



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

First of all an apology for the chaos today. Due to circumstances completely beyond our control the upper rooms were booked for another organisation. I hope no one has been unduly put out by the lack of space. Do take your coffee into the church and the notices are in the Well.

I am always telling people what a good U3A Stamford is and how the Group Leaders all get on with running their groups. But I was especially proud of Stamford U3A when the Singing for Pleasure Group came to entertain us after our Buffet Dinner at Harlaxton. They gave a first class performance and many people wrote in their Evaluation Forms the next day how much they had enjoyed their singing. Well done Rita and her group and a special thanks to David Lovell Brown for all his hard work.

While I am on about Harlaxton, just let me say that it was another great success with everyone having a wonderful time. We did have the odd hiccup but on the whole everything went well. Dates for your diary – 11th – 14th July and 15th – 18th July 2010. Any keen golfers among you might realise that I am going to have to miss the Open at St Andrews!

One familiar subject has raised its head again - the railway station and its lack of access for the infirm. As you know various bodies have been dragging

their feet about this for years. Well, one of our members has found out that Audley End – another small station on the same line as we are – is spending millions on having a lift system put in. As you also know, millions are going to be spent on widening the edges of the lines to allow greater freight through. Perhaps it's time that someone started to make waves again to improve access to our station.

Those of you who were at the July meeting would have heard of the death of one of our members, Margaret Walsh. The news came just too late for the July Newsletter. Margaret was a staunch supporter of Stamford U3A and a member of many groups – including Music, Social History and Bridge. She was a tremendous character and her lively personality is going to be greatly missed.

Last month we gave details of how to get a free fire alarm fitted but failed to give you the phone Number. Thanks to Bernie Atter we now know that the number is 01522 782221.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer!

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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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

Aug 3rd	Disaster of the Stage Clive Read
Sep 7th	Peterborough and Stamford Hospital Trust Nigel Hards

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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ABOUT SEPTEMBER'S PRESENTATION

The September presentation will cover current issues for the hospital and will therefore cover the strategy for the Foundation Trust including the new Peterborough City Hospital and plans for the greater use of Stamford Hospital; the patient experience at Peterborough; the ability for you to have your say in how the Trust is run by being a foundation trust member; and a reminder about precautions to assist in the current pandemic flu situation.

The presentation will be led by Nigel Hards, Chairman of the Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals. Nigel was appointed by the Trust's Board of Governors and took up post on 1 July 2008. Nigel runs his own management consultancy business and has more than 30 years' senior executive experience in the leisure and financial services industries including Thomas Cook and Barclays Bank. He has also held a number of senior positions at city organisations and is currently Chairman of Cool Planet Technologies Ltd - a renewable energy company.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

This Group has a new meeting place – 17 Ryhall Road, Stamford and in future the Group will meet on the 4th Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 pm. More information contact

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

WALKING GROUP

August 7th Barholm. Park in village.

Start at Footpath sign by the Church. 5 ¾ miles. Pub not open. Pauline Read

August 21st To be arranged

Sept 4th White Swan Woodnewton

Helen Simmons

Sept 18th Offers wanted.

October 2nd Offers wanted

All walks start at 10 am. New members will be particularly welcomed. For more information contact

Chris Rippington

WRITE AGAIN

Our Creative Writing Group has produced its annual booklet. Copies will be on sale at the meeting or contact Ann Linton

FAMILY HISTORY

There will be no Family History meeting in September. The next meeting will be held in October on a date to be announced.

TRAVEL GROUP

Our 5 day visit to Jersey beginning on 12th October is now confirmed. We can take some more bookings for single and double rooms. Details and application forms will be available at the meeting or from Dick Colgrove on

A1 THEATRE

All matinées - **top price seats**

Sun 30th Aug **Shall we Dance**

A tribute to Richard Rogers
Sadler's Wells

Wed 28th Oct **Twelfth Night**

Richard Wilson as Malvolio
RSC Stratford

Sun 22nd Nov **Classical Spectacular**

Royal Albert Hall

For information, prices and application forms contact
Karyl Rey 753769

CHURCH VISITING

The August visit has been changed from Wansford to Market Overton.

Meet at 11 am. The visit will be followed by lunch in the village. Organised by Elaine Ward and Mavis Sharpe.

Elaine Ward

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

The next sessions will take place on 16th and 30th September. Dancing takes place in the Upper Room at Barn Hill at 11 am. New members are very welcome – including men. For more information contact

Graham Creedy

BALLROOM DANCING

The next meeting of this Group will not be until Wednesday 28th of October at 2.30 pm in the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street.

Everyone welcome. No need to have a partner.

Meg Atkins Moss

WAJIR RAFFLE

Pat and Kevin Gallacher will be selling raffle tickets for the Wajir Orphans. This is our 20th year and we have great prizes.

Prizes include meals at the Crown, the George, Lady Anne's and the Garden House. There are many other prizes donated by local businesses. Good luck!

Pat Gallacher

PEOPLE OVER 65

CAN GET FREE SMOKE ALARMS

To take advantage of this offer make an appointment with your local fire station who will arrange an appointment to fit a smoke alarm that will last ten years.

Those who are hard of hearing can get special equipment which includes fire alarm and a Strobe and Vibrating Alert system which will wake you when you are in bed asleep without your hearing aids. For more information contact

01522 782221

RED HAT SOCIETY

This ladies group was started in America with a view to meeting up every month for fun and frivolity. Maureen Naylor has set up a Stamford Branch – the A1 Hattractions – and is looking for members.

The only qualification you need to join this group is a sense of fun and a red hat!

For more information contact Maureen on 01572 767365 or e-mail at maureen.naylor@googlemail.com.

STROLLERS

August 14th Meet at the Bluebell Inn at Easton on the Hill. Please don't park in the car park unless you are going to patronise the pub. Leader Daphne Sharpe. Come early if you want to peruse the Menu.

September 11th Offers wanted

October 9th Great Casterton – Leaders David and Felicity Baxter

November 13th Offers wanted

December 11th Offers wanted

All strolls start at 11 am PROMPTLY

For more information contact

Anna Bridger

GROUP INFORMATION

The back page of the Newsletter has the latest information about Groups, up to the publication date. If there are any changes in between Newsletters, the information appears on the Group page of the Website, which is reviewed weekly.

If any groups would like to put additional information about their groups in the website, please contact

Hendy 7563165

PARCELS FOR OUR TROOPS

The Royal British Legion, Stamford, are arranging to send to our troops, on active service in Iraq and Afghanistan, those small items which they cannot get locally and which means so much to them as a reminder of home! They tell us that they really would like to get puzzle books, disposable razors, travel games, sweets, wetwipes and personal toiletries. Anything but liquids and chocolates which do not post well.

The aim is to show them our concern and appreciation for everything they are doing under very difficult circumstances, and in particular, that they are not forgotten.

Please bring your donations a meeting, or contact Steve Bond for more information t: 752552

JAZZ APPRECIATION

Our next Jazz session will be on Monday 24th August at 7 pm and the theme will be

'Tunes about celestial bodies'.

Terry Watkins

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (EHIC)

Ensure that your EHI card is still valid before you travel. If it needs renewing this can be done easily by visiting www.nhs.uk/healthcareabroad or by phoning 0845 6062030.

If you do not have a card, these contacts can also be used to acquire one - the cards are free. All you need is your NHS or NI number.

COUNTRY DANCING

There will be a meeting of this group on Tuesday 18th August at 10 am in the Roman Catholic Church Hall, Broad Street. New members welcome.

Mary Rowe

ART HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on

Wednesday 9th September when the subject will be

An Introduction to French Art.

Please note that from effect from the 9th September, these meetings will be held in the small upper room at Barn Hill.

The meetings start with coffee around 10.15 am and the talks begin at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

ART HISTORY TRIP TO TURNER AND THE MASTERS

There will be a trip to the Tate Britain to see Turner and the Masters on Wednesday 21st October. The cost will be around £30. Usual leaving times – 8 am at the Bus Station and 8.05 am at the Danish Invader. Sign up and pay at this meeting.

For more information contact

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SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next meeting of this Group will be on Thursday 13th August from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.

The Singalong will be at the same times on Monday 24th August. Both meetings will be held in the church at Barn Hill. For more information contact

Rita Wood

OPEN DAY AT DAPHNE LEDWARD'S GARDENS

There will be an Open Day at Daphne's Gardens on Sunday 16th August. The gardens are:

Little Thatch, 31 Seasend Road, Surfleet **PE11 4 DQ** and

The Patch, Cheal Road, Surfleet, Cheal, **PE11 4 TF**
