



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

It's Harlaxton 2009 time! For those new to the U3A, a group of us from local U3As run a Summer School at Harlaxton Manor near Grantham. The place is unique and we have a loyal following who come year after year. 2009 will be the seventh Summer School at Harlaxton and if you are wondering why we get going so early – the reason is very simple. It is very popular and places go extremely quickly. There is a list of courses inside the Newsletter and I will have some leaflets and application forms at the meeting. All of you who were at Harlaxton this year should have received your application forms for next year.

At the meeting today, Percy is selling tickets for the Christmas Buffet and Entertainment. This takes place on Monday 1st December and the tickets cost £3 each. Again buy now to avoid disappointment. There are only a limited number of places available. If you have missed the meeting and you want to reserve tickets please phone Percy .

And talking of the Christmas Entertainment. We need volunteers to do a "turn". If you have a party piece you would like to show off to our members, get in touch with Rita Wood .

Calling all Group Leaders. Please can you come to the New Members' Meeting on the 16th of October. It would be helpful if as a wide a range of Group Leaders came to this to show our new members the large choice of activities available to them.

I have now done my homework on the West Side Story in Birmingham in April next year and the trip will cost £40. This gives us first class circle seats. So far about eight people have expressed an interest. Now you know how much it is, think about it. I'll have a sign up sheet at the November meeting.

I'm afraid the cost of trips is rising. Tickets for the Renaissance Portraits Exhibition at the National Gallery are £9 each for groups. This is a substantial increase on what we paid for the last exhibition we went to there.

I always like to keep you posted on the odd local thing. This month is a bit different. Do you know that the road to Empingham will be closed for the next three months?

The official diversion takes you miles out of your way so the best way to go is through Great Casterton and take the Exton road. At the crossroads turn left to Empingham and you will find yourself in the middle of the village but upstream of the closure. Turn right and you are back on the road to Oakham. I take this route to Oakham frequently and it's just as quick as taking the main road.

Thank you very much,

All the best,

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Paddy Thompson	Deputy Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
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Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	Speaker Finder
Sheila Halliday-Pegg	
Jill Haynes	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

October 6th **The Bansang Hospital**
Anita Smith

November 3rd **The Galapagos Islands**
Henry Stanier

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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5 to 8 July

Dukes of Rutland	John Plumb
Art in Spain	Hendy Farquhar-Smith
Creative Writing 'Ways In'	Di Watson
Papercraft	Jill Dunn
Antiques and Collectables	Peter Edwards
Great 9th Symphonies	David Lovell Brown

9 to 12 July

The Rise of the House of Windsor	Jean Townsend
A Northern Drift	John Aram
An Introduction to Archaeology	David Start
Gardens and Gardening	Various Expert Tutors
Portraits and Still Life	Mike Alabaster
Singing for Fun	Paul White

For more information and to obtain application forms:

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

Phone Hendy **01780 756316** or Pat **01778 341248**

Book early, places are being taken up very quickly!

A1 THEATRE

All matinées	- top price seats
Sun 19th Oct	War Horse at the National Theatre
Thu 13th Nov	Calendar Girls at Cambridge Arts Theatre
Sat 20th Dec	John Rutter's Christmas Celebration at Westminster Central Hall
Wed 14th Jan	Piaf , with Elena Roger Vaudeville Theatre
Thu 19th Feb	Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel , at the Savoy Theatre

For information, prices and application forms contact
Karyl Rey 753769

HOUSE/PET SITTER AVAILABLE

Experienced lady house/pet sitter available now. Honest and reliable with references. Please ring 01778 426222 evenings.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

Singing for Pleasure is back on its usual date this month - October 9th in the Barn Hill church at 10.30 am. Everyone very welcome. For more information contact

Rita Wood

ART GROUP 2

Art group 2 is looking for new members. If you would like to join this group please contact Bernie Atter

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE CROWN

Monday 15th December at 12.30 pm.

Price £16.95. Please sign up today and payment will be due at the October meeting. Please make your cheques payable to The Crown Hotel. Menu choice will be available later. For more information contact

Paddy Thompson

TRAVEL GROUP

The next Travel Group meeting will take place at 10 am on Tuesday 7th October at Barn Hill. At this meeting we will discuss the final details and arrangements for the Istanbul trip on 20th October.

We will also discuss and vote on three proposals for a holiday in Spring 2009, Annecy, Lake Garda, and Sicily.

John Bloomfield will give an illustrated talk on the Deeping U3A visit to Liverpool. For further information contact

Dick Colgrove

ONE WORLD WEEK

The Stamford Fair Trade Steering Group is organising this event at the Arts Centre from 20th - 25th October. There will be an exhibition of photographs about the Masai pastoralists in Kenya and a display about Fair Trade.

On the 25th of October there will be a Fair Trade Cake Competition - entries to be received from 9 am and judging at 10 am. There will be 2 categories - sponge cakes and fruit cakes. All cakes must contain at least one Fair Trade ingredient. Prizes to be awarded to the best tasting cake, the best looking cake and the cake with the most Fair Trade ingredients. For more information and entry forms contact

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NEW MEMBERS' MEETING

The next meeting for New Members will be held on October 16 at 10.30 am at Barn Hill. All new members will be receiving a letter of invitation to this event

COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting of this group will be held at the Roman Catholic Church Hall at 10.30 am on Tuesday 21st October. Everyone welcome. More information contact

Mary Rowe

WALKING GROUP

October 17th **Old Road Castor/Milton**
Chris Rippington

November 7th **Hallaton**
Carolyn Mellows

Walks start at 10 am. There will be an opportunity to have a pub lunch afterwards.

For more information contact Chris Rippington

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The next indoor meeting of this group will be the AGM on Tuesday 14th October at 10 am at Barn Hill. Alex Burt and Bert Sayers will give short talks.

Details of the winter programme will be available at the meeting. Everyone is welcome. For information contact

Anne Linton

ART HISTORY VISIT TO 'BRUEGEL TO RUBENS' EXHIBITION

The Art History Group are going to the 'Bruegel to Rubens' Exhibition at the Queen's Gallery followed by the Renaissance Portraits Exhibition at the National Gallery. There is also a small exhibition of Sisley in Britain at the National Gallery.

The coach will drop us off at the Queen's Gallery and after seeing the Bruegel we will then walk up to the National Gallery. If you think the walk is too much for you, the coach will drop you off at the National Gallery. The cost will be £35. We will leave the Bus Station at 8 am and the Danish Invader at 8.05 am. Contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

ART HISTORY

There will be only one meeting of this group in October and that will be on Wednesday 8th October.

The subject will be a preview of the Bruegel to Ruben Exhibition. All welcome. 10.15 a.m. for a 10.30 am start in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church Hall in Broad Street. For more information contact

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FREE OFFER

Black and Decker garden shredder with burnt out motor. Rather than put it in the skip, I would happily give it to anyone who might be able to repair it. Contact

Graham Creedy

STROLLERS

October 10th **Millstone Barnack Hills and Holes**

2 miles, but up and down Anna Bridger

Strolls start promptly at 11 am but please be there by 10.45 am if you want to order lunch.

Anna Bridger

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AND BUFFET

Tickets for the Christmas Entertainment and Buffet are on sale today.

Contact Percy Moss during the meeting. Remember that numbers are limited for this event, so buy your tickets early and avoid disappointment!

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Next Dates are 8th and 22nd October and 5th and 19th November.

Dancing takes place upstairs in Barn Hill at 11 am. New members are very welcome.

Graham Creedy

CHURCH VISITING GROUP

October 31st. Meet at 11 am at St Augustine's Church, Broad Street, Stamford. Jean Farmer

Visit to St John's Church, Stamford. John Dixon

This is the last meeting for this year, thank you to everyone who has attended. A meeting will be held in February 2009 for visits next year.

Mavis Sharpe and Elaine Ward

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

By popular request, we are doing Line Dancing again on October 20th at Ryhall Village Hall at 2pm. This is easy to learn and only as energetic as you wish it to be! Please join us - everyone welcome.

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

PIANO AND ORGAN RECITAL

On Saturday November 22nd, John Comber and Jim Peschak will be giving a Duo Piano recital with organ music at Lyddington Church near Uppingham at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

BALLROOM DANCING

The October meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd October from 3 pm to 4.30 pm at the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street. Everyone welcome. No need to have a partner.

Meg Atkins Moss

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP

This group meets at Priory Court at 2.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. The visiting speakers on 8th October are our local Community Policeman, PC Bannister and one of his Community Support colleagues.

The subjects covered will be the costs of running Stamford Police Station, the functions of the two officers and the way they integrate. This is a great opportunity to speak with a member of the force.

New members are always welcome but please contact the group secretary or George Birch if you wish to attend.

George Birch
