



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Just when we thought we'd got rid of the snow, back it came. I'm writing these comments a week ahead of the meeting so I hope the snow has disappeared for good by the 1st of March.

We have had another offer from a new member to start up a new group. Jodi Hope has offered to start a Quiz Group on the second Monday evening of the month. More details are in the Newsletter. So that means we have three new groups start up in the last six months. I'm very grateful to everyone concerned.

We had such an overwhelming response to the Highgrove visit – over 80 people have wanted to sign up and I am in the process of organising a second trip for those on the waiting list.

Thank you to those of you who so generously donated money for Joan Newey's books at the last meeting. I have now had time to sort through all of them and I have brought a further selection to the meeting. If anyone is interested Joan also had an almost complete set of the Cadfael books by Ellis Peters including a beautifully illustrated hard back guide to the Cadfael area. There is also a large number of books by Elizabeth Peters. She had a large collection of mainly crime fiction and if anyone is interested in having a look at these books and making me an offer for any of them, do get in touch with me to come and have a look at them before the remainder are sent off to one of the charity shops. The money we collect

from the sale of her books is going to All Saints Church.

One question I keep on being asked is who exactly can advertise in the Newsletter? You will see that in this edition we are advertising the annual Malcolm Sargent Birthday Concert being held at Peterborough Cathedral on the 13th of March featuring the Stamford Choral Society and the Stamford Endowed Schools Choirs. One of our members expressed surprise when I offered to put it in the Newsletter. But quite a few of the members of Stamford U3A are members of the Choral Society and therefore it is quite correct to use the Newsletter for this sort of publicity.

I am very aware that many local groups are suffering from the withdrawal of the publicity areas in Stamford Library and therefore if you are a member of any group outside the U3A that wishes to publicise a specific event, you are very welcome to use the Newsletter to do so. The only criterion is that you must be a member of Stamford U3A.

And finally a reminder that the private gardens of Burghley House will be open to the public for six weeks from 27th March for us to enjoy the daffodils. This is a unique experience. Don't miss it.

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	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

Mar 1st	The History of Peterborough Streets Neil Mitchell
Apr 12th	Nature Conservation and Sea Defences in Lincolnshire David Robinson

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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To become a member and for subscriptions please contact Jim Guthrie:

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal letters will be available for collection from the Membership Secretary's table at the monthly meetings .

Visit your websites

www.StamfordU3A.co.uk

www.SU3ANews.co.uk

FAMILY HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on 17th March at 2.15 pm at Jim Guthrie's house. For more information please contact

Jim Guthrie 752755

QUIZ GROUP

Jodi Hope has volunteered to start a Quiz Group that will meet on the second Monday of the month at 8 pm.

The Group will meet at Jodi's house in Ryhall Road on Monday 8th March. If you are interested contact

Jodi Hope

HIGHGROVE VISIT

The list the lucky 50 for the June visit is being put on the notice board today. Please pay as soon as possible - £30 made out to Stamford U3A Art History Group. Thanks.

Hendy 756316

PIANO FOR SALE

Irish Lindner upright with nice tone and still in use. Any reasonable offer will be accepted. Buyer must arrange delivery.

Jodi Hope

CALL CONNECT

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.

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To register, or for more information call our Friendly Booking Centre on 0845 234 3344, or visit:

www.lincsinterconnect.com

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 25th May London Assurance

with Simon Russell Beale, Fiona Shaw and Richard Briers.

Boucicault's brilliant comedy at the National 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

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

Next meeting 11th March at 10.30 am at Barnhill. Singalong on 29th March also at 10.30 am at Barnhill.

Do come along and join in the Singalong – it's not pitched for "high" voices.

Rita Wood

BALLROOM DANCING

The next session will be held on Wednesday 24th March at 3 pm in the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street.

All welcome. No need to have a partner.

Meg Moss

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Next dates are the 3rd and 31st March.

Please note there will be no meeting on the 17th of March. The April meetings will be on 14th and 28th April.

Dancing takes place in the upper room of Barn Hill Church from 11 – 12 noon. New members welcome.

Graham Creedy

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of this group will be at Ian Burrows' house in Barnack on Thursday 11th March at 2 pm.

The subject will be Physics.

Ring Ian for directions on 749554. If you don't get a reply, ring Hendy on 756316.

Everyone welcome.

Ian Burrows

ISRAEL IN EGYPT

The Stamford Choral Society and the Stamford Endowed Schools Choir are combining for the Malcolm Sargent Birthday Concert 2010.

They are performing Handel's Israel in Egypt at Peterborough Cathedral at 7.30 pm on Saturday 13th March. Tickets cost £15 (£12 concessions) and £8 (£6 concessions). Accompanied children in full time education £1.

Tickets are available from Stamford Arts Centre, Stamford Music Shop and Peterborough Tourist Information.

EARTH SCIENCE

The next meeting of this group will be at Carol's house at 9.30 am, on Wednesday 10th March.

For more information contact

Carol Needham

ART HISTORY

The meetings in March for this group are:

March 10th Ingres, Gericault and Delacroix

March 24th Barbizon Group

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.

New members are always welcome. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

STROLLERS

March 12th Meet in the Car Park at Burghley Park for a stroll round the Sculpture Garden led by Anna Bridger

April 9th Burghley Park car park for a stroll round the Private Garden led by Anna Bridger

All walks start at 11 am. For more information contact

Anna Bridger

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

TONY WILDBLOOD

We are very sorry to have to announce the passing of Tony Wildblood on 31st January. Tony was a very active member of Stamford U3A and his marriage to Maureen in 2006 was the first Stamford U3A wedding.

He was a founder member of Winegroup 2 and a very keen player in Intermediate Bridge. We send our deepest sympathies to Maureen and his family at this sad time.

GROUP LEADERS

Please can you come along on the 18th of March and help us run the New Members' Meeting. Thanks.

Hendy 765316

NEW MEMBERS' MEETING

There will be a New Members' Meeting at 10.30 am at Barn Hill on Thursday 18th March. All new members will be sent an invitation.

WALKING GROUP

Please contact Chris for details of walks in March.

All walks start at 10 am. New members will be particularly welcomed.

Chris Rippington

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The March meeting of this group will be held on Monday March 15th at Ryhall Village Hall. The main topic will be "The History of Diet – the good, the bad and the ugly." Everyone welcome.

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

TRAVEL GROUP

The next Travel Group meeting will be on Tuesday 6th April at Barnhill at 10 am for coffee and 10.15 am for the meeting.

The speaker will be David Baxter who will be talking about The National Parks of Utah. We will also discuss the final arrangements for our Dubrovnik holiday.

We are looking for a new Travel Group Leader to take over after the Dubrovnik trip. Please contact Travel Group Committee members if you, or someone you know, is interested.

Dick Colgrove

LOCAL HISTORY

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th March when the speaker will be Brian Jones talking about

"Strange Goings On in Lincolnshire."

The meetings are held at Barn Hill at 10 am for a 10.30 am start. Everyone is welcome.

Christine Bearne
