



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

By the time most of you read this we will have had our first meeting back at Barn Hill. I am sure that many of you will be impressed, if not amazed, by the changes in the church itself. Much of this will be a great help to our meetings. The committee and others involved with the monthly meetings met at the church for some familiarisation with the changes. There was quite a lot to learn with new electronic controls on lights, heating, and sound systems. John McNeill and Percy Moss will have instruction on the sound and vision systems. John's comments likened the controls to a recording studio. With so many changes we hope that we have covered all eventualities, and that the meeting and facilities were to members satisfaction.

On 26th October I attended a meeting of the Association of East Midlands U3As. We have several meetings each year to interchange ideas, hear news from other U3As and discuss current or future activities, problems and successes.

One success was again the Harlaxton Summer Schools. The delegates appreciated this year that

more than double the courses were run with great success. Rosemary McCulloch was applauded for the achievements of the Harlaxton committee and others involved. Arrangements are now in hand for 2006 Harlaxton Summer Schools on 9 - 12th July and 13 - 16th July. Further information can be seen in page 2 of this newsletter.

Earlier in October many of us went to Hull and 'The Deep'. Again, from the reaction of the members I know that this was another successful trip. Members of a local U3A (Cottingham, East Yorks), hearing that we were visiting met us for coffee. It was interesting as always to meet members of other U3As. It is probable that they will visit us next year at Stamford. Stamford is of course a beautiful town and it is becoming routine to arrange tours round the town and Burghley for visiting U3A groups.

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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

December 5th **Christmas Entertainment and Buffet Lunch.**

January 9th **Canine Partners**
Clare Grant

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.

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December Issue Deadline

24 November 2005

The Summer Schools are an opportunity to relax and enjoy the exclusive use of Harlaxton Manor and its many facilities while studying the course of your choice. Harlaxton, which is near Grantham, is a beautiful 19th Century house restored and now furnished as a residential college and conference centre. The Harlaxton complex is set in immaculate gardens and extensive grounds which are lovingly maintained. This is the fourth year that the U3A Summer Schools have been held at Harlaxton.

9 - 12 July School Courses

Mozart in Context	Anthony Burton
18th Century British Art	Hendy Farquhar-Smith
Art for All	Sally Crew
Life in 18th Century England	John Plumb
Web Site Authoring	Horace Farquhar-Smith
Just Loving Jane Austen	Dr Jane Mackay

13 - 16 July School Courses

Contrasting Garden Styles of the World	Glenys Whittle
Botanical Illustrations	Barbara Clemence
Main and Branch Lines	Geoff Smith
A Geological History of the Midlands	John Aram
Digital Photography and Imaging	Rod Sloane
Computing for Beginners/Improvers	Pam Bisnauthsing
Singing for Fun	Paul White

For more information on the Courses visit website www.HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk or e-mail info@HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk or phone **Rosemary McCulloch 01778 346184, Hendy Farquhar-Smith 01780 756216, Pat Leggett 01778 341248**

Newsletter on Line

More and more people are visiting our website. However, we are still only getting few comments and suggestions. Remember, we have an excellent prize to be drawn from those who return the Feed Back Forms now available. We have improved the electronic version of this form, making it more user friendly and easier all round. There is also a printed form which can be downloaded, manually completed and sent by post. Both versions qualify for the prize.

Calling all Groups. The website lends itself to having more detailed news about Groups - a number are already in the website, look for the W symbol in the Newsletter. So, please Group Leaders, send us some of your material for the site. As ours is a dynamic site, you can upgrade your information regularly so it is always up to date!

ART WORKSHOP

We have no experts and we use any type of medium including watercolour, pastel, ink, pencil and oil. We do our own thing and enjoy producing almost anything - nature, landscapes, local scenes, portraits etc. Mary, who leads Art Group 1, visits us for part of our session and is a great inspiration. She encourages, comments and cajoles us into creating better pictures.

We take turns in providing refreshments for our halfway break. We try to concentrate quietly on our work but there are many enjoyable interruptions for chat, banter, sorting out the world and the odd minute of singing and dancing!

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month (except Bank Holidays) from 10 am to 12 noon at Essendine Village Hall where there is plenty of free parking and a very warm room. The charge is £2 per session. Come and try us - come and join us.

Gordon Bland (new Group Leader)

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group will be on Thursday 10th November at 2 pm at Barn Hill Methodist Church.

The talk will be by Education Inspector George Fisher on problem solving. All members are welcome.

Percy Moss

THEATRE GROUP

A date for your diary, theatregoers. At the meeting on January 16th 2006 we will present the new productions for the Spring season.

The meeting will be held at Barn Hill, in the ground floor room which we have always had. Coffee will be served at 10 am and the meeting itself will start at 10.15 am prompt.

Mr H Warren, who is a former actor and director, will give a talk on "The Repertory Movement". We hope that as many people as possible will attend.

There are still a few tickets left for the farce "The Hypochondriac" at £14 per person. Look out for our table at today's meeting.

Shirley Draheim-Jackson



RUBENS EXHIBITION

There will a trip to see the Rubens Exhibition at the National Gallery on Wednesday 11th January 2006.

All members are welcome. The cost will be £20 for the coach and entry to the exhibition.

If you just want a trip to London without visiting the exhibition, the cost will be £12.50. Sign up at the meeting today or ring me for more details.

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WALKING GROUP

November 4th	Ketton Northwick Arms	3 - 4	Geoffrey and José Fox
November 11th	Stamford Lady Annes Hotel	4 - 5	Keith Jackson
December 2nd	Hambleton Peninsula Finches Arms	4 - 5	Daphne Barry and Joan McNeill
December 9th	Apethorpe King's Head	5	Derek Warrick

November 18th No Walk - No Leader

All walks start at 10.30 am. Queries on individual walks please contact the Walk Leader. General queries please contact Eric or Avery Woods. Please share cars whenever possible, especially for those walks which are a little further afield.

You will all probably be aware by now that José has stepped down as Group Leader of the Walking Group having led it for several years. In a foolish moment I took over, and with Avery's help I hope to maintain a full programme of walks with the support of existing Leaders and hopefully some new ones. I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of everyone in the Group to thank José for all her enthusiasm and energy in keeping the Group going. We have had some excellent walks and lunches afterwards during her leadership - thanks José.

On a sad note, however, I have to report a lack of Leaders coming forth, which will affect our future programmes. Come on you walkers out there let's be having some suggestions and if this is your first time leading either team up with a friend or give me a call for some help. Contact e-mail: - walks@SU3ANews.co.uk

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

New members of the U3A may not be aware that they are welcome to come to all meetings of the Local History Group at the United Reformed Church. Coffee is at 10 am followed by a talk at 10.30 am.

The programme for the rest of the year is as follows:

November 8th - Our old friend Philippa Massey from the Museum is the speaker. She is going to reveal the pastimes and recreational facilities in Stamford years ago.

December 13th - This is our Christmas meeting at the Stamford Masonic Hall. Our speaker is David Bond who is well known to some of you. He is giving us "**A Tale of Three Towns**" - you will have to come along to find out which they are.

John Plumb

ART HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting will be held at the Livingstone Room at the United Reformed Church Hall at 10.30 am on Wednesday 23rd November.

The subject will be Caillebotte.

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LITERATURE 4

Barbie Rojo has kindly volunteered to start up a fourth Literature Group as the others are full. If you are interested, or for more details please ring

Barbie on

LUNCH GROUP

This Lunch Group will meet today at the Dolphin on North Street directly after the meeting. This Group is still looking for a Leader, any volunteers? Contact

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COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting will be held at the United Reformed Church Hall on Tuesday 15th November at 10.30 am. New members always welcome.

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GARDENING GROUP

We have had lots of people interested in joining this Group. However, we still do not have a leader for it. Anyone interested please let me know as soon as possible

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE CROWN

If you have signed up for the Christmas Lunch and have not yet paid, please give your cheques to Paddy Thompson at the November meeting.

The price per person is £15.95 for 3 courses and coffee. Cheques should be made out to Crown Hotel.

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will take the form of an entertainment by the Drama group, together with a contribution from the Choir followed by a buffet lunch which will be provided by Lucy's Kitchen.

The price will be £3 per head and tickets will be on sale at the November meeting. Please note that entry will be by pre-paid ticket only, so if you want to come make certain that you have a ticket.

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