am. As the monthly meetings are reverting to Mondays in November, this will allow us to return to our former meeting dates of 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. We will continue at Essendine until Christmas.

RACE FOR LIFE

Three members of the Music Appreciation Group **walked** the "Race for Life" in Burghley Park on Sunday, 17th July and raised £350 for Cancer Research. It was very moving when a girl suffering from cancer got out of her wheelchair and slowly walked the last twenty yards.

We had a picnic afterwards with all our supporters. If anyone wants to join in this good cause next year, they are welcome, but they must register early. For more details phone

Rita Wood

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE CROWN

This has been booked for Monday 12th December and a list will go up at the September meeting.

There is room for more people in the refurbished Crown Dining Room so we do not have to limit the numbers as we have had to do in the past. If you are a new member, do come along and join us.

At this moment we do not have a price but it should not be more than £16 for a three course meal and coffee.