



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

I hope you are all "enjoying" the long hot summer – though the weather may have broken by the time we have the August meeting. We have endured the hottest summer day since records began and survived ! I was unfortunate to have to spend that day in a car on the M6 – but fortunately we discovered the M6 Toll and cut about an hour off our journey. I'm having to write my comments early as July has been a busy month for me – Harlaxton followed by a fantastic few days at the Open Golf at Hoylake, back for a couple of days then off to Cornwall for a wedding so the Newsletter has had to be squeezed in between.

Harlaxton was particularly successful this year. Everyone who attended the courses were full of praise for the quality of the tutors, the friendliness of everyone attending and that particular Harlaxton "atmosphere" generated by those fabulous surroundings. The only down side was our never ending problem of the showers which are designed for American college students and not people of uncertain age – but we're working on that one.

Information about next year's courses will be available at the very latest at the October meeting. As always priority will be given to those who have attended before and the members of Stamford and Deepings U3As. And if everyone who said this year that they intend to come back next year does actually keep their word – then that

priority is going to be important. As Rosemary is going to Australia in the near future, I have offered to take over the chairmanship of the Steering Committee. I would also like to say a great big thank you to all the members of Stamford U3A who came to help on the two opening days. With their help all the students get an excellent first impression of Harlaxton and it helps set the scene for the rest of their stay there.

On a totally different note, the committee of Welland U3A are doing a study into the strengths and weaknesses of the other local U3As and in answering their questions I realised how proud I am of Stamford U3A. 500 members, 60 groups, at least 10 – 15 outings a year, two annual trips to foreign parts. Not bad for a bunch of senior volunteers.

I haven't yet had time to contact all the Group leaders to invite them to coffee – too busy junketing hither and thither and yon – but please ring me to let me know whether you can attend the Group Leaders Coffee morning at my home on Monday 21st August. We don't really want this long hot spell to go on too long or too hot but let's hope we have good weather that Monday.

Regards,

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
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Percy Moss	Treasurer
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Gill Bolton	Membership Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Kate Rogers	Speaker Finder
Howard Jones	General Factotum

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

September 4th Peterborough, Ely and Lincoln Cathedrals
Kevin Harrison

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

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SOCIAL HISTORY

Joan Newey has come forward with a very interesting suggestion for a Social History Group. It would be a bit of an ad hoc group, with members of the group researching a specific aspect of social history and then reporting back to the group. Anyone interested in joining such a group should contact

Joan

NOTICES FOR THE NOTICE BOARD

We are going to change the system – or rather start a system – of how we put notices on the notice board. If you want to put a notice up from the July meeting onward please can you supply TWO notices. All will be made clear at the July meeting.

KEEP FIT

This group has a number of available places - if you are interested contact Clare. The group normally meets every Wednesday at 12.15 pm at Barn Hill.

However, please note that there will be no meetings during August. The next meeting will be on September 20th. For more information contact

Clare

THEATRE GROUP

Because of my ongoing treatment, I will not be able to hold a Theatre Meeting in September.

However, there will still be theatre outings, so anyone interested should look out for the Theatre Group table in the upstairs room at Barnhill, and the notices in the Newsletter.

Shirley

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Group has arranged a visit to the Family Records Centre, which can be combined with shopping in Central London, on Thursday 23rd November 2006. The coach fare is £15.

For more information please contact

Dennis Rotherham

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www.SU3ANews.co.uk

SELF- HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

The Health Group will continue to meet as normal throughout the Summer. On August 8th there will be a walk around Ryhall followed by a picnic when we will be joined by the Vegetarian Group.

Sheila Halliday - Pegg

POETS AND THEIR POETRY GROUP

The group will be having a summer break. The next meeting will be Friday October 13th. The theme will be ghosts, spirits and spooky poems. Remember that All Hallows Eve is October 31st

For more information contact

Robert E Ford

ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS

We are planning to publish a small booklet describing the activities of all our groups.

Therefore, would you please send me a very brief outline of what your group does – about three sentences will be sufficient. Please send it by snail mail, e-mail or simply phone and I'll take down the details. If you don't reply – I'll make it up myself!

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY GROUP

This group meets on Wednesdays at Barn Hill Methodist Church at 11 am.

We will meet again on September 6th and 20th. For more information contact

Barbara Carpenter

A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Christmas Lunch at the Crown Hotel on Monday December 11th at 12.30 pm.

You can get more details and book your place at the September meeting

TRAVEL GROUP NEWS

Anyone holidaying in Europe this year is reminded to update their European Health Card – E111.

SPRING HOLIDAY 2007

Travel Group members have decided that the Spring Holiday 2007 will be to the Austrian Tyrol – Kirchberg from 19th – 26th May. 8 days – 7 nights for £569. This includes half board, several excursions and coach travel from Stamford to Heathrow and back.

If interested please sign the list at the July meeting and collect marketing material at the Travel Group desk or contact Paddy Thompson.

NEXT TRAVEL GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be at 2 pm on Monday 11th September at Barn Hill. Please come along if you are interested. There is usually a charge of £1 per person.

Paddy Thompson

STROLLERS GROUP

The first amble will be on Friday 11th August, starting at the George Bridge on Stamford Meadows at 10.30.

We will walk to The Crown at Tinwell for lunch - in addition to lunch, snacks are also available. We will then return. The round trip is 3 miles.

Anna Bridger

COUNTRY DANCING

There will be no meeting of this group during August. The next meeting will be on September 19th. For further information about the group please contact

Mary Rowe

CHURCH VISITING

On 25th August we will visit the Church at Higham Ferrers, with lunch at the Carriage House Hotel afterwards.

If you need details of how to get to the church, please let me know. Everyone welcome.

Anna Bridger

JAZZ DEVOTEES GROUP

Terry Watkins would like to set up a monthly meeting of the Jazz Devotees Group, on Monday evenings at 7 pm during the Summer months and in the afternoon in the Winter. The meeting would consist of listening to Jazz music ranging from traditional to modern and also discussing its history.

All those interested please contact

Terry

From the Archives

Newsletter Issue 3 - April 1995

'Food for Thought'

'The public have an insatiable curiosity to know everything, except what is worth knowing' Oscar Wilde.

'Middle age is when you can do just as much as ever - but would rather not'. Anon.

'Luncheon Club' *Plus ça change.....*

'The Luncheon Club has a lively membership of 'happy-eaters' who have lunch regularly at the Crown Hotel.'

Example in the Limerick Competition

'There was a third ager from Ware

Who jumped over his zimmer for a dare

When his wife enquired why

He was so lively and spry

He said, "I am having an illicit affair".'

Marie Payne

SERVICE TO MEMBERS

The website now has a new item which provides service to members, the following advisory subjects are offered:

Are you troubled by advertising 'cold' telephone calls?

Do you want to stop unsolicited advertising mail?

Would you like to ensure your safety on the Internet?

We welcome any feed-back on these topics, and would like to have your views in which other subjects would be of interest and of value to our members.

With your help we can make this section of the website into a very useful reference resource for everyone to consult. In the meantime, we have started including links to useful websites whose services have been recommended by our members.

Please send your comments and contributions to

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SCIENCE GROUP

There will not be any meeting of the Science Group during August. The next meeting will be on the 14th September at Barn Hill at 2 pm .

Percy Moss

ART HISTORY GROUP

There will be no meeting of the Art History Group during August. The next meeting will be on September 13th in the Livingstone Room at the United Reform Church Hall at 10.30 am, coffee will be served beforehand.

The subject will be Canaletto

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VISIT TO THE BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

The Antiques Group I have arranged a visit to the Bank of England Museum on Tuesday 7th November.

The cost of this trip will be £15 - cheques payable to **I Bacon**. Please sign up and pay at the next meeting.

Pick up times will be 8.45 at the Danish Invader and 9 o'clock at the Bus Station

For further details contact

Ina Bacon 763430 or Kay Johnson 763998.

LUNCH GROUP

The Lunch Group will be meeting in the Crown Hotel after the August Monday meeting. At the meeting I will be asking for those who would like to lunch.

For further details

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