



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year to everyone. May 2007 bring you health, wealth and happiness.

Usually I'm scratching my head and chewing my pen trying to think what to write in Chairman's Comments but not this month. We've lots of news.

First of all a very big thank you to all of those who contributed in any way to the Christmas entertainment. I think a standard has been set and we will be looking for volunteers for next Christmas later in the year.

Another bit of news – if you haven't heard it already - is that the Head Office of the U3A burnt down on the 1st of December and so December was a bit of a chaotic time for them. However, they have managed to rescue all their files and found temporary premises. I think all they have lost is some of the resource stuff for groups.

Nearer home, I would like to welcome Kathy Lynn James and her husband to Stamford. Kathy is based at Penn State University and is doing a PhD on Art and Craft for Retirees. She did a round robin e-mail to many of the British U3As and decided to base herself in Stamford. She will be at the January meeting and it won't be hard to spot her as she is a bit younger than the rest of us. Please make her feel at home even if you are not a member of our Art and Craft Group. She is living in Kate Rogers' house in Carlby for the

duration, so if you live out there do let her know. It is her first visit to Britain and I think our winter weather has given her a bit of a shock so please try to make up for it by the warmth of your welcome.

Inside the Newsletter we have three different pleas for volunteer helpers – Malcolm Sargent School, Books on Wheels and drivers for Christ Church Day Centre. What better start can you make to your year than volunteering to help other people. As you can see, there is a large demand for volunteers – make a difference and at the same time make some new friends.

Another very gratifying piece of news is that Jean Farmer and Margaret Harkie have volunteered to take over the tea and coffee making at the monthly meetings. This is a great relief to me as the job of tea and coffee making is more important than the Chairman.

I'm sure 2007 will be another year of activity for Stamford U3A with a wide range of trips, well attended meetings and groups and perhaps the forming of even more new groups.

Regards,

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Percy Moss	Treasurer
Sue Webster	Minutes Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	General Factotum

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

February 5th John Clare
Peter Moyse

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Barn Hill, except for Bank Holidays. Coffee will be served at 10 and the meeting will start at 10.30 am.

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JAZZ APPRECIATION

The next meeting of the Jazz Appreciation Group will take place at 31 Balk Road, Ryhall on 22nd January at 2 pm. The theme will be "Bing's Brother Bob" featuring the Bob Crosby Orchestra and the Bobcats. Or bring along a record of a jazz orchestra that you like. New members always welcome.

Terry Watkins on 751067.

SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th January at 2 pm at 5 Truesdales Hospital, Stamford. The subject will be 'Enclosure - Winners and Losers'.

Please note that subsequent meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month, starting at 2 pm.

For more information, or if you would like to join this group please phone

Joan Newey 762163.

TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on Friday, 12th January at Barn Hill at 10 am.

For more details contact

Paddy Thompson 766157

MALCOLM SARGENT SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Malcolm Sargent School are looking for retired people who would like to help listen to children read or in doing various projects. Please phone Hendy on 756316 if you are interested.

WALKING GROUP

PROGRAMME - FRIDAYS

January 19th Bluebell, Easton on Hill
Jean Farmer 766650

February 2nd Fineshade
Jean Alexander 754012

February 19th Horse and Jockey, Manton
Chris Rippington 764489

March 2nd Thornhaugh
Aileen Marriott 755638

For more details contact

Chris Rippington 764489

BALLROOM DANCING

Many members have suggested that we start a Ballroom Dancing Group. A sign up list will be available at the January meeting or if you are interested please phone

Chris Rippington 764489

ART HISTORY TRIP TO DULWICH PICTURE GALLERY

The Art History Group are going to the Canaletto in Britain Exhibition at the Dulwich Picture Gallery on 4th April. I have also organised a tour of the gallery for those who are interested.

Because Dulwich Picture Gallery does not want us to pay until we get there, this means that the advance payment for this trip will be only £15 – to cover the cost of the coach. If more than 30 people sign up, the coach charge will be reduced and you will be refunded the difference on the day. However, you will be expected to pay £2 per head for the tour of the gallery and £6 per head for the Canaletto Exhibition which I will collect on the day. You are welcome to come along for the trip only and neither the guided tour nor the Canaletto Exhibition is compulsory. Please sign up at the January meeting or ring Hendy 756316.

STROLLERS

The meeting in January will be on Friday, 12th, at Ferry Meadows, Peterborough. Please meet in main car park at 11 am. For more information contact

Joan McNeill - 482276

VISIT YOUR WEBSITE

Visit the website, it is dynamic and it is reviewed and upgraded frequently. You can download

Newsletters current and past

Membership forms, for new members or renewals.

Consult 'Service to Members' for information on how to avoid unsolicited mail, cold call telephone calls, etc.

Check the latest information about Groups and when they meet. All this and much more information.

COUNTRY DANCING

Country dancing will be held at the Roman Catholic Church Hall at 10.30 on Tuesday 16th January. Everyone welcome. For more information contact

Mary Rowe 752497

BOOKS ON WHEELS

This is a very well worth while service, taking books to the housebound elderly who cannot get to the Library. It only entails about one Monday every two months but volunteers really need to be able to carry a bag of books. Car driving is useful but not essential. A full training be given. Either get in touch directly at Stamford Library or phone Hendy 765316.

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

There is a possibility that this group might get under way in the New Year. However, it seems likely that there will have to be a charge made for these lessons. Please can you get in touch with Chris Rippington on 764489 and let her know if you are still interested if a charge is going to be made.

DRIVERS NEEDED!

Christ Church Day Centre desperately needs drivers under 70 for its mini bus. The job would entail possibly one Wednesday a month, picking up frail elderly people from their homes, driving them to the Day Centre and taking them home again. If you would like to help this very worthwhile cause, please ring

The Deacon, Jane Calderon on 756290.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tuesdays,

January 9th - John Plumb will talk about Jesse Boot of Boots Cash Chemist.

February 13th - Simon Davies from Rutland County Museum will talk about aspects of the history of some of Stamford's surrounding villages in the County of Rutland.

March 13th - Janet Minchinton will talk on 'Days Before the Workhouse' - what happened to the destitute.

April 10th - Ray Biggs from the Grimsthorpe Estate will talk about the History of the Park and Gardens of Grimsthorpe.

Everyone is welcome to come to these meeting which are held at Barn Hill at 10.30 am.

ART HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 10th January – Sir Joshua Reynolds

Wednesday 24th January – Gainsborough

Talks will start at 10.30 am, coffee from about 10.15, everyone welcome

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316.

SCIENCE GROUP

After many years of hard work Percy would like to relinquish the reins of the Science Group. Is there anyone who would like to take over this job? If you are interested please phone

Percy Moss 482446

POLISH SPEAKER URGENTLY WANTED

Malcolm Sargent School are in need of a Polish speaker who can go into the school occasionally and help translate work into Polish for a Polish child there. If you can help, please phone Hendy 756316

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE

This group is full at present and cannot take any more new members. The popularity of this group has made it necessary to do this because we are limited by the number of people we can fit into the Bridge Club. For more details contact

Jill Haynes 753459

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GERMAN GROUP

This group has no leader since Elizabeth Holland left the area. But they would very much like to continue. Anyone willing to take this on, please phone Pat Lowe 763525.

MUSICAL 'CATS'

There will be a trip to the Birmingham Hippodrome to see the Lloyd Weber's musical 'Cats' on 16th August. The approximate price will be £36 per person. This includes Centre Circle seats, coach and tips to the driver. Arrival time in Birmingham will be around mid morning. To book please contact

Paddy Thompson 766157.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR MEMBERS ARRANGING TRIPS

Please be aware that guests on trips with the U3A must satisfy the joining qualifications for the U3A – ie they must be over 50 and not be in full time employment.

Our insurance from Head Office only covers visitors who could be potential members of the U3A. For additional information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

DEEPINGS CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITION

The exhibition, which is for one day only, will take place on Saturday, 3rd February 2007, from 10 am to 4.30 pm. The Exhibition will be opened by John Hayes MP, Member of Parliament for South Holland and the Deepings. You are all welcome, and please tell your friends - the exhibition is free to the general public. Further details please phone

Dave Pendry 01778 345179

THEATRE GROUP

On Monday 15th January we are holding a theatre meeting in the downstairs room at Barn Hill. Coffee at 10 am, the meeting starts at 10.15.

The Play Reading Group have very kindly offered to entertain us. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Shirley Draheim-Jackson 481292

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting will be on 11th January 2007 at 2 pm in the small upstairs room at Barn Hill.

This meeting will take a new approach by involving all members in an open discussion on the subject of

'Is the human race killing the earth and if so is the earth striking back'

This will be an interesting session as we will hear all the different opinions of our members on pollution, global warming or - could it be a natural change in the earth's cycle - or ??

All members of the U3A are invited.

Percy Moss 482446
