



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

It's AGM time again and a time to look back at another good year for Stamford U3A. I think the display of work and activities that we have this morning is a good indicator of the amount of time and talent put in by our members. Not only do we have beautiful work by our Art and Craft groups, but our Creative Writing group has its annual publication for sale. After the AGM we are going to be entertained by our Drama group who have called on the Singing for Pleasure group to augment the musical sound. And of course, they are accompanied by another member – John Comber. On just a rough count we have the talents of around a hundred of our members on show in some form or another.

And of course this is the time of year to thank all of you who make the whole organisation run smoothly - the Group Leaders, the volunteers who help at the monthly meetings and of course the Committee. They are a sterling lot and make my life very easy. I am very sorry to say that Paddy Thomson is stepping down from being Vice Chairman. She has been an excellent Vice Chairman for all these years and has always provided support for me above and beyond the call of duty.

There have been numerous outings organised by the Garden Group, the Family History Group and

the Art History Group. The travel Group has had holidays in Ireland and Istanbul. But the future of some of our trips looks a little unsettled. The Travel Group have had to cancel their planned holiday in Vienna later this year and I had to cancel the trip to the Picasso Exhibition last month because I did not have enough people to make it viable. Is the current economic climate hitting the U3A? The next twelve months will tell us.

And talking about money, I have to remind you that the subscriptions will have to go up again next year to £8. As I explained last year, after we decided to raise our subscriptions for 2009 – 2010 to £7, Head Office informed us that it was raising the Capitation Fee by £1 for 2009 – 2010. So this year is Head Office's raise, next year is our raise.

I am very sorry to say that two of our members have passed away since the last Newsletter. Muriel Jellett, who led the Mah Jong group for many years, died last month. Nancy Hyde, another very active supporter of Stamford U3A, died on Monday 4th May. Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

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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

May 11th AGM

June 1st BRIXMIS Beyond the Front Line

Mike Thompson

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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TRAVEL GROUP

Unfortunately the autumn holiday to Vienna is cancelled because of lack of support. The Travel Group committee are considering other options. The decision must be made at the next Travel Group meeting on 2nd June. This will be held at 10 am for 10.15 start at Barn Hill. In the meantime we look forward to our holiday in Annecy in May. For more information contact

Dick Colgrove

A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

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

Wed 10th June Backstage at the Royal Opera House
Covent Garden

Thurs 30th July La Cage aux Folles
Playhouse Theatre

For information, prices and application forms contact

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www.StamfordU3A.co.uk

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

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.

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.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

This group will meet for the first time in April. We have decided that the 3rd Tuesday of the month will be best so the first meeting will be on 21st April at 2.30 pm.

If anyone else is interested in joining this group please contact

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

The next meeting of this group will be at 2.30 pm in Priory Court on Wednesday 13th May when the group will discuss the Budget.

This will involve all group members and be led by a group member. New members are always welcome but please contact Betty Meadows on 444408 or George Birch on 764858 if you wish to attend.

CHURCH VISITING

The next meeting of this group will be on Friday 29th May with a visit to Teigh at 11 am and then on to Whissendine at 11.45. Leader – Margaret Mills

Future Visits: (All Fridays)

June 26th Apethorpe 11 am
Peggy Aldridge

July 31st Uppingham 11 am
Maisie Hand

August 28th Wandsford 11 am
Ken Moss

If you need transport please contact Elaine Ward

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

The next meetings will be held on the 20th May and the 3rd and 17th June.

Dancing takes place in the Upper Room at Barn Hill at 11 o'clock. New members are very welcome.

For more information contact

Graham Creedy

BALLROOM DANCING

The next meeting of this group will be held on May 27th from 3 – 4.30 pm in the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street.

Everyone welcome. No need to have a partner.

Meg Atkins Moss

EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (EHIC)

Ensure that your EHI card is still valid before you travel. If it needs renewing this can be done easily by visiting www.nhs.uk/healthcareabroad or by phoning 0845 6062030.

If you do not have a card, these contacts can also be used to acquire one - they are free.

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The next meeting will be on the 17th of May in Ryhall Village hall when we will be considering the good, the bad and the ugly of having animals in the home.

We are also discussing the present recommendations about alcohol and caffeine. Everyone is welcome to join us. For more information contact

Sheila Halliday- Pegg

STROLLERS

June 12th Fineshade – Smelters' Walk. £2 parking charge.

July 12th Geology Trail, led by Jose Fox Lunch at Northcliffe Arms

All walks start at 11 am. For more information contact

Anna Bridger

THIRD LUNCH TIME CONCERT AT BARN HILL

You are invited to hear three male musicians at a Lunch Time Concert at Barn Hill Church on Saturday 16th May at 1.30 pm.

There is no entrance charge but there will be a collection for the Refurbishment Fund and a charity.

GERMAN CONVERSATION

From May onwards this Group has a new meeting place – 17 Ryhall Road, Stamford and in future the Group will meet on the 4th Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 pm.

For more information contact

Shirley Draheim-Jackson

GROUP INFORMATION

The back page of the Newsletter has the latest information about Groups, up to the publication date. If there are any changes in between Newsletters, the information appears on the Group page of the Website, which is reviewed weekly.

We can add additional information about Groups on the Website. If any Groups would like to make use of this facility please contact Hendy 756316.

JAZZ APPRECIATION

The next Jazz meeting of the Ryhall Rhythm Club will be at my home on the 25th May at 7 pm. The theme is "My Favourite Jazz Tune".

Terry Watkins

PICASSO EXHIBITION - NATIONAL GALLERY

This trip has been cancelled and re-arranged with another organisation for the 21st May. For details contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

A CORNUCOPIA OF COMPOSERS

St Mary's Church Ketton are celebrating the anniversaries of Purcell, Handel, Hayden and Mendelssohn on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th June at 7.30 pm on both days.

On Saturday 6th June The Cantus Ensemble will be presenting an Orchestral Concert featuring works by these composers and on Sunday 7th June the Cantus Choir will be performing a choral concert with works by these composers.

Tickets for individual concerts are £10. A joint ticket for both concerts is £15. Tickets available by calling 721015 or 721005 or at the door.

ART HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on

Wednesday, 13th May when the subject will be the Picasso Exhibition at the National Gallery

Wednesday, 27th May – Matisse

The meetings start with coffee around 10.15 am and the talks begin at 10.30 am. They are held in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church in Broad Street. New member are always welcome. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

WALKING GROUP

May 15th **West Deeping** Meet by the Church
Chris Rippington

June 5th **Bainton** by the Church
Aileen Marriott

All walks start at 10 am. New members will be particularly welcomed. For more information contact

Chris Rippington

WRITE AGAIN

Our Creative Writing Group has produced its annual booklet. Copies will be on sale at the meeting or contact Ann Linton

AWESOME ANAGRAMS

PRESBYTERIAN	BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER	MOON STARER
DESPERATION	A ROPE ENDS IT
THE EYES	THEY SEE
THE MORSE CODE	HERE COME DOTS
SLOT MACHINES	CASH LOST IN ME
ANIMOSITY	IS NO AMITY
ELECTION RESULTS	LIES LET'S RECOUNT
A DECIMAL POINT	IM A DOT IN PLACE
MOTHER IN LAW	WOMAN HITLER
