



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

I hope you have all survived the recent snow without too much damage. It was lovely for a couple of days but then I think the novelty wore off. However things are much more spring like now and I hope we've see the last of the ice and snow.

We've got some changes coming up in the way our regional U3A is organised. Up till now we've had an Association of East Midlands U3As who have met three times a year near Newark. But now we've been reorganised to include more counties and there are just too many U3As to make this viable even if they send only one representative. So now we are going to have our own Lincolnshire Network and just send representatives to the larger Easy Midlands meetings. It is not going to affect our own U3A in any way but I think it might lead to more tie ups with local U3As.

As so many of you missed the meeting last month and therefore your Newsletter, I am going to repeat most of Chairman's Comments because some of the information last month is quite important.

One thing I have done is I have now been to Whitefriars in Ryhall Road to talk to some of the residents about the U3A. Jodi Hope who is in charge of providing activities for the residents is really very keen to get more people to come and talk. It is very informal and I think they really appreciate hearing about our activities. So please do volunteer.

If you want more information ring me on 756316 or if you want to volunteer directly ring Jodi on 765434.

Several members of the Committee are having to give up this year because of other commitments so we need more committee members. It is not arduous. We meet only about six times a year and our meetings do not drag on interminably. We cannot run without some helpers so please if you think you can help run Stamford U3A, get in touch with any member of the Committee and volunteer your services.

It's Subscription renewal time again, and Jim Guthrie is trying all sorts of ways to get your renewal forms out to you - you should get them in due course. As advised at the 2008 AGM the annual subscription is going up to £7 because of generally increased costs. It would help enormously, if you wish to renew your subscription at a monthly meeting, if you are paying by cheque, if you could have it written out before you approach the desk for renewal. The subscriptions run from April to April and if you have not renewed by the 1st of June, we will assume that you no longer wish to be a member of Stamford U3A. If you have a problem with keeping to this time scale and still want to retain your membership ring Jim Guthrie on 752755 and let him know.

And finally I realise that my request for Group Leaders to come to the New Members' meeting did not have the date on - it is Thursday 19th March at 10.30 am. Do come if you can.

All the best,

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Paddy Thompson	Deputy Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
Sue Webster	Minutes Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	Speaker Finder
Sheila Halliday-Pegg	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

March 2nd	Private V Barratt 14828 Ernie Rusdale
April 6th	Tales of a Wimbledon Umpire Alan Grey

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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PARCELS FOR THE TROOPS

The British Legion are continuing with their Parcels for the Troops programme. As you know, you don't have to make up the parcel yourself - the British Legion will do that for you.

The sort of things that are most appreciated are Bic Razors, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, wipes, sweets, crisps – especially Pringles because of the packaging, crossword books, notebooks, pens etc. Please do not send any liquids or chocolate.

Please bring the items to the next meeting or get in touch with the British Legion direct.

LOCAL HISTORY

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th at 10 am for a 10.30 start. The subject will be “**The Whittlesey Straw Bear Festival**” prepared by John McNeil and presented by Brian Jones, a local guide and historian. Everyone is welcome. Forms will be available at this meeting to book the summer outings.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

Shirley Draheim-Jackson has very kindly volunteered to get the German Conversation group going again.

She has put a sign up sheet by the notices upstairs so if you are interested please give your name and telephone number.

If there are enough people interested the meetings would be held at Shirley's house but there will have to be a preliminary meeting to sort out a suitable day and time. For more information contact

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

Visit your website

www.SU3ANews.co.uk

HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

The Home Library Service provides books for housebound people. If you know of anyone you think would benefit from this service please get in touch with Hendy on 756316

ART HISTORY

The next meetings of the Art History Group will be held upstairs in the Livingstone Room at the United Reformed Church Hall, on the dates shown below.

Coffee from 10.15 am, talk starts at 10.30 am

Wednesday, 11th March **Goya Tapestries
and Cartoons**

Wednesday, 25th March **Picasso (Based
on the Exhibition at the National Gallery)**

For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Wed 18th Mar **Enjoy** by Alan Bennett, with Alison Steadman, David Troughton at the Gielgud Theatre **OR**

Lloyd Weber, **Sunset Boulevard**, Comedy Theatre

Sat 11th April **Madame de Sade**, by Yukoi Mishima Judi Dench
The Wyndham Theatre

Wed 6th May Sondheim's **A Little Night Music** with Maureen Lipmann and Hannah Waddington

Wed 10th June **OLIVER**, with Rowan Atkinson
Royal Drury Lane

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769

WOOL WANTED

Thank you very much for helping with this appeal in September. The ladies of Stamford Inner Wheel are still in need of wool for making blankets for charity. If you have any oddments of double knitting wool please contact Pauline Wakefield. She will collect the wool from you if you wish.

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The next meeting will be held at Ryhall Village Hall on Monday March 16th. The main subject will be “Managing our own Accidental Injuries” and there will also be a discussion on the problems of watching TV.

Everyone welcome. For more information contact

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

The next meetings will be held on 11th and 25th March in the upper room at Barn Hill at 11 am. New members always welcome. For more information contact

Graham Creedy

BALLROOM DANCING

The next meeting of this group will be held on Wednesday 25th March from 3 pm – 4.30 pm at the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street. Everyone welcome. No need to have a partner.

Meg Atkins Moss

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next meeting of this Group will be at Barn Hill on Thursday 12th March from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at Barn Hill. All welcome.

Rita Wood

TRAVEL GROUP

Places are still available on the trip to Annecy in the French Alps. The holiday is for seven days beginning on 12th May 2009.

The Autumn holiday this year will be to Vienna leaving on 19th September for 6 days. City and country tours are included as well as a day trip to Bratislava.

Booking forms will be available at the meeting, for more details contact

Dick Colgrove.

DANCING GROUP

This new group seems to have got off to a flying start. It's just dancing – no partners – just moving to music. March meetings will be held at Tinwell Village Hall on 12th and 26th at 10.30 am.

Val Harvey

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting will be on March 11th when there will be a visiting speaker on the Health Service, Social Security and the relationship between the private and public sector.

New members are welcome to this meeting but please contact either Betty Meadows or George Birch.

BOWLS – PROPOSED TASTER SESSION FOR U3A MEMBERS

Stamford Town Bowls Club are anxious to encourage U3A members to avail themselves of the excellent bowling facilities they have at their Exeter Gardens premises. If there is sufficient interest a taster session will be offered to U3A members to receive basic instruction in the sport given by qualified coaches. There will be a sign up sheet at today's meeting or alternatively phone Peter Herrick.

If there enough people interested a session will be arranged and details will be given at the U3A meeting on 6th April.

STROLLERS

March 13th – meet at Burghley Car Park (Barnack end) for a saunter round the Sculpture Park.

Leaders Harold and Anna Bridger

PICASSO EXHIBITION - NATIONAL GALLERY

The date for this trip is Wednesday 22nd April. Price £30.

Sign up list will be available at the March meeting.

If you are interested in coming and you are not at the March meeting, please give me a ring.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

KENNY BALL AND HIS JAZZMEN



Corn Exchange Theatre - Stamford

7.30 pm Thursday, 14th May 2009

Tickets £15 Concessions £13

Box Office: Arts Centre 01780 763203

Corn Exchange 01780 766455



*Presented by Stamford Rotary Club
to help eradicate Polio worldwide*

2nd LUNCH TIME CONCERT AT BARN HILL CHURCH

You are invited to hear accompanied soprano duets of popular music with Helen Wright and Marie Hayes in a Lunch Time Concert at Barn Hill Church on Saturday 21st March at 1.30 pm. There is no entrance charge but there will be a collection for the Church Refurbishment Fund, Sierra Leone and another charity.

WALKING GROUP

- March 6th** Greatham
Park in Main street near the Wheatsheaf pub – but not in the pub car park.
Lynn Darwin
- March 20th** Ketton Park in Pit Lane
Vera Parodi
- April 3rd** Castor, Royal Oak
Peggy Aldridge

All walks start at 10 am.

LITERATURE GROUP 2

There vacancies for members in this group. They meet on the third Monday of the month at 2 pm. If you are interested please contact

Anne Linton

COUNTRY DANCING

It has been decided to extend the time for Country Dancing so the next meeting on 17th March will begin at 10 am. If this is not convenient for you, just come along at 10.30 am as usual.

New members are always welcome. The meetings are held at the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street.

Mary Rowe
