



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Happy New Year to everyone. As I write this there are dire warnings of severe weather in most places so I hope that our Monday meeting is not being affected by snow. The Newsletter has had to be done a little earlier than usual because of the New Year Bank Holiday so I apologise in advance if we are missing any vital information. On top of that I am having a problem with my e-mails. Spam gets through but proper e-mails from proper people are disappearing into the ether! Please use the e-mail shown at the bottom of this text for best results.

Traditionally New Year is a time to make resolutions and I am making a few – more exercise, more golf and more travelling! The golf one is proving difficult already because of the weather. Can I make a suggestion for a New Year resolution - to volunteer to lead a new U3A group!

There is a group starting up again this month – Ian Burrows is restarting the Science Group on Thursday 14th January at 2 pm in Barnack Village Hall. Please do come and support this group. If you have a transport problem please get in touch with me.

Belated 'thank yous' to many people for their efforts at Christmas time. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Buffet and Entertainment – especially the Drama Group and the Singing for Pleasure Group. Everyone says it was the best pantomime yet. Keep it up Rita and her gang! The Drama Group is an easy one to showcase their talents but the majority of our groups do

not do anything quite so obvious to demonstrate their skills. They just keep on meeting regularly, giving enjoyment to their members and sharing specific knowledge and skills. So a great big New Year thank you to all the group leaders for all the work they do throughout the year.

And a special thank you to everyone who continues to support 'Parcels for the Troops'. The response to this has been excellent with members bringing a steady stream of donations to meetings. Do keep them coming. I have particularly appreciated the thank you letters we have received from the recipients. It really makes it all worth while when you know that your efforts are so welcomed.

I thought we would be short of material for the Newsletter this month but we have more than enough. I have been asked to draw your attention to a course starting at Burghley House on the 12th of January at 10 am on 'Strong Minded Women – the Early Suffrage Movement 1790 – 1928.' The course is being tutored by Liz Carter and will cost £85 for the term. More information from

The Courses Register, Madingley Hall,
Cambs CB23 8AQ. Telephone 01223 746262.

A healthy, happy, prosperous and enlightening New Year to you all.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
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Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
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Horace Farquhar-Smith	
Lynn Darwin, Kathleen Fryer, Judy Westwood	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

Jan 4th	Knights Templar of South Witham Peter Ball
Feb 1st	Lincolnshire Heritage David Start

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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PRIORY INVESTMENT CLUB

If you think that you 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 hope to cash in on the impending 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

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

'The Link', the precursor to our current Newsletter carried a number of poems, generally written by Tony Linton, which we think should be aired again and enjoyed.

'Some More Animals' was published in The Link No 10, in October 1998. At that time Michael Whetstone was the Chairman and Tony Linton the Editor.

The Chairman's Report included a dilemma, which eleven years later we can still recognise.

'With our membership standing at 230 at present, how much advertising should we encourage?'. In the event, an informative article with an excellent photograph of some members at the bird watching group meeting did appear in the Mercury, and we await, with some trepidation, the possible flood of new membership applications'.

Back copies of 'The Link' have a great deal of our history, and also carry a large number of creative and funny articles. We will try to publish some of these whenever possible.

Some More Animals

S is for Sloth

The sloth to some appears lazy.
His movements are terribly slow.
His ambitions and hopes may seem hazy
With not much get up and go.

Some think of the sloth as a lounge,
But look at the size he has grown.
No, you can't say he is a scrounger
At least he looks after his own.

So you won't find him cashing a Giro
Or making a benefit claim
Or stealing the DSS Biro
To sign some other sloth's name.

T is for Tortoise

The good Lord who wrought us
Invented the tortoise,
And there I contend.
Similarities end.

A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Sun 10th Jan Peter Pan at O2 –
Full scenic projection

Sun 17th Jan Swan Lake
Matthew Bourne
Sadler's Wells

Tue 2nd March Phantom of the Opera
Her Majesty's Theatre
Or (One bus, two venues)
The 39 Steps
Criterion

Wed 12th May Love Never Dies
Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to The
Phantom at the Adelphi.

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next meeting of this group will be on 14th January at 10.30 am at barn Hill.

Rita Wood 766345

FAMILY HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on 20th January at 2.15 pm at Jim Guthrie's house

Please note that the group now meets on the third Wednesday of the month. For more information please contact

Jim Guthrie 752755

BALLROOM DANCING

The next session of the Ballroom Dancing Group will be held on Wednesday January 27th at 3 pm in the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street.

All welcome. No need to have a partner.

Meg Moss 482446

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

The next meetings of this group will be held on the 6th and 20th of January and the 3rd and 17th of February.

Dancing takes place in the upper room of Barn Hill Church from 11 – 12 noon. New members welcome.

Graham Creedy 481084

SCIENCE GROUP

Ian Burrows has very kindly volunteered to restart the Science Group. The first meeting will be at Barnack Village Hall on Thursday 14th January at 2 pm. Please get in touch with me if you have transport problems.

Hendy 756316

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 a meeting, or contact Steve Bond for more information t: 757041

EARTH SCIENCE

Next meeting of this group will be on

13th January 9.30 to 11.30 am.

At Carole Needham's home, 85 Lonsdale Road. For more information please ring Carol on 762559.

GARDEN GROUP

The next meeting of this group will be at the Orangery at Burghley House on Wednesday 20th January at 12 noon.

There will be a wide choice for lunch, followed by a talk by the Head Gardener of Burghley House. The cost for the talk will be around £3.50 per head.

Further details, including the menu will be displayed at the January meeting, or contact

Derek Warrick 755582

STROLLERS

January 8th **Little Casterton** Park in the paddock next to Little Casterton Church – behind the houses on the left when facing in the Ryhall direction.

David and Felicity Baxter 751849

Lunch at the Crown at Great Casterton

All walks start at 11 am, come in good time if you wish to order lunch beforehand. For more information contact

Anna Bridger 756737

ART HISTORY

The next meetings of this group will be on Wednesdays

13th January subject will be Watteau and Boucher

27th January subject will be Chardin.

Our meetings are now 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.

New members are always welcome. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

JOAN NEWEY

It is with deep sadness that we have to announce the death of Joan Newey on Tuesday 15th December 2009.

Joan was a very active member of Stamford U3A and a hard working leader of the Social History Group. When we were approached to research the history of Stamford Recreation Ground, Joan and her team set about their task with enthusiasm and efficiency.

She will be greatly missed by all her friends and we send our deepest sympathy to her family. The funeral service will be held at All Saints Church at 10 am on Friday 8th January, to which everyone is invited.

THANK YOU

Following the death of Tony, Ann Linton and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of condolence and sympathy.

We are sorry we cannot thank everyone individually.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone from the various groups which I attend for the lovely cards and get well messages I received while I was in hospital.

Your support and friendship has been wonderful and very much appreciated. See you all soon.

Peggy Brown

WALKING GROUP

January 15th **Thorpe Wood Golf** . Car Park.

Joan Alexander 754012

January 29th **Coffee Morning. CANCELLED**

All walks start at 10 am. New members will be particularly welcomed. For more information contact

Chris Rippington 765651

TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on Tuesday 19th January at 10 am at Barn Hill. The speaker will be Janet Racklyeft talking about Scandinavia.

The Spring 2010 holiday to Dubrovnik is fully booked. Tailored Travel have informed me that BA have cancelled our afternoon flight to Dubrovnik. We are now booked on a morning flight which will require an early start from Stamford.

We are still looking for a volunteer as Travel Group Leader.

Dick Colgrove 752101

LOCAL HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on Tuesday 12th January when Trevor Kirk (one of our members) will give a talk on 'What's in a Name? – Part 2'.

The meetings are held at Barn Hill at 10 am for a 10.30 am start. Everyone is welcome.

Christine Bearne 444362
