



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

What do you want first – the good news or the bad news? The good news is that one of our investment groups was featured in the Daily Telegraph last month. The bad news is that as a result of this, we have been contacted by Head Office and told that the U3A cannot run investment groups – so our groups list has had to shrink by two! We are still looking into this and we will keep you informed of any developments.

Talking about groups, It's time for our annual Group Leaders' coffee morning. This will be at my place on Monday 21st August. I will be contacting all Group Leaders, but it would help if those of your seeing this notice could ring me with an RSVP.

Can I reiterate what I put in the main body of this Newsletter? From now on if you want to put a notice up at the meeting for your group, please can you now provide two copies.

And finally, about groups, please can you ensure that everyone in your group is a fully paid up member of the U3A. There are around a hundred members who still have not renewed their subscriptions so please make sure all your group members have paid. It's not that we are money grubbers – it's a question of insurance.

I'd like to add my congratulations to everyone else's on the occasion of the wedding of Maureen and Tony. I

think it is the first time there has been a marriage between two Stamford U3A members. I wish both of them the best for a long and happy marriage.

And going back to the archives. I ran out of space last month and did not have room to mention the fact that we have one founder group still being led by its original leader – German Conversation by Elisabeth Holland. Some of the original group leaders are still active members of the U3A.

As you will see from the main part of the Newsletter many of your groups do not meet in July and August. When I joined the U3A I assumed that we would not be affected by school holidays but that was before I realised that the majority of our members have full holiday occupations as child minders, house sitters and dog sitters – commonly known as being a parent or a grandparent.

Let's hope that we all have a sunny summer and we don't work too hard at all our voluntary duties.

Regards,

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Paddy Thompson	Deputy Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
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NEWSLETTER ONLINE

For information on how to become a member and for subscription information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Gill Bolton,

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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

August 7th	Escape from Berlin - 1949 Dora Northern
September 4th	Peterborough, Ely and Lincoln Cathedrals Kevin Harrison

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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NOTICES FOR THE NOTICE BOARD

We are going to change the system – or rather start a system – of how we put notices on the notice board. If you want to put a notice up from the July meeting onward please can you supply TWO notices. All will be made clear at the July meeting.

SOCIAL HISTORY

Joan Newey has come forward with a very interesting suggestion for a Social History Group. It would be a bit of an ad hoc group, with members of the group researching a specific aspect of social history and then reporting back to the group. Anyone interested in joining such a group should contact

Joan

KEEP FIT

This group has a number of available places - if you are interested contact Clare. The group normally meets every Wednesday at 12.15 pm at Barn Hill.

However, please note that there will be no meetings during July and August. The next meeting will be on September 20th. For more information contact

Clare

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Maureen Bew and Tony Wildblood on their marriage on 16th June.

We wish them both the best for their future happiness.

Visit your website at
www.SU3ANews.co.uk

BLOOD BROTHERS – THE MUSICAL

There are just a few places left for the matinee performance of this musical at the Birmingham Hippodrome. All those who would like to go need to pay £33 immediately as the ticket money has to be sent off.

The cost will cover the theatre, the coach hire and the driver's tip. Cheques should be made payable to Stamford U3A Travel Group and sent to

Paddy Thompson

A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Christmas Lunch at the Crown Hotel on Monday December 11th at 12.30 pm.

You can get more details and book your place at the September meeting

ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS

We are planning to publish a small booklet describing the activities of all our groups.

Therefore, would you please send me a very brief outline of what your group does – about three sentences will be sufficient. Please send it by snail mail, e-mail or simply phone and I'll take down the details. If you don't reply – I'll make it up myself!

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

POETS AND THEIR POETRY GROUP

The group will be having a summer break. The next meeting will be Friday October 13th. The theme will be ghosts, spirits and spooky poems. Remember that All Hallows Eve is October 31st

For more information contact

Robert E Ford

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY GROUP

This group meets on Wednesdays at Barn Hill Methodist Church at 11 am. The meetings in July will be on July 5th and July 9th We have a break during the month of August and will meet again on September 6th and 20th. For more information contact

Barbara Carpenter

SELF- HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

The Health Group will continue to meet as normal throughout the Summer. The next meeting will be on July 15th at 2 pm at Essendine Village Hall, and will be on Old Wives' Tales, Health Risks and The good points of holidays.

On August 8th there will be a walk around Ryhall followed by a picnic when we will be joined by the Vegetarian Group.

Sheila Halliday -

TRAVEL GROUP NEWS

Anyone holidaying in Europe this year is reminded to update their European Health Card – E111.

SPRING HOLIDAY 2007

Travel Group members have decided that the Spring Holiday 2007 will be to the Austrian Tyrol – Kirchberg from 19th – 26th May. 8 days – 7 nights for £569. This includes half board, several excursions and coach travel from Stamford to Heathrow and back.

If interested please sign the list at the July meeting and collect marketing material at the Travel Group desk or contact Paddy Thompson.

NEXT TRAVEL GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be at 2 pm on Monday 11th September at Barn Hill. Please come along if you are interested. There is usually a charge of £1 per person.

Paddy Thompson

SCIENCE GROUP

There will not be any meetings of the Science Group during July and August. Please check in the August Newsletter for details of the September meeting.

Percy Moss

COUNTRY DANCING

There will be no meetings of this group during July and August. The next meeting will be on September 19th. For further information about the group please contact

Mary Rowe

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

The next church visit will be on July 28th at 11 am to Bainton Church followed by Tallington Church.

Everyone is welcome to come. Lunch will be at The Whistle Stop Inn in Tallington.

Anna Bridger

JAZZ DEVOTEES GROUP

Terry Watkins would like to set up a monthly meeting of the Jazz Devotees Group, on Monday evenings at 7 pm during the Summer months and in the afternoon in the Winter. The meeting would consist of listening to Jazz music ranging from traditional to modern and also discussing its history.

The next meeting is planned for the 24th July. All those interested please contact

Terry

THAT ELUSIVE BUNGALOW....

Des and Janet Kempson are still looking for that elusive bungalow.....

If you have any information please contact them through the Contact Us facility

STROLLERS GROUP

If you would like to go on walks of 2 to 2.5 miles (max) at a 'gentlish speed' on a Friday morning, please contact Jose Fox and tell her of your interests, comments together with any suggestions that you might have so that the strolls can be organised.

In the meantime, is there someone who could lead a short walk during July, please contact

Geoff and Jose Fox or
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SERVICE TO MEMBERS

The website now has a new item which provides service to members, the following advisory subjects are offered:

Are you troubled by advertising 'cold' telephone calls?

Do you want to stop unsolicited advertising mail?

Would you like to ensure your safety on the Internet?

We welcome any feed-back on these topics, and would like to have your views in which other subjects would be of interest and of value to our members. Please send your contributions to

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ART HISTORY GROUP

There will be no meetings of the Art History Group during July and August. The next meeting will be on September 13th in the Livingstone Room at the United Reform Church Hall at 10.30 am, coffee will be served beforehand.

The subject will be Canaletto

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WALKING GROUP

July 7 th	Edith Weston The Wheatsheaf	5	Margaret Harkey and Jean Farmer	
July 14 th	Elton Meet on the village green. Lunch venue to be decided on the day.	5	Peggy Aldridge Daphne Barry	
July 21 st	Exton The Fox and Hounds	5	Marian Manager and Aileen Marriott	

Queries on individual walks to the Walk Leader. General queries to Eric or Avery Woods 753677.

All walks start at 10.30 am. Please try to share cars. If a pub is nominated, the Walk Leader will have agreed with the landlord the use of the car park for those having lunch. Therefore, if you are not having lunch or patronising the pub, kindly make alternative parking arrangements.