



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

It is not often that Stamford U3A is overtaken by world events but last month we definitely were. Our trip to Dubrovnik was cancelled with just over 12 hours' notice – though most of us were expecting it! However Tailored Travel have done a sterling job in rebooking it for October and very quickly paying out refunds to those who cannot make the October trip.

Coming closer to home, you will perhaps not be surprised to hear that we have been overwhelmed with people wanting to join the Committee. This in itself is not a problem as the present Committee do an excellent job and are all prepared to soldier on. However, there is a problem in that my four years as Chairman should end with today's AGM. The problem is that there is no one to take over from me. I have rung Head Office and asked their advice. They say that I may continue as Chairman for another year – with the clear proviso that someone must be found to replace me by the 2111 AGM. The job is not onerous. I do realise that the biggest draw back for most people is the necessity to be able to address a large audience. But apart from that, it does not entail much hard work – the Committee do all that! So please someone out there – think about it.

On a totally different note several of our members have been targeted by various scams. They take different forms. One is when you receive a phone call warning you that there are serious faults appearing on your computer which need to be attended to immediately or the computer will crash. One member paid out £100. They claim to be from Microsoft Security and go under the name of Co-Mantra. They could even give computer reference numbers. So beware! The other scam is much more complicated and involves using the surname of one of our members and

substituting a different Christian name. My advice is if you get any mail that is not correctly addressed to you is mark it Return to Sender – Not Known at this Address.

I have had a very interesting e-mail from Wakefield Historical Society who are retracing the route of the funeral procession of Richard Duke of York who was killed during the Wars of the Roses. They will be in Stamford on Tuesday 27th July when there will be a short service in St Martin's at 6 pm followed by refreshments and a talk by Dr Julien Litten on "The Heraldic Funeral." All U3A members are welcome to join them and it is free of charge.

They have also invited us to join them for a whole day outing on the 28th at a cost of £20 to include a walking tour of Stamford and a visit to Longthorpe Tower or to join them just for the walking tour of Stamford at 10.00 am. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these options.

A date for your diaries. The Rotary Club of Stamford are organising a Military Tattoo in the Stamford Rugby and Sports Ground in Empingham Road from 5.00 pm – 9.45 pm on Saturday 19th June. It is in support of Help for Heroes and there will be the Band of the RAF Regiment and displays by our local RAF and Army units. Bring your own picnic or enjoy the Food and Soft Drink stalls that will be there. Entrance is by tickets only and tickets price £10 each are available from the Arts Centre, (tel 763203), The Town Hall or the Mercury Offices. Accompanied children under 12 are free. Please support this worthy cause.

All the best,
Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
Sue Webster	Minutes Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	Speaker Finder
Horace Farquhar-Smith	
Lynn Darwin, Kathleen Fryer, Judy Westwood	

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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

May 3rd	AGM Drama Group Performance
June 7th	Transitional Town Stamford John Polkinghorne

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.

June Issue deadline 24th May

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please renew your membership as soon as possible. Remember that it is due from the 1st April. Therefore, if you have not renewed it by the June meeting we will assume that you no longer wish to be a member of Stamford U3A.

FAMILY HISTORY

The Group will not be meeting in July, August or September but will resume in October.

Jim Guthrie 752755

HIGHGROVE VISIT 8TH SEPTEMBER

The list of people on this trip is on the notice board and will be available after the meeting. Please let me know if you cannot come. Can you also tick the list to say whether you need to be picked up at the Bus Station at 7.30 am or the Danish Invader at 7.35. Please also tick to say that you know you must bring photo ID.

Please pay at the May meeting. Cheques for £30 to be made out to Stamford U3A Art History Group.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next meeting of this group will be on Thursday 13th May at Barn Hill from 10.30 am to 12.15 pm. The Singalong is at the same time, same place on Monday 24th May. Use it or lose it.

Rita Wood

CHURCH VISITING

The next meeting of this group will be on May 28th at Egleton and Manton. Please note we will be meeting at Egleton at 10.30 am – not 11 am.

Leaders Margaret Mills . Jean Farmer.

GARDEN GROUP

The Garden Group are organising a day trip to Norwich and East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens on Wednesday 16th June. Maximum cost will be £21 including admission. Please pay at the May meeting. More information, contact

Sandy Ellis

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

May meetings – 12th and 26th May and June 9th and 23rd

New members welcome.

Graham Creedy

JAZZ GROUP

This group is now meeting in the evenings at 7 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 24th May at 7 pm. The theme is "Animals"

Terry Watkins

A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Wed 12th May Love Never Dies

Andrew Lloyd Webber's sequel to The Phantom at the Adelphi.

Tue 12th May Michelangelo Exhibition

Courtauld Gallery

Tue 25th May London Assurance

with Simon Russell Beale, Fiona Shaw and Richard Briers.

Boucicault's brilliant comedy at the National Theatre.

Wed 30th June Neil Simon's Sweet Charity

Tamzin Outhwaite (sell out transfer from the Chocolate Factory) **OR**

La Bête

Joanna Lumley, Mark Rylance and David Hyde.

Comedy Theatre

Wed 1st Sep Love Never Dies

Sat 30th Oct Orff's Carmina Burana

Royal Philharmonic 400 voices in monumental harmony
Royal Albert Hall

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769



Most CallConnect Services operate only in response to pre-booked requests. Anyone can use CallConnect for any purpose. Please note concessionary bus passes are valid on all CallConnect Services.

This service has been extended to include various drop off points in Peterborough as well as the District Hospital and Edith Cavell.

Registration to become a CallConnect member is FREE, but you must be registered to book a journey.

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www.wellandcallconnect.com

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

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INSTITUTE OF LIFE LONG LEARNING

An opportunity to explore the benefits of learning activities for older people and wider society. One day seminars.

May 28th Learning and Older Workers in the Recession Vanessa Beck.

June 25th Nursing, Older People and Learning.

Please contact Isobel Woodliffe to reserve a place.

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ART HISTORY

There will be no Art History Group meetings in April. The next meetings will be on 12th and 24th May when the subject will be **The Glasgow Boys**.

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. For more information contact

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STROLLERS

May 14th **Easton-on-the-Hill** – Blue Bell
Leader Daphne Sharpe 751332.

Jun 11th **Ketton Quarry SSSI**.
Philip Rudkin.

Please let José know if you intend to come on this walk to give her an idea of numbers. The walk may take more than usual with all the stops we have to make to see items of interest. So please do not have a deadline unless you know your way around the quarry and back to the car park. Car park at the entrance to the quarry in Pit Lane.

All walks start at 11.00 am. For more information contact

José Fox

Visit your websites

www.StamfordU3A.co.uk

www.SU3ANews.co.uk

TRIP TO THURSFORD

There are still a few Standard seats left for this trip on 15th November. Please see Hendy if you would like to add your name to the list.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

TRIP TO YORK

Antiques Two are taking a coach to York to visit Fairfax House on May 17th. Fairfax House is described as the finest Georgian house in England and has a large collection of Georgian furniture, clocks and paintings.

All members of Stamford U3A are welcome to come on this trip. The approximate cost is £19.50 for coach, house entrance and gratuities and £13.50 for coach and gratuities only. For more information contact

Kay Johnson



This will take place at Burghley park on Sunday 16th May in aid of Cancer Research UK. You can walk, jog or run 5 kilometres (or 10 if you really want to). The entrance fee is £12.99. You can sign up for www.raceforlife.org or ring 0871 641 1111.

If you're entering more than one participant, you will need to know their postal address, email address and emergency contact details.

WALKING GROUP

May 21st **Brooke Church**

Aileen Marriott

Marion Manger

June 4th **Wing**

Jennie Widdep

Caroline Meadows

All walks start at 10 am and are around 5 miles. New members always welcome. For more information contact

Chris Rippington

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 2 pm in Ryhall Village Hall when the main topic will be Macular Degeneration and other eye problems associated with ageing.

We shall also look at the health problems caused by atmospheric changes in view of the recent problem with volcanic ash.

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

TRAVEL GROUP

We will introduce our new Group leader at our next Travel Group meeting at Barn Hill on Tuesday 11th May at 10 am.

Damian Wright from Tailored Travel will also be there and will give a short talk. The cancelled holiday to Dubrovnik has now been rescheduled and will leave from Stansted on 9th October.

Dick Colgrove

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