



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Those of you who attended the AGM on May 3rd will know that the 2004 committee were all re-elected. We were also very pleased to welcome Chris Rippington as a new member to the committee.

The constitution requires that the committee appoint the principal officers at the first meeting after the AGM. We held our first meeting immediately after the AGM and you will see below that we have one significant change. Paddy Thompson wished to relinquish her position as treasurer and Percy Moss was happy to accept the promotion to treasurer from treasurer's assistant. Paddy continues as deputy chairman, and leader of two groups. We thank Paddy for her efforts and diligence in keeping our finances in good order.

For my own part, I appreciate the committee's confidence in nominating me to be chairman for a third year. This position does of course occasionally require some work to be done. In our U3A this is recompensed by the satisfaction of supporting a very worthwhile

organisation. However, I believe that after three years there should be a change, therefore I will not stand for re-election in 2006.

Since April there are a number of members who have not renewed their membership. It is important that renewal applications are received. We are again giving a period of grace up to the end of June. After that date membership will be discontinued. If you know of anyone who has not renewed, please remind him or her.

It is not easy to communicate with all members. However, communication should not be in one direction. We will therefore be requesting feedback on particular aspects of our operations in the next few weeks. However, if you have particular issues or suggestions about aspects of U3A, please feel free to contact me or other committee members.

Best wishes

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dick Colgrove	Chairman
Paddy Thompson	Deputy Chairman
Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Group coordinator
Percy Moss	Treasurer
Joy Paterson	Minutes Secretary
Kate Rogers	Speaker Finder
Gill Bolton	Membership Sec
David Ellis	

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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

TUESDAYS

July 5th	Gregg Baker A light hearted talk on Wills, etc
August 2nd	George Hetherington Fair Trade

Meetings are held at the United Reformed Church on the first Tuesday of each month. Coffee is served in the Hall at 10 am, the meeting starts in the Church at 10.30.

For the August 2nd Meeting, only the Church will be used - please see notice on bottom of page 2.

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

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JULY Issue Deadline

24 June 2005

A VOTE OF THANKS

Ann and Tony Linton would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all their friends in the U3A who in recent weeks have been of such immense help. We have been hugely heartened by the cards, messages and offers of help we have received in our recent troubled times!

It has been a revelation to us - the kindness and consideration have been a great comfort and it has felt as if we were in the midst of a large, caring family. All the qualities which the U3A is supposed to represent have been experienced by us both in the past weeks.

Ann and Tony Linton

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

The next Church visit will be to the Casterton churches on Friday 24th June at 11 am.

Meet first at the church in Little Casterton, which is on the right hand side as you come into the village from Tolethorpe. Park on the main street.

Lunch will be at the Plough in Great Casterton. All members are welcome to come and join this group.

Anna Bridger

ART GROUP 2

Because of the fall in numbers in this group, there will be no more meetings of this group until further notice. The group will probably resume when we return to Barn Hill.

Anna Bridger

THEATRE GROUP

There are no more theatre seats available on our trip to Birmingham on Thursday 30th June 2005. However, if you would just like to visit Birmingham there are 6 seats available on the bus for £10.50 each, which includes a tip for the driver.

The bus will leave the Danish Invader at 11.45 am and the Bus Station at 11.50 am. We will be leaving Birmingham at approximately 5 pm. If you would like to take the opportunity of joining us on this trip, please contact

Shirley Draheim-Jackson



ADVANCE NOTICE AUGUST MEETING

As the United Reformed Church Hall will be out of commission for the August 2nd meeting, there will be no coffee and therefore you should go directly to the Church itself.

Doors will be open at 10 am, and the meeting will start promptly at 10.30 am. There will be no charge for this meeting.

SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW GROUPS

Gardening Group

It has been suggested that we start up a gardening group - a more 'hands on' group than the Gardens Group, so that we can exchange ideas and plants and also to have talks from gardening experts.

Cycling Group

We have also had a suggestion that we might start a cycling group.

Any one interested in joining either, or both, of these groups please sign up at the next meeting or phone

Hendy on 756316

GROUP LEADERS

Membership

Please ensure that all the members of your group have renewed their membership and are fully paid up members of the U3A.

There will be a list of names on display at the June meeting of those who have not renewed their membership this year.

Accident Forms

I have copies of an Accident Report Form sent out by Head Office. Should any members of your group meet with any kind of accident in the course of your group activities, please get in touch with me if you would like copies of this form.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group will be a visit to the Perkins Engine Factory in Peterborough on 9th June. The programme is as follows:

For those having lunch at the factory, please arrive at Gate 4 at 11.45 am and go to the Visitors' Car Park. Then report to Reception, which is in the 5 storey building, to book in and be met by our guide.

For those not having lunch at the factory, please arrive at Gate 4 at 12.55 pm and report to Reception.

In any event, at 1 pm everyone should report to Reception to start the tour.

PLEASE NOTE – Open toed shoes, sandals or trainers must not be worn.

Percy Moss

LUNCH GROUP

The Lunch Group will once more meet at the Crown after the June meeting. I will be asking for a show of hands when you are in the Church before the speaker starts so I have an idea of the numbers.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

WALKING GROUP

June 10th	Ryhall The Millstone	5 m	Jean Farmer Peggy Aldridge	
June 17th	Ketton The Northwick Arms	2 options 3.5 - 4 1.5 - 2	Geoff Fox José Fox	
July 1st	Clipsham Park by the Church		Chris Rippington	
July 8th	Helpston The Blue Bell Inn	5 m	Roger Teasdale	
July 15th	Castor The Royal Oak	5 m	Roger Teasdale	

All walks start at 10.30 am. Queries on individual walks please contact the Leader. General queries contact José.

If you have any doubts about the conditions please contact the Walk Leader.

In case of cancellations, or any other problems, Walk Leaders please contact José before 9 am. Please check your e-mails before leaving home! If you do not have e-mail, please 'link' with someone who does, who can relay any messages.

Please share cars whenever possible, especially for those walks which are a little further afield.

ART HISTORY GROUP

The June meetings of this group will be held in the Livingstone Room in the United Reformed Church Hall at 10.30 am on the following dates:

Wednesday 8th June **Manet**

Wednesday 22nd June **Monet**



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COUNTRY DANCING

The June meeting of the Country Dancing Group will be held at the United Reformed Church Hall on Tuesday 21st June at 10.30 am

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FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

As several members will be away, our next meeting, on Thursday 9th June, will be held at Joan Shields' house -

There will be NO MEETING in August.

The trip to Kew Records Office/Kew Gardens has been postponed until Thursday 8th September. We plan to share the coach with Welland, Bourne and the Deepings.

Joan Shields

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP OUTINGS

June 14th Tour of Ketton Village, led by Geoff Fox

July 12th Tour of Stamford Town Hall

Places on these outings are limited. If you would like to go on any of these outings please contact

Trevor Dorkes

ORAL HISTORY GROUP - UPDATE

Mollie Birch, Phil Day, Phil Rudkin and me are all nearly at the end of our 'marathon' Oral History Project -

'Sport and Recreation in Stamford 50 years ago and early in the 21st Century'

Phil Rudkin, our technical man has been a tower of strength both technically and with his endless enthusiasm. He still has much to do as the recordings have to be transferred to CDs and that will be all Phil's work.

Hopefully by the Autumn (maybe late Autumn) the project will be ready to present to the Archives of Stamford Museum.

Janet Smith

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To view or download the Newsletter, but the site is worth a visit even if you already have a printed copy because of the wide range of additional information it offers. This is a dynamic site, with continual upgrades - at least once every fortnight and usually more often.

At the moment we are rationalising our websites and making them friendlier and more informative. For this task we need your help. Web statistics show that we are getting lots of visitors to the site, but no one is providing any feedback. To encourage some response we are going to offer the chance to win a worthwhile prize by having a raffle for those who provide us with information and feedback.

The programme will start within the next few weeks - visit the site frequently to get details - then give us some feedback and perhaps win a prize!