



# Stamford Third Age Group

# NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The old rhyme says that 'Christmas comes but once a year.' However, it does not seem that long ago since I was last preparing this column. It is said that time goes by quickly if you are happy or busy, perhaps both apply in this case.

2003 was a very busy as we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. One might expect that in 2004 there would have been rather less activity, but on the contrary, once again there have been many significant events during the year. These include three trips abroad with the Travel and European groups. There have been visits to and from other U3As and Stamford was well represented at the East Midlands 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at the Dukeries. Harlaxton Summer School was again very successful and eleven courses are being offered for 2005 at two 3 day schools, but now the whole operation is being managed by a steering committee selected from members of local U3As.

Groups are the lifeblood of the U3A and this year we have seen a significant number of new groups formed. It is very important for all U3A to maximise the choice of activities available to their members and we certainly endeavour to

keep this momentum going. I know that more ideas for new groups have been suggested but in some cases leaders have not been forthcoming. Please remember that for many group subjects the leader does need to organise the meetings, but does not need to be the expert.

Despite the change of venue caused by the Barn Hill refurbishment having been advertised widely, I was surprised to hear from some members that they were not aware of the change. Once again please note that from January 2005 through to next summer our meeting will take place at the United Reformed Hall and Church. For reasons beyond our control, the meetings will need to take place on the first TUESDAY of the month and not as before.

Finally, Maggie and I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Best wishes,

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Chairman

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dick Colgrove	Chairman
Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Group coordinator
	Deputy Chairman
Joy Paterson	Minutes Secretary
Kate Rogers	Speaker Finder
Paddy Thompson	Treasurer
Gill Bolton	Membership Sec
Percy Moss	Treasurer's Asst
David Ellis	

## PROGRAMME

**Tuesdays**

**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Global Warming**

Richard Barry

**Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Life on the Old Canals**

Mary Matts

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Pink Elephants over the Rainbow**

Beryl Allen

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

The main monthly meeting is held at Barn Hill Methodist Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, with the exception of Bank Holidays.

Coffee at 10 am, we start promptly at 10.30.

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## JANUARY ISSUE

We welcome comments and contributions for the Newsletter. Please send them to the Editor:  
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**Contributions deadline 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2004**



## Harlaxton Summer Schools 2005

There are still places available at the two Harlaxton Summer Schools

10 - 13 July 2005

14 - 17 July 2005

Entertaining Courses in a sumptuous environment.

### For more information, Pamphlets and Application Forms please contact:

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### NEWSLETTER ON LINE

The Newsletter On Line is now live. You can reach it through [www.StamfordU3A.co.uk](http://www.StamfordU3A.co.uk) or direct at [www.SU3ANews.co.uk](http://www.SU3ANews.co.uk).

Everything in the printed version is included in the web, with a few changes to reduce personal details.

Even if you have the printed copy please have a look at the Online version because it has additional features which would be too expensive or space consuming to include in the printed version.

Please visit our Newsletter On Line and let us know what you think.

### FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Genealogy Group rides again - under the new name of The Family History Group led by Joan Shields.

The next meeting will be held on 9th December at 2 pm at Priory Court. We will continue to use this venue, on the second Thursday of each month, but in future the meetings will be held at 2 pm.

Joan Shields

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards of condolences and sympathy on the death of my dear husband David. They were all of great comfort during this difficult time.

Davina Williams

Merry Christmas  
and  
a  
Very Happy New  
Year



### ART HISTORY

The December meetings of the Art History Group will be:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Fra Angelico

Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> Botticelli

Both meetings will take place at 10.30 am in the Livingstone Room in the United Reform Church Hall.

Everyone Welcome.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

### VISIT TO THE RAPHAEL EXHIBITION

Please note that the date of the Raphael Visit is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please pay Hendy £17.50, or £10 if you are not going to the Raphael, at the December meeting with a cheque made out to 'Stamford U3A'.

If you cannot make the meeting please ring me on 756316 to arrange payment. Please also say whether you want to be picked up at the Bus Station or at the Danish Invader. Please also note that departure is now 8.30 am.

### INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE

On the 10th December our Group will have our first competition of Chicago Bridge with the Oakham U3A Bridge Group.

Our last meeting for 2004 will be Friday 17th December when we will meet from 1.30 - 4.30 pm, to play Chicago. We would like as many of our members as possible to attend so that we can have a Christmas celebration as well.

Please note that from January until April 2005 the Group Leader will be Roger Engledow, and on my return I will take over the leadership.

Jill Haynes

### THEATRE GROUP

The next meeting of this group will be Monday 17th January 2005 at 2 pm at All Saints and St. John's Church Centre.

The entrance to these rooms is across from Somerfield's supermarket and please note the new time.

Parking will be either at Scotgate or Somerfield's. The Drama Group will be doing a presentation for us. Please don't forget to bring along your diaries and cheque books with you as we will be selling tickets for the Spring plays.

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

## Walking Group

<b>Nov 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Woodnewton</b> The White Swan	3 miles	Anna and Harold Bridger	<b>All walks start at 10.30 am</b>  Queries on individual walks to walk leaders
<b>Nov 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Empingham</b> The White Horse	Variable	Des and Janet Kempson	
<b>Nov 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seaton</b> George & Dragon	4 to 5	Chris Rippington	
<b>Dec 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Exton</b> Fox and Hounds	3 to 5	Aileen Marriott and Marian Manger	
<b>Dec 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easton on the Hill</b> The Oak	4 miles	Jean Farmer and Peggy Aldridge	
<b>Dec 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Market Overton</b> Black Bull	5 miles	Eric and Avery Woods	
<b>Jan 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ferry Meadows</b>		John and Joan McNeill	
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. Everyone, 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.				General queries to José Fox

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH – CROWN HOTEL

The Christmas Lunch has been booked at the Crown Hotel for Monday 20th December.

Please pay Hendy at the December meeting with a cheque for £16.95 per person made out to "The Crown Hotel".

At the same time please select your choice of menu. Hendy will contact anyone who has either not paid or not made their choices after the meeting.

Any problems or queries please phone

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316.

### SCIENCE GROUP

Unfortunately there will not be a Science Group meeting in December.

Wishing all group members a very happy Christmas.

Percy Moss

### TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2005 at 2.30 pm in the United Reform Church Hall, Broad Street.

Holiday plans for 2005 will be discussed and the speaker will be Derek Robbins from U3A Travel.

## Hazel Nicholls

We are all saddened by the death of Hazel. She was very brave in her extended fight to recover from brain surgery. Unfortunately, after several operations it was not to be successful.

We were always aware that Hazel was a very special person. After hearing the words of her brother, we realized how remarkable her life had been. Throughout her many difficulties she showed great courage and faith, and love for her family.

In all her many activities she exhibited considerable energy and imagination, combined with a great sense of humour.

Hazel was a founder member of the Stamford U3A and was a tremendous supporter and worker for the organisation. She was on the committee, with the exception of one year off, from the beginning until late October 2002. She was treasurer in the early days, and vice-chairman later on. She also led the very successful Science Group and Theatre Group. At U3A, we are greatly indebted to Hazel for her unstinting effort and support.

Hazel was an inspiration to us and we shall miss her greatly.

Dick Colgrove