



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

It's that time of the year again when you can't get into the Queensgate Car Park at 9.30 in the morning, you have endless lists of things to do and the thought of that Turkey looming in your head. For many of us the huge commercial band wagon that is Christmas nowadays contrasts strongly with our memories of those very simple Christmases of the 40s. A few presents, an apple and an orange and half a crown. What would your grandchildren think if you gave them 12 ½ pence for a Christmas present?

Now to more mundane matters. We have had a directive from Head Office advising us on how groups should organise their finances. I am glad to say we do do things "by the book" here but there are a couple of areas that need a little tightening up. From now on, please will those groups who do not have separate bank accounts, organise the finances of their trips by using a new account we are going to set up called an Outings Account. It should actually make things easier since members will no longer have to put cheques through their own accounts.

The other aspect that Head Office have brought to our attention is the fact that groups should not be handling money through members' or leaders' personal bank accounts. I am sure that no one is in fact doing this but if you have any queries please get in touch with Percy or me.

You will see in the Newsletter that I am asking for a volunteer to replace Edna running the tea and coffee

making at the monthly meetings. Edna has done a wonderful job over the last few years and she is going to be a hard act to follow. For that reason we have thought it might be an idea if we got a list of several people who might want to do it on a rota basis – especially those of you who are familiar with the workings of the kitchen and the vagaries of the boiler.

As usual this Christmas we have a wide variety of U3A activities with a festive theme to them. I hope you all enjoy the entertainment at the December meeting. It has been organised with the stress on audience participation and I must thank Rita, Chris and all the performers for all the work they have put in. Our Christmas Lunch at the Crown has been very well supported and the only person who has to do any work for that is Paddy. All we have to do is turn up and enjoy ourselves. Thanks in advance, Paddy. I know many of the groups have a special December meeting with a little extra festive touch and my thanks to all group leaders for organising these events.

And all it remains for me to do is to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Best Wishes for 2007.

Regards,

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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	General Factotum

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

January 8th Forensic Science

Dr G Lawson

De Montfort University

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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HARLAXTON 2007 Summer Schools

Last chance to secure a place at Harlaxton 2007!!.

The following are still available.

8 to 11 July

Elgar **Anthony Burton**
19th Century Art **Hendy Farquhar-Smith**
Polish up your computing skills **Pam Bisnauthsing**

12 to 15 July

Paper Craft **Aileen Marriott and Jill Dunn**
In Search of the Green Man **Jean Townsend**
From Big Bang to Global Warming **John Aram**
Walking **Gordon Young**
Singing for Fun **Paul White**

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SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th January at 2 pm at 5 Truesdales Hospital, Stamford. The subject will be 'Enclosure - Winners and Losers'.

Please note that subsequent meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month, starting at 2 pm.

For more information, or if you would like to join this group please phone

Joan Newey

SELF- HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

For those booked in for the Comedy evening at Stamford Arts Centre on December 12th, please meet in the coffee shop by 7.30 pm for collection of your tickets.

Please note that there will not be any other meeting of the group in December. For more details contact

Sheila Halliday - Pegg

WALKING GROUP

PROGRAMME - FRIDAYS

January 5th Meet at Bus Station at 9.25 am to catch No12 Uppingham Bus. Get off at Edith Weston. Return 12.15 or 1.15. Lunch at the Noel Arms.

Leader: Daphne Barry

January 19th **Bluebell, Easton on Hill**

Jean Farmer

February 2nd **Fineshade**

Jean Alexander

February 19th **Horse and Jockey, Manton**

Chris Rippington

March 2nd **Thornhaugh**

Aileen Marriott

TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on Friday, 12th January at Barn Hill at 10 am.

For more details contact

Paddy Thompson

CHRISTMAS LUNCH — CROWN HOTEL

The Christmas Lunch will be held on Monday December 11th at 12.30 pm. The cost will be £16.95. Please sign the list at the monthly meeting. Cheques are due at the November meeting, please make them payable to the Crown Hotel.

Paddy Thomson

STROLLERS

The next meeting of the Strollers Group is on Friday, December 8th. Meet at The Blue Bell Inn, Helpston, at 11 am - please note the new time. This will be a different walk to the one held in November. Leaders: Nancy Alexander, Brenda Moss and Joan McNeill.

The meeting in January will be on Friday, 12th, at Ferry Meadows, Peterborough. Please meet in main car park at 11 am. For more information contact

Joan McNeill -

TOKEN OF THANKS FROM WAJIR

Many thanks for your kind donations which amounted to a total of £294.87.

For those of you who enquired about the Wajir Mission Account - The account number is 90035548, sort code 20-81-20, which is Barclays Bank at Stamford.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2007. With sincere thanks

Pat Gallagher

VISIT YOUR WEBSITE

Visit the website, it is dynamic and it is reviewed and upgraded frequently. You can download

Newsletters current and past

Membership forms, for new members or renewals.

Consult 'Service to Members' for information on how to avoid unsolicited mail, cold call telephone calls, etc.

Check the latest information about Groups and when they meet. All this and much more information.

HELP WANTED!

Edna, our wonderful tea and coffee maker has decided that the time has come to hang up her urn. We urgently need a replacement chief tea and coffee maker.

You do not need to do it at every meeting. So if we could have a few volunteers who would be willing to step into Edna's shoes, I would be very happy!

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Tuesdays,

December 12th - Seasonal pieces by group members.

January 9th - John Plumb will talk about Jesse Boot of Boots Cash Chemist.

February 13th - Simon Davies from Rutland County Museum will talk about aspects of the history of some of Stamford's surrounding villages in the County of Rutland.

March 13th - Janet Minchinton will talk on 'Days Before the Workhouse' - what happened to the destitute.

April 10th - Ray Biggs from the Grimsthorpe Estate will talk about the History of the Park and Gardens of Grimsthorpe.

Everyone is welcome to come to these meeting which are held at Barn Hill at 10.30 am.

ART HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 10th January – Sir Joshua Reynolds

Wednesday 24th January – Gainsborough

Talks will start at 10.30 am, coffee from about 10.15, everyone welcome

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MEMBERS ARRANGING TRIPS

Please be aware that guests on trips with the U3A must satisfy the joining qualifications for the U3A – ie they must be over 50 and not be in full time employment.

Our insurance from Head Office only covers visitors who could be potential members of the U3A. For additional information contact

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THEATRE GROUP

On Monday 15th January we are holding a theatre meeting in the downstairs room at Barn Hill. Coffee at 10 am, the meeting starts at 10.15.

The Play Reading Group have very kindly offered to entertain us. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Shirley Draheim-Jackson



GERMAN GROUP

This group has no leader since Elizabeth Holland left the area. But they would very much like to continue.

Anyone willing to take this on, please phone

Pat Lowe

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY GROUP

This group meets on Wednesdays at Barn Hill Methodist Church at 11 am. The next meeting will be on

December 13th For more information contact

Barbara Carpenter

COUNTRY DANCING

Country dancing will be held at the Roman Catholic Church Hall at 10.30 on Tuesday 19th December. Everyone welcome. For more information contact

Mary Rowe

SCIENCE GROUP

There is no meeting of the Science Group in December.

The next meeting will be on 11th January 2007 at 2 pm in the small upstairs room at Barn Hill.

This meeting will take a new approach by involving all members in an open discussion on the subject of

'Is the human race killing the earth and if so is the earth striking back'

This will be an interesting session as we will hear all the different opinions of our members on pollution, global warming or - could it be a natural change in the earth's cycle - or ??

All members of the U3A are invited.

Percy Moss

SCIENCE GROUP

After many years of hard work Percy would like to relinquish the reins of the Science Group. Is there anyone who would like to take over this job? If you are interested please phone

Percy Moss
