



## Stamford Third Age Group

# NEWSLETTER

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### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

First of all I would like to thank and congratulate everyone who took part in the displays for the AGM. It was really what a U3A AGM should be all about – what the members have achieved during the year. So many groups do not do activities which can be put in an illustrated manner – so what we saw was only the tip of a huge iceberg ! And once more many thanks to the Drama group for a delightful entertainment.

I was about to come upstairs to the computer to start the Newsletter when the post arrived. One of the things I was going to complain about was the non arrival of our bus passes. But what should there be in the mail – not one but two bus passes each ! So if yours hasn't arrived yet – keep on persevering. The number to ring if you are in South Kesteven is 01476 406080. I had to phone twice – perhaps that accounts for the two passes.

If you read the Mercury you will see that your Chairman got a bit of publicity. The British Legion were so delighted with our response to their request for parcels for the troops in Afghanistan that they invited me along to their photo shoot for the Mercury. There is another article inside the newsletter detailing what items are needed. Please bring them along to the July meeting or deal direct with the British Legion.

I made a mistake in last month's Newsletter and missed out the time for visiting Peter's lovely garden

tomorrow – 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The garden will be open from 2 pm – 5 pm. Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Once more I have to report the loss of one of our members. Peter Renfree died very suddenly on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. We send our condolences to Joan who has been a long serving member of the first Book Group.

This month seems to be full of pleas for help. We are in need of helpers for Harlaxton on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The jobs are various and not onerous – all involved in welcoming fellow U3A members to Harlaxton and helping them to settle in. You get a free sandwich lunch and petrol expenses will be paid at the going U3A rate.

I am delighted that Dick's first trip as Travel Group Leader was such a success. When I saw the list of the destinations that the travel group have been to since they got started I am absolutely amazed. You are a well travelled lot. Many thanks to Paddy for getting it all going in the first place and thanks to Dick for taking it over. Roll on Istanbul.

After a wash out of a May Bank Holiday, let's hope we have a flaming June.

All the best,

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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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

<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>18th Century Stamford Philippa Massey</b>
<b>July 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The History of Paper Money Lawrence Pope</b>

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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## GARDEN VISIT

From 2 pm to 5 pm.

Peter and Jane Heyes, members of Stamford Welland group are opening their garden to U3A members on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The garden is at Montaigne on New Cross Road and is a town garden on a south facing slope next to Stamford Recreation Ground. There is something of interest for everyone with flower borders and a vegetable patch, a greenhouse and pond, a secret garden and even a rain harvesting and irrigation system for those of you who are technically minded. To find Montaigne from North Street, go up Recreation Ground Road, turn left when you reach New Cross Road, keeping the Rec on your left and Peter's is the first house on the left. Parking is not easy in New Cross Road and you may prefer to park in North Street Car Park.

There will be a charge of £3 which will include refreshments and all proceeds will go to the young people's cancer charity – CLIC Sargent. This is a charity close to the heart of several U3A members as it supports families who have children with cancer and leukaemia. Sargent refers of course to that famous Stamfordian, Sir Malcolm Sargent whose daughter died of leukaemia.

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## SONGS FOR SUMMER EVENING

There will a concert in Stamford School hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in aid of St Nicholas Church Stretton. It features international opera singers John Graham Hall and Helen Williams.

Tickets are £15 to include interval refreshments and are available from Liz Foster on 411020.

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## SELF HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

The next meeting of the Group will be on Monday, 16th June at 2 pm at Ryhall Village Hall. The main topic will be 'Strokes, Seizures and Funny Turns'. We shall also be discussing the use of the Internet in health matters. Everyone welcome.

For more information contact

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

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## 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 763078 or Ann Linton

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## TRAVEL GROUP TRIP TO IRELAND

On Wednesday 15th May, 31 members of the Travel Group set out for Stansted airport to fly to Dublin. We were to spend 6 nights in Ireland, dividing our time equally between the Dublin and Killarney areas. With a coach driver and various guides at our disposal we enjoyed a variety of daily excursions. A guided tour of Dublin was followed by free time to follow our own particular interests. There followed a visit to Powerscourt gardens, the Wicklow mountains, a 6th Century monastery site and the village of Avoca, famous for being the location of TV's Ballykissangel. On the journey to Killarney we enjoyed more wonderful scenery as well as an informative visit to the Irish National Stud Farm.

In our new area we toured the Ring of Kerry, rightly famous for its beauty. The following day saw many of us on a jaunting car tour the Killarney National Park to Ross Castle. Our last day was spent travelling to Cork for our flight home but not before having ample time at the Blarney woollen mills and Blarney castle. You might be relieved to know that few of us made it to the Blarney stone as there was torrential rain. It seems we had been lucky to have 5 dry days.

I am sure that the holiday was enjoyed by all, but most of us found everything to be very expensive, even compared to Paris! After 2 days of tuning our ears to the Irish dialect we discovered that the Irish are extremely friendly, very optimistic and often very funny! Their countryside is truly green and beautiful. New acquaintances were made, new friendships formed. Our thanks go to our new leader, Dick Colgrove, for organising the holiday and for looking after all our needs in Ireland. He, backed up as usual, by Maggie, with usual thoughtfulness, ensured that everyone had a great time. Our next stop is Istanbul!

Paddy Thompson

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## TRAVEL GROUP

The next Travel Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 10 am at Barn Hill. At this meeting we will discuss possible destinations for the Spring 2009 trip. Details will then be obtained for decision in September. Please note that the trip to Bath and Bristol in September has been cancelled. For further details contact

Dick Colgrove

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## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

### Summer 2008 Visits

**June 10<sup>th</sup> Woolsthorpe Manor** – Leader Alec Burt

**July 8<sup>th</sup> Tour of Kings Cliffe** – Leader Ann Linton

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

Christine Bearne on

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### COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting of the Country dancing group will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am in the Roman Catholic Church Hall. For more information contact

Mary Rowe

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### STROLLERS

The next walk will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am. Please meet at the Plough Great Casterton. Distance 3 miles. There are a number of stiles on this walk.

Anna and Harold Bridger

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### GARDEN GROUP

Please note that the starting time of the visit to Trentham Gardens has been changed to 8.30 am at the Bus station and 8.35 am at the Danish Invader.

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### SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Future dates are 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July. After that there will be a break until 24<sup>th</sup> 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

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### PARCELS FOR THE TROOPS

If you saw the photo in the Mercury you will know that Stamford British Legion are organising parcels for the troops in Afghanistan. I made a plea at the March meeting and we got quite a good response.

You don't need to make up a parcel – the British Legion will do that for you. The sort of things that are most appreciated are Bic Razors, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, wipes, sweets, crisps (possibly Pringles because of the packaging) crossword books, notebooks, pens etc. But the most requested item is – underpants! Please do not send any liquids or chocolate. Bring the items to the next meeting or get in touch with the British Legion direct.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

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### ART GROUP I

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

Olive Vinter

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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

I am in need of volunteers to help at Harlaxton on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The jobs are quite varied – parking attendants, showing people to their rooms, and being generally welcoming. Help is needed between 1.30 pm and 4 pm but we like volunteers to arrive around 11.30 am to get to know the layout and we provide a sandwich lunch at noon. Petrol costs will be refunded. If you would like to help please get in touch with

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316.

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### FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at 25 Edinburgh Road. New members always welcome. Existing members should collect their homework from Jim Guthrie.

For more information contact

Joan Shields

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### MANSION HOUSE TRIP 9<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**June 6<sup>th</sup> Queen's Head, Bulwick**  
Derrick Warrick

**June 20<sup>th</sup> St Andrews Church, Upper Hambleton**  
Vera Parodi 01778

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Bertie Arms, Uffington**  
Hendy Farquhar-Smith

This group is looking for additional members, especially men! For more information, or to join contact

Chris Rippington

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### ART HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be at 10.30 am, in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church Hall on June 11<sup>th</sup>, and will be Picasso II – 1937 onwards.

This is the last meeting before the summer break. Meetings will resume on 10<sup>th</sup> September and the subject will possibly be Klimt. Details will be in the August Newsletter.

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### CHURCH VISITING GROUP

This group visits churches on the last Friday of every month, meet at the church at 11 am. Visits as follows:

**June 27<sup>th</sup> SEATON** (Shirley D Jackson)

**July 25<sup>th</sup> MARHOLM** (Peggy Aldridge)

After visits lunch is organised near by. Please contact Elaine Ward if you require transport.

Elaine Ward Mavis Sharpe

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