



## Stamford Third Age Group

# NEWSLETTER

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### CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

I am sorry to start this letter with the sad news that John McCulloch died a few days before our last meeting. Many members not at that meeting may not be aware of this. John died after a lengthy illness. As an ex-producer of BBC Promenade Concerts he made an excellent leader of the Understanding Music Group. He gave great support to Rosemary, helping, often behind the scenes, at many events during her years as chairman of Stamford U3A, and subsequently NEC Vice-chairman. He played a significant part in the U3A

Donations in memory of John should be sent to Exotic Pet Refuge, 102 Station Road, Deeping St James, PE6 8RH.

During my later years in full-time employment I was used to working extended hours with a degree of pressure and years seemed to pass very quickly. I believed that when I retired time would appear to pass more slowly. However, this did not follow. Like many of our members, I found that there are so many activities, in which we can take part in U3A

and outside, that time still passes quickly. The time that I have been chairman is no exception, but after three years I believe it is time for someone else to take over.

I was pleased to accept the role three years ago because I had seen that the U3A organisation is of great benefit to many people. It can help us all to be active, physically, mentally and socially, as we choose.

It was therefore easy to decide that, if others wished, I should put some effort back into the organisation. I thank the committee members who were excellent partners to work with and everyone else who have helped and contributed to the smooth running of the U3A.

Best wishes

Dick Colgrove

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

|                      |                   |
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| 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          |                   |
| Chris Rippington     |                   |

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### MONTHLY PROGRAMME

- June 5<sup>th</sup> The Serious Business of Humour**  
Canon P Spence
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Beatrix Potter**  
Marion Foers

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Barn Hill, except for Bank Holidays. Coffee will be served at 10 and the meeting will start at 10.30 am.

**Registered Charity Number: 1077090**

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

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## MY GRATEFUL THANKS

to all of you who have sent such wonderful cards and letters to me following the death of my beloved husband, John. During my four years as Chairman of Stamford U3A and from then on until his death on 30 March, John derived enormous pleasure from his shared role as leader of the 'Understanding Music' group and would be pleased to know that this group will now continue to flourish with his co-leader, John Plumb.

With the help and support of all my U3A friends I am now getting on with my life, trying to adhere to my own motto of MGM –

M – manage during the crisis  
G – grieve  
M – move on

Rosemary McCulloch

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## SOCIAL HISTORY

Joan Newey has come forward with a very interesting suggestion for a Social History Group. It would be a bit of an ad hoc group, with members of the group researching a specific aspect of social history and then reporting back to the group. Anyone interested in joining such a group should contact

Joan

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## SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING GROUP

We meet on Wednesdays at the Barn Hill Methodist Church at 11 am. The group welcomes new members from both Stamford and Welland U3As. Next meetings:

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**

Barbara Carpenter

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## TRAVEL GROUP TRIP TO NEW YORK.

Twenty nine intrepid transatlantic travellers arrived in Newark Airport, New York to be met by a guide bearing a sign saying Stamford U3A ! – how far flung can you get.

Our guide Ken was a mine of information about New York and the majority of the party enjoyed an exhaustive (and exhausting) four hour tour of the city. They saw Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty, Chinatown, Little Italy, Soho, Greenwich Village, Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Central Park, St Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Centre, Broadway etc while being regaled by Ken with anecdotes about these places, as well as his feelings about George Bush and a resume of his girl friends past and present. Somehow or other after all that they managed to turn up at the Frick Collection where Hendy had prepared a mini guide to the best pieces. And that was just the Tuesday.

Over the next three days the group went their different ways and covered a huge amount of ground. Some sprightly octogenarians amongst us took to New York like ducks to water – hailing cabs, leaping on and off buses and coping with the Subway.

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## CHURCH VISITING GROUP

Meet at 11 am at St Mary's Church, Stamford on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

Everyone is welcome, especially new members. You will be amazed at the treasures our local churches contain.

Anna Bridger

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## SELF- HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

We are back to our usual meeting times now until December - Next meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>, Essendine Village Hall at 2 pm

The main topic is

### Accident Prevention and First Aid in the Home

– a subject which touches us all. Hopefully, if we practice the prevention, we should not need to use the First Aid too often! We are also looking back at action which we have taken on our discussion subjects of the last few months.

We have an outing on June 6<sup>th</sup> when we will go on a Treasure Hunt walk around Stamford followed by tea at the Arts centre. Do sign up at the May meeting.

Sheila Halliday - Pegg

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## KEEP FIT

Clare Grant's Keep Fit Group would like some more members. They meet every Wednesday at 12.15 pm at Barn Hill. If you would like to join phone

Clare

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## FEED-BACK PROMOTION PRIZE

The prize for the Feed-Back Promotion has been randomly drawn from all those who responded to the promotion.

The prize was awarded to Alan Peter MacFarlane -

**Congratulations!**

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The younger members managed these things as well. Between us we covered a wide range of interests – Art,



Music, shopping, walking, museums covering many different aspects of culture and simply sightseeing.

Most of us went up the Empire State Building and the newly opened Top of the Rock – at the Rockefeller Centre.

The hotel was excellent with very comfortable beds and a prime location opposite Carnegie Hall. But it was a very exhausted twenty nine who got on the overnight Virgin flight back home on the Friday.

I suppose one could say this it was the first time members of Stamford U3A had slept together!

### ATTENTION GROUP LEADERS

We would like to publish a little booklet describing the activities of all our groups. Please could you send a very brief outline of what your group does to me – about three sentences by snail mail, e-mail or simply phone and I'll take down the details.

If you don't reply – I'll make it up myself!

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

### CITY OF PETERBOROUGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Broadway Theatre, Peterborough, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 7 pm

**'Ballet music from Le Cid' - Massenet**  
**'Guitar Concerto' - Rodrigo**  
**'The three-cornered hat' - Manuel de Falla**

Box Office: 01733 316107

### SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group is the visit to the Royal College of Physicians on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

The coach will leave the Stamford Bus Station at 0955 and the Danish Invader at 1000. We will have lunch at the College at 1200 and will leave for home at 1600.

If you would like an alternative pickup please contact me or Peter Tibbert on 751905.

Percy Moss

### UNDERSTANDING MUSIC

Because of the recent sad loss of John McCulloch this group needs a new leader. If there is any member – particularly a new member who has a wide knowledge of Classical Music and would like to help run this group, please could they contact either John Plumb on 757065 or me on 756316.

John will be quite happy to help a new leader run the group – so you will not be alone.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

### CASH BUYERS CONTINUE TO SEEK BUNGALOW

Janet and Des continue to seek bungalow in a quiet area of Stamford. They will let us know when they manage to find something, until then, please get in touch if you know of something that would be suitable.

Des and Janet Kempson

### 2006-07 MEMBERSHIP

Renewal of membership for this year should have been completed by 31st March. As **100+** members have not yet renewed, would Group Leaders please ensure that each person in their group holds an up to date membership card.

Thank you to all members who enclosed an SAE for the return of their new cards and may I remind those who did not, to collect cards as they register at a main meeting.

Please let me know name and address of anyone that you know does not wish to renew.

Gill Bolton. Membership Secretary 480611

### TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be held at Barn Hill on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. 10.00 am for 10.15 am start. Graham Creedy will be giving an illustrated talk on his recent cruise to Antarctica.

Paddy Thompson

### COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting of this group will be held in the United Reformed Church Hall at 10.30 am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone welcome. Absolutely no skills or special equipment needed - Just a sense of humour.

For further information

Mary Rowe

### BROWNE'S HOSPITAL MUSEUM

The Browne's Hospital Museum, Broad Street is seeking volunteer attendants for the coming summer months. If you could make a commitment of 2 and a half hours per month on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, mornings or afternoons, please contact the Museum Curator,

Pam Sharp

### ART HISTORY GROUP

The May meetings will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May when the subject will be Vermeer. As Vermeer painted only 35 extant works we will be looking at all of them.

The meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May will feature Constable in preparation for the visit to the Constable exhibition at Tate Britain on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Both meetings will have coffee from 10.15 am and the talks will start at 10.30 am in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church in Broad Street.

If you have not yet paid for the trip to the Constable Exhibition please will you pay at the May meeting.

### WALKING GROUP

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| May 12 <sup>th</sup> | No Leader | Leaders wanted |  |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | No Leader |                |  |

Volunteer Leaders please contact Eric or Avery Woods as soon as possible