



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

I shall start with the Bad News. Before our AGM I rang Head Office to see if they were going to put up the capitation fee in 2009. They assured me that they were not going to do so. After our June meeting I received the Agenda of the AGM of the U3A and what was the main proposal – to raise the capitation fee by £1 for 2009. This has not yet been passed but it is likely to be. Therefore we will not only have to raise our subscription by £1 in 2009 to £7 but we will also have to raise it again in 2010 by another £1 to £8. This will of course be put forward in due course at our AGM next May – but I thought I should warn you in advance.

But now some good news Joan and John McNeil celebrated their Golden Wedding in June and Phil and Betty Day will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding in July. Our heartiest congratulations to both couple and many more anniversaries to come.

On quite another note, it has been discussed and decided many times that we should not recommend individual tradesmen to our members – as one man's meat is another man's poison. But I have a recommendation I would like to make personally. Those of you who know me well are aware that I am no housewife. Sheer neglect had rendered my hob and oven into an almost no go area. I realised something had to be done when I put on the oven at 220 for a

roast and the kitchen filled with smoke. I called in the man from Oven Smart and for £58 I got a gleaming new hob and oven – worth every penny!

Inside the Newsletter are details of the Group Leaders' Coffee morning at my house in August. Dick always had brilliant sunshine when he hosted these events. I have had rain every time. So we're not even thinking about using the garden this time.

I have heard a number of rumours that our U3A is now full and is not accepting new members. It is true that we have very healthy numbers of members, but this U3A has always had an 'open' policy, and we are not going to deny membership to those who seek it. Therefore, if you are interested in joining us, please do so by calling Jim, details shown at the bottom left hand side of this page.

We are still desperately looking for a leader for the Theatre Group. At the moment our members are missing the opportunity to have the opportunity of an enjoyable day out. Any volunteers? Please contact me.

All the best,

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Paddy Thompson	Deputy Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
Sue Webster	Minutes Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	Speaker Finder
Sheila Halliday-Pegg	
Jill Haynes	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

July 7th **The History of Paper Money**
Lawrence Pope

August 4th **The Tall Ships Experience**
Peter Gray

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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**CITY OF PETERBOROUGH
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Summer Concert

Sunday 13th July at 3 pm

Broadway Theatre

Overture from the Bartered Bride - Smetana.

Violin Concerto - Mendelssohn.

6th Symphony - Dvorak.

Tickets £12, (Concessions £10). Accompanied school children, 16 and under, free.

Tickets available from Broadway Theatre, Peterborough, t: 01733 316100

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 to the August meeting, or contact Steve Bond for more information

ROTARY CHARITY BRIDGE EVENING

There will be a Bridge Evening on September 12th in Barnack Village Hall in aid of the Rotary Club of Stamford charities.

Tony Ross is the Director and the format will be Chicago. 7.15 for a 7.30 pm start. Tickets are £15, which include a finger buffet and glass of wine, or soft drinks.

For more information and tickets call

Horace Farquhar-Smith t: 756316

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FINANCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP

We urgently require a leader for this group, which has been running very successfully for ten years, to replace Phil Day who is retiring after doing an excellent job.

There will be an additional meeting in August, especially to consider the new leadership. Sadly, if a new leader is not found within this time scale the group will have to be folded.

As Phil says, the task of leader does require commitment and time, but it also brings a lot of job satisfaction!

Therefore, will potential volunteers please get in touch with Phil as soon as possible

Phil Day

TEA DANCE AT BARNHILL

Barn Hill Church are holding a Tea Dance on Saturday 26th July from 4 pm to 7 pm with afternoon tea served in the interval. Tickets priced at £5 are available on the Well. For more information contact

Jan Hetherington on

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Future meeting dates are July 3rd and 23rd. Then there will be a break until the 24th September. Dancing takes place upstairs in Barnhill at 11 am. New members are always welcome. For more information contact

Graham Creedy

GROUP LEADERS' COFFEE MORNING

As always I extend a warm welcome to all our Group Leaders to come for coffee at my house on Monday, 18th August at 10.30 am. As you know by now, rain is guaranteed! Please let me know whether you are coming or not so I can have an idea of how many cups to look out!

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

PHOTOCOPYING LICENCE

The U3A Head Office has negotiated for all U3As to have a licence to copy a limited amount of material. I have sent off the money so we should be legal. Please; get in touch with me for information of what exactly is covered in this licence. Please note that it does not cover music.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

July 10th and Aug 14th starting at 10.30 am at Barn Hill, will have Margaret Smith as leader, who will give us two lively sing along sessions.

TRAVEL GROUP

The next Travel Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th July at 10 am at Barn Hill. The speaker will be Richard Adams who will give an illustrated talk on his visits to South America and Africa. We will also consider destinations for Spring 2009. We hope to have tentative proposals for a day visit to the City of Lincoln and the Christmas Market. For further details contact

Dick Colgrove

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Summer 2008 Visits

July 8th Tour of Kings Cliffe – Leader Ann Linton

Places on these visits are very limited. For more information contact

Christine Bearne on

COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting of the Country dancing group will be held on Tuesday 15th June at 10.30 am in the Roman Catholic Church Hall. For more information contact

Mary Rowe

STROLLERS

Fridays, 11 am

July 11th Exeter Arms, Helpston - Anna Bridger
(about 2 miles)

August 8th The Plough, Gt Casterton - Anna Bridger (c.
(about 2 miles)

All walks will start at 11 am, and will not be more than about 2.5 miles.

Anna Bridger

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Future dates are 9th and 23rd July. After that there will be a break until 24th September. Dancing takes place in the upper room at Barn Hill starting at 11 am. New members are always very welcome.

For more information contact

Graham Creedy

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

This group, which has been in existence almost since the Stamford U3A was formed is looking for new members. Writers have been leaving the area with the result that our numbers have dwindled.

We have fun reading our own stuff on a variety of subjects and we have all learnt a lot by belonging to the group. In addition, we also run a yearly magazine to which all members contribute. It's great fun, and we don't take ourselves too seriously.

Come and have a go. Meetings are on the third Thursday morning in the month. The next meeting is on June 19th at 10.30 am at King's Mill. For more information contact

Cynthia Nightingale or Ann Linton

ART GROUP I

This group broke up for the summer on 20th May and will start again on 2nd September.

Olive Vinter

JAZZ APPRECIATION GROUP

The next meeting of this group will be on July 28th and please note that in the Summer the time for these meetings is at 7 pm.

The theme for the meeting will be 'Your favourite piece of music from a live concert'.

For more information contact

Terry Watkins

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

This group visits churches on the last Friday of every month. Meet at the church at 11 am. The next visit will be

July 25th Marholm Peggy Aldridge 751584

After the visit lunch is organised nearby. If you require transport contact

Elaine Ward

MANSION HOUSE TRIP 9TH OCTOBER

This list is now full. Please do not pay me until the July meeting.

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WALKING GROUP

All walks on the first or the third Friday starting at 10 am.

July 18th Exton Fox and Hounds

Evelyn and Rod Parry

August 1st Fineshade

Joan Alexander

August 15th Day out walking River Ouse area

Chris Rippington

Sept 5th Wadenhoe

Helen Simmons

Leaders wanted for September, October and November walks. Please contact

ART HISTORY GROUP

After the Summer break, the next meeting of the group will be at 10.30 am, in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church Hall on June 11th.

The subject for this meeting will be Klimt.

For more information contact

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SCIENCE GROUP

On Sunday, August 3rd, the group are visiting the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden Park, to see the Swiss Gardens and the Military Pageant Air Display.

The display will start at 5 pm.

Transport by shared cars. Cost £20 to be paid on arrival.

For more information contact

Percy Moss

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