



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Before leaving for our recent holiday, I was reflecting on the number of people in Stamford U3A engaged in so many activities and how much knowledge and creativity this must represent. Ironically, I have found that when mentioning U3A to people of other age groups, there is some lack of knowledge about our activities and organisation.

On return from holiday, I received details of two projects that could indicate a change this situation. The first request, from a Stamford Community Project, was for third age people to join with school students in after school projects, up to one and a half hours per week, involving sharing experiences, cultural attitudes, history, literature, music etc. Both old and young should benefit from the first hand experiences of each other. The 'Ipod Generation' may even help the older generation improve their computer skills.

I will put details out at the March meeting, with a list for names of those who may be interested in taking part in this project. We will

then arrange a meeting with Community Project organisers to discuss this further.

The second opportunity involves a programme to be produced for the BBC. They are seeking 'active individuals over 60 years old' to go on a journey for two weeks with people of a different generation. They approached U3As, obviously seeing us as a source of active individuals. The idea is to promote an exchange of opinions, experiences and ideas. Details will be on the display boards at the March meeting. I am sure we have members who would be prepared to accept this challenge.

I am aware that members may not read this letter till after the March meeting. If there are any queries or requests for more details on these two proposals, please contact me.

Best wishes,
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

TUESDAYS

April 5th

Air Ambulance
Margaret Ryan

May 3rd

AGM

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

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APRIL Issue Deadline

22 March 2005

HARLAXTON Summer Schools 2005

There are still some places for the Harlaxton Summer Schools on:

10 - 13 July 2005

14 - 17 July 2005

Places are available in particular on the second period. Harlaxton Summer Schools provide an opportunity to relax and enjoy the exclusive use of Harlaxton Manor while studying a subject of interest.

For more information, please contact:

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HELP WANTED

If you have any spent inkjet cartridges or unwanted mobile phones, we would be delighted to accept them on behalf of our daughter who is masterminding the restoration of a Guide Camp in Essex. Thank you.

Anna and Harold Bridger

CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS

Peterborough U3A are organising a Study Day for Group Leaders, Group Co-ordinators and Committee members from different local U3As to compare notes on similar learning activity objectives.

The proposed date is now Wednesday 4th May.

Please would all Group Leaders tell Dick if you would like to go. A suitable venue will be arranged by Peterborough U3A.

SINGING GROUP

The Singing Group will meet next after Easter — watch out for details in the April Newsletter.

Once we restart we will meet on Wednesday mornings at 11 pm in the All Saints Church, Stamford.

We hope that many of you will join us for the sheer fun and pleasure of singing. **THERE ARE NO AUDITIONS!**

Details from
Elizabeth Snowball

TURNER - WHISTLER - MONET EXHIBITION

The trip the Turner-Whistler-Monet Exhibition is now fully booked and there is a waiting list. Please pay at either the March or April meetings.

There will be a talk on this Exhibition and Impressionism in general on

Wednesday 13th April at 10.30 am in the Livingstone Room at the United Reformed Church Hall.

Everyone is welcomed to attend. For more details or any further information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

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Web statistics indicate that progressively more members are making use of the Online Newsletter to get their copy of this publication, and to make use of the additional facilities that the online version offers — in particular to check the latest information about Groups.

Calling all Group Leaders — we are offering to provide a page in the site for each of those Groups who would like to have up to date information on the web, more wide ranging than would be possible in the printed version. Remember Newsletter Online is a dynamic website which is updated and revised at least once a fortnight. You could make regular change and inputs to your page, and we would guarantee to upload it within 24 hours. If you are interested please contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

ELEMENTARY BRIDGE

Elementary Group is held every Tuesday at 2 pm in Stamford Bridge Club in the Arts Centre.

This group is looking for some more new members.

Please contact
Ellie Edmans

TO ALL GROUP LEADERS

Non-Members Attending Group Meetings

Head Office advises that it is perfectly acceptable for potential members to attend a maximum of two group meetings, as long as they meet the requirements and are therefore genuine potential members of the U3A, for example, they must be semi-retired.

This means that children do not meet these criteria and therefore cannot join in any U3A activity.

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group will be held on **Thursday 10th March at 2 pm** in the Livingstone Room at the United Reformed Church Hall. The talk will be on

'Diet, Lifestyle and Stress'

by Kerry Burgess who is a nutritionist.
All members of the U3A are welcome to attend

Percy Moss

THEATRE GROUP

Would all theatregoers please note that the Danish Invader is now charging £2 per day for parking.

'Stepping Out' in Nottingham on 31st March is now fully booked. If anyone would like the trip only, the cost will be £7.50 which includes the driver's tip.

There are still tickets available for:

'**Chicken Soup with Barley**' at Nottingham on 21st April
'**Don Quixote**' at Birmingham on 30th June

Anyone interested, or for more information contact
Shirley Draheim-Jackson

WALKING GROUP

March 4th	Burghley Park to Barnack Lunch - Millstone. Return by Bus with leaders, or walk back		Anna and Harold Bridger
March 11th	Barrowden	4.5 m	Eric and Avery Woods
March 18th	Farcet	2 m	John and Joan McNeill
April 1st	Hambleton Finches Arms	4.5 m	Aileen Marriott Marian Manger
April 8th	South Luffenham Coach House	4 m	Anna and Harold Bridger

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.

ART HISTORY

The next meeting of the Art History Group will be held on
Wednesday 16th March at 10.30 am

in the Livingstone Room in the United Reformed Church.

The talk will be on Caravaggio as a preparation for our visit to the Caravaggio Exhibition on Wednesday 23rd March.

CARAVAGGIO EXHIBITION

If you have signed up for this trip please pay Hendy at the March 1st Meeting with a cheque for £16.50 made out to Stamford U3A.

Please note that the Danish Invader now charges £2 a day for parking. If you do not want to pay, then park in the Playing Fields car park a little further down the road.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Monthly meetings are held every second Tuesday in the United Reformed Church Hall at 10 o'clock.

March 8th Life Before the Supermarket

A look at the way we used to shop.
Alex Burt

April 12th Lost or Deserted Villages in Lincolnshire

David Start from
South Lincolnshire Heritage

Local History Group Outings

May 10th Southwick Hall, near Bulwick

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 these outings contact

Trevor Dorkes

PHILIP PAYNE

To Philip Payne — We, the past and present members of Stamford Third Age Group are pleased to record our deep appreciation of your outstanding service to the Group and do hereby confer upon you the lifelong title of:

President of Stamford Third Age Group.

This was the wording on the document which Stamford Group gave Philip, when he and his wife Marie left Stamford in July 2000 to be nearer to their daughter in Felixstowe.

Philip died last month after a long battle with cancer. Throughout his working life with British Rail he had moved around the country a great deal and the eight years that he and Marie spent in Stamford was one of their longer stays in any one place.

Philip was determined to form a U3A in Stamford and with his customary thoroughness he made sure that the organisation was a success from the start. To be sure it was a small group of enthusiasts at the inaugural meeting but Philip was a tireless leader who knew exactly how to encourage others to be involved and to take responsibility. After his own three years as the first Chairman, he stayed on the committee to continue giving support to both Michael Whetstone who followed him and to me when I took over as third Chairman.

I learned a lot from Philip and I greatly admired his attention to detail, his refusal to accept second best and the fearless way he would speak out against suggestions that he believed were not in the long term interests of the members of Stamford U3A or the East Midlands Region of U3As. As National Vice Chairman I try and live up to the very high standards of working shown to me by Philip Payne of Stamford Third Age Group.

Rosemary McCulloch