



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Once again apologies for missing the meeting. Last time I was cruising the Baltic this time I am in Cornwall. However, it did amuse me on my return from my Baltic cruise to find that some people had assumed that as I was missing two consecutive meetings that I was away for the whole period. There were some anxious calls on my answering machine about who was going to take the party to Highgrove. As it was the only really anxious call was from Tudor Coaches to tell me that their coach had broken down and we had to use a substitute coach and driver.

I did mention some time ago about Wakefield Historical Society who are retracing the steps of the funeral procession of Richard Duke of York who was killed at the Battle of Wakefield in 1460 during the Wars of the Roses. His funeral did not actually take place until July 1476. On Tuesday 27th July at 6 pm there will be a short Vespers for the Dead at St Martin's followed by a talk at 6.30 pm by Dr Julien Litten on the subject of the Heraldic Funeral. Both events are free of charge.

On Wednesday 28th July the Society are having a guided walking tour of Stamford starting at 10 am and costing £4.50. At present I am unable to find out the starting point for this, but if you phone me nearer the time I might have been able to get more information.

Thanks to all of you who braved the freezing cold wind on the 19th of June to support the Tattoo organised by Stamford Rotary Club in aid of Help the Heroes. I thought I was well wrapped up against the elements but I slowly froze – despite standing next to the Grasmere

Farm cooker! It took me about three hours to thaw out! Thanks also to the Rotarians who worked so hard to make this a successful event which will contribute a significant donation to such a well deserving charity.

Just a reminder that Holywell Hall – PE9 4TD for those of you with Sat Navs – is open to the public in aid of St John's Ambulance on Sunday 29th August from 2 – 5 pm admission £2.50. For those of you new to the area, this is an exceptional garden and well worth a visit if you are a gardens fan.

Another date for your diary - the Stamford Gilbert and Sullivan Players are presenting 'Iolanthe' at the Corn Exchange Theatre from September 28th to October 2nd. Performances are at 7.30 nightly with Saturday matinees at 2.30 pm. Concessions are £10 for the evening performances and £9 for matinees.

And also for those new to the U3A – it may come as a bit of surprise to learn that most of our groups do not meet during July and August. When I joined the U3A I thought that since we were all retired that we would not be taking our holidays during this peak time. But I had reckoned without the obligations thrust on us by our families – house sitting, pet sitting and of course baby sitting! I never thought I would become an expert on the attractions of Twin Lakes Theme park outside Melton Mowbray.

All the best,
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	

Registered Charity Number: 1077090

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

July 5th Joys of Collecting

John Smith

Aug 2nd Privies, Pigsties and Old Coppers

June Barton

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.

August Issue deadline 26th June

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HIGHGROVE VISIT 8TH SEPTEMBER

I will be contacting all of those who have not yet paid for this trip some time during the course of July. Please do not try to pay at the July meeting.

Remember you will need photo ID – either driving licence or a passport – and a snack in case – as we did on the June trip, we get held up.

No cameras are allowed at Highgrove. Leave the Bus Station at 7.30 am, Danish Invader at 7.35 am. More information contact

Hendy 765316

FAMILY HISTORY

The Group will not be meeting in July, August or September but will resume in October.

Jim Guthrie 752755

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The July meeting of this group is only for those who are involved in the Harlaxton concert. There will be no meeting in August.

Rita Wood

CHURCH VISITING

The next meeting of this group will be on July 30th at 11 am at Swinstead followed by lunch at the Black Horse at Grimsthorpe at 12.30 pm. For more information please call the organiser

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

MUSIC FOR A ROYAL OCCASION

Peterborough Cathedral Choir and
Peterborough Cathedral Festival Chorus present works
by **Handel, Perry, Walton, Purcell and Elgar**

Saturday 17th July 7.30 pm - Peterborough Cathedral

Adult £12.50, Concessions £10.00, purchase tickets from
Stamford Arts Centre 01780 763203, or the Cathedral
Shop 01733 355315



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A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Wed 1st Sep Love Never Dies

Wed 20th Deathtrap. Ira Levin's comedy thriller with Simon Russell Beale

Sat 30th Oct Orff's Carmina Burana
Royal Philharmonic 400 voices
in monumental harmony
Royal Albert Hall

Sat 11th Dec John Rutter's Christmas Celebrations
Royal Albert Hall

Wed 10th Aug Wizard of Oz
2011 London Palladium

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769

THE CORN EXCHANGE THEATRE

The Stamford Gilbert and Sullivan Players present

IOLANTHE

By WS Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan

September 28th - October 2nd 7.30 pm, mat 2.30 pm

Tickets £11 matinees £10, concessions £10 and £9

Contact the Corn Exchange Theatre 01780 766455

PRIORY INVESTMENT CLUB

If can see the green shoots of financial recovery why don't you come and join us at the Priory Investment Club. Invest a modest figure every month and cash in on a market recovery.

The Club is informative and interesting, but above anything else - it is great fun! Note, this Club is not a U3A Group. If you are interested contact

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BALLROOM DANCING

There will be no Ballroom Dancing in July and August and the next session will be on 22nd September.

More information contact

Meg Atkins Moss

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Please note that next dates will be 7th and 21st July after which there will be a break until 22nd September.

New members welcome. For more information contact

Graham Creedy

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, to show them that they are not forgotten. Please bring your donations to a meeting, or for more information, contact

Steve Bond 757041

TRAVEL GROUP

We are pleased to welcome our new Travel Group leader – Margaret Newbigging. Margaret will lead our next meeting on 13th July at Barn Hill when we will discuss future travel plans for 2011.

There are still some places left on the Dubrovnik trip starting on 9th October. Contact Dick Colgrove for more information and booking forms.

ART HISTORY

The next meeting is on the Wednesday 22nd September when the subject will be

The Scottish Colourist JD Fergusson.

Our meetings are 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

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STROLLERS

July 9th Fineshade - 'Smelter's Walk'
Joan McNeill

All walks start at 11.00 am. For more information contact
José Fox

TRIP TO THURSFORD

There are still seats available at £40 on this trip on Monday 15th November. If you would like to add your name to the list, please contact

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HOUSE SITTER

Would you appreciate being able to holiday, with the good feeling that your pets, home and plants are being lovingly and carefully cared for. Mature lady experienced in home, dogs, cats, smaller pets, chickens and plants care. Short or long sits. Trustworthy and security conscious with referees. Please contact 07949804750 evenings.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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Travellers' Tales by John McNeill

In a Bangkok Dry Cleaners *'Drop your trousers here for best results'*

In a Rome laundry *'Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time'*

In a Yugoslav hotel *'The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid'*

At a Budapest Zoo *'Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food give it to the guard on duty'*

In a Swiss mountain Inn *'Special today. No ice cream'*

Detour in Kyushi, Japan *'Stop. Drive sideways'*

From a brochure of a Tokyo car rental firm *'When passenger on foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but if he still obstructs your passage then tootle him with vigour'*

In an Austrian hotel catering for skiers *'Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.'*

WALKING GROUP

July 2nd Fineshade
Joan Alexander

July 16th Bus to Barnack, walk back 10 am Bus Station. Mary Rowe

August 6th Wansford. Park near Papermills Pub.
Helen Simmonds

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

Chris Rippington

TUESDAY BRIDGE

This group is now full and is not accepting new members until further notice.

Ellie Edmans

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you don't manage to get your Newsletter from the monthly meeting, you can always get your copy of the Newsletter from the Website. Please note that personal details have been taken out for security. However, if you want to contact a Group Leader, or anyone else, click 'Contact Us' your e-mail will be passed on to the person concerned.

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