



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

It's a long time since we had an Indian summer but September has certainly been lovely. The only Indian Summers we've been having recently have been monsoon types. It's also a long time since we've had a meeting that stirred up such a lot of interest as the September one. In retrospect we should have cut the speakers short and concentrated on the questions. I have never seen such a forest of hands go up when I've asked for questions. I hope those of you who came up at the end to talk to the individuals got the answers you wanted.

I keep on being pleasantly surprised by your wonderful response to the Parcels for the Troops scheme. I forgot to put the new phone number for Steve Bond in the information in the Newsletter. The right phone number is now there and apologies to everyone who has had problems trying to contact Steve. One very unexpected pleasure from this scheme is the many lovely letters of thanks we have received from the troops themselves. It is really good to hear from them and how much they appreciate your efforts.

You will see that we have a piece about the Harlaxton Summer Schools in the Newsletter. All of you who have been before should have received your pamphlets and application forms by now. If you have not, then please let me know and I will send you some more. The response this year has been unprecedented. So if you do want to come, please

send in your application form as soon as possible. I will be giving publicity material to the U3As on the Lincs Network later today and an article should be appearing in the U3A News in October.

Once again for One World Week Stamford Fair Trade are organising a Fair Trade Cake Competition at the Arts Centre on Saturday 24th October.

There are three categories: Sponge Cake, Fruit Cake and Cup Cakes and they must be made using at least one Fair Trade ingredient.

There are three classes: under 16, over 16 and Professional.

There will be prizes for the best tasting cake, the best looking cake and for the cake using the most Fair Trade ingredients. Entry forms are available from the Oxfam Shop, the Arts Centre or www.fairtrade-stamford.org.uk. For more information e-mail georgehethrington@btinternet.com or phone George on 757439. This was a great success last year, so get out those pinnies and start baking! If you want to go along on the 24th to have a look, the cakes will be on display after 11.30 am.

Enjoy the Indian Summer, may it continue
All the best

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Chairman
Percy Moss	Treasurer
Sue Webster	Minutes Secretary
Chris Rippington	Group coordinator
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
Howard Jones	Speaker Finder
Horace Farquhar-Smith	
Lynn Darwin, Kathleen Fryer, Judy Westwood	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

Oct 5th	The Ghosts of Peterborough Stuart Orme
Nov 2nd	Privies, Pigsties & Old Coppers June Barton

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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CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS

We are having a New Members' meeting on Wednesday 7th October at 10.30 am at Barn Hill. All group leaders are cordially invited to attend. We are changing the format slightly this time and if you can come and help us out, please let me know.

Hendy 756316

NEW MEMBERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for new members on Wednesday 7th October at 10.30 am in the small upstairs room of Barn Hill. All new members are welcome and will receive a letter of invitation in due course.

BALLROOM DANCING

The next meeting of this Group will not be until Wednesday 28th of October at 2.30 pm in the Roman Catholic Church Hall in Broad Street.

Everyone welcome. No need to have a partner.

Meg Atkins Moss

LOCAL HISTORY

The first of the Winter meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at Barn Hill, at 10 for 10.30 am. There will be a brief business meeting, followed by a talk on the Passageways of Stamford, given by Ann Linton, one of our members.

For more information contact

Christine Bearne

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Forthcoming dates for this group are 14th and 28th October and 11th and 25th November.

Dancing takes place in the upper room at Barn Hill at 11 am, except on the 11th November when it will start at 11.15 am to allow for observance of the two minutes silence in Broad Street.

Enquiries to Graham Creedy

PARCELS FOR OUR TROOPS

The Royal British Legion, Stamford, are arranging to send to our troops, on active service in Iraq and Afghanistan, those small items which they cannot get locally and which means so much to them as a reminder of home! They tell us that they really would like to get puzzle books, disposable razors, travel games, sweets, wetwipes and personal toiletries. Anything but liquids and chocolates which do not post well.

The aim is to show them our concern and appreciation for everything they are doing under very difficult circumstances, and in particular, that they are not forgotten.

Please bring your donations a meeting, or contact Steve Bond for more information t: 757041

A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Wed 28th Oct Twelfth Night
Richard Wilson as Malvolio
RSC Stratford (or trip to Stratford only)

Sun 22nd Nov Classical Spectacular
Royal Albert Hall

Thur 10th Dec Billy Elliott
Victoria Palace Theatre
Following a 3 course festive lunch at the Rubens Hotel.

Sun 17th Jan Swan Lake
Matthew Bourne
Sadler's Wells

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769

CHURCH VISITING

The next visit will be on Friday, October 30th at Duddington organised by Shirley Draheim Jackson. Lunch will be at the Royal Oak.

This will be the last visit this year. A meeting will be held in February to discuss visits in 2010.

Mavis Sharpe

WALKING GROUP

Oct 2nd Sutton by the Church
Chris Rippington

Oct 16th White Heart, Lyddington
Jennie Widdop

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

Chris Rippington

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

The next meeting for this group will be October 8th and the sing-along on October 19th. We now have a large repertoire for the sing-along so do please come. **Use it or lose it!**

Everyone welcome. The more the merrier! For more information contact n

Rita Wood

SELF-HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

Then next meeting of this group is being held at 2 pm in Ryhall Village Hall on October 26th

We will have a Hotch Potch day and the subjects to be covered will include Osteoporosis, Conjunctivitis, Dental problems and muscular weakness.

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

11 to 14 July School

Jurassic Times

John Aram

The Brontës

Sue Love

Gardens in their context

Expert Tutors

Art in France

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

The rise of the House of Windsor

Jean Townsend

Music in Exile

David Lovell Brown

15 to 18 July School

Victorian Architecture

John Plumb

What did the Romans do for us

David Start

Papercraft

Jill Dunn

Walking

Various Leaders

A day at the Theatre in Ancient Greece

Jack Dawson

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!

ART HISTORY

Please note that this group will not meet during October. Therefore the next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 11th where the subject will be Poussin.

Please see details of the Art History trip below.

Our meetings are now held in the small upper room at Barn Hill. They start with coffee around 10.15 am and the talks begin at 10.30 am.

New members are always welcome. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

ART HISTORY TRIP TO TURNER AND THE MASTERS

There will be a trip to the Tate Britain to see Turner and the Masters on Wednesday 21st October. The cost will be around £30. Usual leaving times – 8 am at the Bus Station and 8.05 am at the Danish Invader.

Sign up and **please pay at this meeting.**

For more information contact

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FAMILY HISTORY

The next meeting of this group will be on Thursday 15th October, then on Thursday 12th November and the last one for 2009 will be on Wednesday 16th December.

The location will be at Les Coquelicots so if you are coming please ring Jim to let him know how many cups and biscuits he will need.

From January 2010 the group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

Jim Guthrie 752755

STROLLERS

October 9th Crown Car Park, Great Casterton
David and Felicity Baxter

November 13th White Horse, Empingham
Janet and Des Kempson

December 11th Blue Bell, Easton on the Hill
Jean Farmer

Please do not use the pub car park unless you are patronising it after the stroll.

All walks start at 11 am, come in good time if you wish to order lunch beforehand. For more information contact

Anna Bridger

PRIORY INVESTMENT CLUB

If you think that you can see the green shoots of financial recovery why don't you come and join us at the Priory Investment Club. You invest a modest figure every month and hope to cash in on the impending market recovery.

The Club is informative and interesting, but above anything else - it is great fun!

If you are interested contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE CROWN

Once more Christmas lunch has been arranged at the Crown.

This year it will be on Monday 14th December at 12 noon for 12.30 pm.

The cost is still only £16.95 for three courses and coffee. Please sign up and pay at the October meeting or contact

Judy Westwood