



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

We didn't have a summer but we have had an Indian Summer but the long dark nights are with us again. But before you start thinking about Christmas – a word to Group Leaders. You are not alone ! The East Midlands Area Association is starting up a Resource bank with someone in charge with the title of Learning Support. There is a vast amount of resource material available for groups – mainly in the form of DVDs. Chris has the list if you are interested. They cover all sorts of subjects – languages, music, history etc. But there are other resources available if you think you are in need of them. Get in touch with Chris or me if want some kind of extra resource for your group.

Our first Shared Learning Project on the History of the Rec was a great success and the Museum has asked for a copy of it for their records. Well done Joan and her gang! However we would like to have suggestions for another shared learning project. Do you know anyone who would like a specific subject researched – preferably Stamford related ?

Tickets will be on sale at the November meeting for the Christmas Buffet. If you would like to attend the Entertainment and not the Buffet, just turn up at the December meeting as usual. You only need to present the ticket at the door of the upstairs room in order to get your Buffet Lunch. If you are not at the November meeting you can order your tickets by phone from Percy on 482446.

I have sent a letter on your behalf – I hope you don't mind – complaining about the proposed closure of the Ryhall Road Post Office. I know many of you will have signed petitions and even turned up at the demonstration planned for the 3rd of November but I thought it would not do any harm to put in an extra voice of complaint. As you all know the Post Office in All Saints Place is already oversubscribed so what they plan to do with all the extra customers I do not know. The delights of living in the 21st century where the money is the God and people no longer matter to the faceless bureaucrats who make these decisions.

In more campaigning on your behalf, Rita Wood, despite her broken leg has been very active in trying to resolve the ludicrous situation about crossing the line at Stamford station. She has been to see Quentin Davies who has written to Central Trains again trying to resolve this impasse. At this very moment the solution is not quite clear but it does appear that Central Trains are offering to pay the taxi fare from Peterborough for anyone who cannot use the pedestrian bridge. The actual conditions of this offer have not yet come to hand but a certain amount of notice will have to be given. Watch this space!

Regards, Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

November 5th	The Prince's Charities Ann Chant CB
December 3rd	Christmas Entertainment and buffet

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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HARLAXTON 2008

U3A SUMMER SCHOOLS

6 to 9 July

Royal Edwardians **Jean Townsend**
The - isms of Art **Hendy Farquhar-Smith**
Art for All **Sally Crew**
Short Walks **Gordon Young**
English Musical Renaissance **David Lovell Brown**

10 to 13 July

Eminent Edwardians **John Plumb**
Polish up your Computer Skills **Pam Bisnauthing**
DH Lawrence **Dr Jane Mackay**
Singing for Fun **Paul White**

HURRY, HURRY Still a few places left on the courses shown!

For more information and to obtain application forms:

www.HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk (application forms can be downloaded) or e-mail: **info@HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk**

Or Phone Hendy 01780 756316 or Pat 01778 341248

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science group is the visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope Centre on Thursday 8th November. Lunch or light refreshments are available at the centre.

The Coach will leave Stamford Bus Station at 8.00 am and at 8.05 from the Danish Invader.

For more information contact

Percy Moss

TRAVEL GROUP SPRING HOLIDAY

Bookings are now being taken for the holiday in Ireland from 15th – 21st May, staying in Dublin and Killarney.

Details and booking forms are available from Dick Colgrove on the Travel Desk at this meeting.

LIVERPOOL ART TOUR

The Deepings U3A are organising a five day Art Tour to Liverpool on the 9th June 2008.

Price is from £339 and there will be visiting the Walker Art Gallery, the Liverpool Tate, the cathedrals, Speke Hall, Shugborough Estate and calling in at the Lowry at Salford on the way back.

For more information, please contact

Brian Thornthwaite

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE CROWN

This annual event will be held on Monday 17th December at the Crown Hotel. Please sign up for this at the September meeting and make your choice of menu. The cost will be £16.95 and full payment will be due in October. If you cannot make the meeting phone Paddy.

ART HISTORY GROUP

The next meetings of the Art History Group will be on Wednesday,

14th November – trip to Millais Exhibition

28th November – Cezanne

12th December – Christmas in Art

The meetings are held at the United Reformed Church Hall upstairs in the Livingstone Room.

Talks will start at 10.30 am, coffee from about 10.15, everyone welcome. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

John Plumb has resigned as Leader of the Local History Group and we are looking for someone to step in with enthusiasm, a deep interest in the subject and new ideas.

Whoever comes forward will receive support from the well established, experienced and hard working committee.

The next meetings will be on Tuesday,

November 13th Philippa Massey from the Stamford Museum will talk on Visual Images of Stamford.

December 11th Christmas with the Shoestring Theatre Company.

Meetings are held in the lower room at Barn Hill Methodist Church and start with coffee at 10 am. Everyone is welcome.

TRIP TO LONDON

There are seats available on the Art History coach trip to the Tate Britain on 14th November at £12 each, leaving the Bus Station at 8 am and the Danish Invader at 8.05 am and on the return trip, leaving from Tate Britain at 4 pm. See Hendy at the meeting if you are interested or ring her on 756316.

DISCUSSION GROUP

As the last two meetings have experienced seriously reduced numbers, it is proposed not hold a meeting in November, unless a number of members express interest in holding a discussion. Also Tobie Norris would not be able to offer a room for use in December, because of Christmas. For more information contact

Tony Barry

COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting of the group will be held at the Roman Catholic Church Hall at 10.30 am on Tuesday 20th November. Everyone welcome.

Please note that the meeting on 18th December will start at 10 am. For more details, contact

Mary Rowe

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AND BUFFET LUNCH

Tickets priced £3 are now on sale for this event which takes place on Monday 3rd of December.

New members please note that you can only attend the Buffet Lunch if you have a ticket. Tickets will be on sale at the November meeting and if you are not at the meeting but want a ticket please contact

Percy Moss.

TRAVEL GROUP TRIP TO CROATIA

On Tuesday October 2nd 39 members of the travel group set out for Stanstead Airport to board a Ryanair plane for Croatia. After landing at a very small airport on the outskirts of Trieste in Italy, we were met by Danielle, our guide who was waiting with the coach for the two and a half hour journey via Slovenia to our destination of Rovinj on the coasts of the Istrian peninsula in Croatia.

The hotel was very welcoming and comfortable with excellent food. It had two swimming pools, a sauna, a gym and a bar, so there was plenty to keep the group occupied. The hotel was also only a three minute walk from a small beach where some members of the group swam and went strolling.



Several outings were arranged including visits to Rovinj, Pula, Porec and Opatija where we had guided tours. The old towns in these places had been sympathetically restored. At Postojna we visited one of the world's largest caves as well as the Lipizzana horse stud and farm where we watched a display by the horses. Some of the group went for a boat trip to the Brijuni Islands where President Tito had his summer palace.

The weather was warm and sunny and the facilities of the hotel were well used. It was with reluctance that the party left Rovinj to return to the UK on Tuesday October 9th. Again many thanks to Paddy for her efficient organisation of the holiday.

SELF-HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

On 19th November in Ryhall Village Hall, we have the Lincolnshire Cardiac Nurse Specialist coming to speak to us. Charlotte Martin will be advising us on looking after ourselves from the heart point of view.

Our discussion will be about **"What we like about Christmas and how we go about finding it"**.

We are having a festive lunch in December so our next meeting is on 21st January 2008 when the main topic will be **"Caring for Friends and Neighbours"**

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

The next dates for this group are

14th and 28th November starting at 11 am.

12th December starting at 10.30 am.

at Barn Hill Methodist Church Hall. New members are very welcome – particularly men. All enquires to

Graham Creedy

WALKING GROUP

Programme Fridays 10 am

November 16th Creeton Lay-by
Chris Rippington

December 7th South Luffenham (by Church)
Chris Rippington

December 21st Leader required, any offers

For more information contact, and to volunteer contact:

Chris Rippington

STROLLERS, Fridays

November 8th Fineshade Car Park for a 10.30 am walk, 3 miles led by Margaret Mitchell.

December 14th Normanton Car park, Rutland Water for an 11 am walk. Leaders Davina Williams and Nancy Alexander.

Leaders required for January 11th, February 8th, March 14th and April 11th. Volunteers for leading these walks, please contact Anna Bridger, before November 20th.

Anna Bridger

WINE GROUP 2

This group has vacancies for new members. If you are interested in joining this group please get in touch with Hendy Farquhar-Smith on 756316.

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