



# Stamford Third Age Group

# NEWSLETTER

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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Would you like the good news or the bad news. Good news first. Chris Rippington and Judy Westwood have volunteered to take over from me as Chairman from May 2011 FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. The bad news is that we need someone to be Vice Chairman to take over from them in 2012. The even worse news is that we are losing our excellent Minutes Secretary, Sue Webster next year and need a replacement for her then and equally worse news is that our Treasurer, Percy Moss is going to retire from treasuring in 2012 and needs some one to learn the ropes from him in 2011. We now have over 700 members. Surely there are people out there who can take on these positions. See me or a member of the committee if you think you can help.

We are two innovations in the coming months. One is that the Christmas Lunch is going to be held at Burghley Park Golf Club on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The cost for three courses and coffee will be £14.50 and seating will be at tables of eight. Please sign up today or ring me on 756316 if you are interested.

Another innovation is that for a trial period we are no longer going to issue membership cards. The general opinion appears to be that these are not needed and their issuing simply slows up the renewal of memberships. If anyone thinks that we should continue to issue these cards to every member please talk to me or a committee member. If anyone needs to have a membership card for a specific reason eg going to Harlaxton or any summer school, then one will be issued on request.

We have not had a great deal of response from Group Leaders about attending the South Lincs Neighbourhood Group Leaders Workshop at Bourne Corn Exchange from

2 – 4 pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please can you contact Chris Rippington on 756651 if you would like to attend this workshop. And another date for Group Leaders' diaries is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November when we are having one of our very popular New Members' Meetings at 10.30 am.

I have been sent an e-mail about courses at Burghley House over the next few months. They include The Northern Renaissance, The Art of the Grand Tour, Poison, Toxin and Venom, Birds in Spring and Conflict Archaeology. More details from Katherine Rodwell and Lisa Hitch on 01223 746223/ 01223746212.

Some of you might not know that there is another U3A Club in Stamford - Stamford Welland. They too meet at the Methodist Church but they are a smaller organisation than us. The membership secretary can be contacted on 01778 347569.

There has been a great deal of publicity in the local press about the closing of Stamford Museum. If you would like to write to complain about this the person to send your letter to is Jonathan Platt, Head of Heritage and Regeneration, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YQ.

And finally a gastronomical tip. The Scotgate pub are doing pensioners' lunches at £5 for two courses. In the interest of Stamford U3A I went along to sample the fare and very good value it was. It is advisable to phone in advance and their number is 755435.

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

**Sep 6<sup>th</sup> The Swinging Sixties**  
Gerry Burrows

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> The Port of Wisbech**  
Peter Harvey

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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**October Issue deadline 24<sup>th</sup> September**

To renew your subscription please contact the Membership Secretary, Jim Guthrie:  
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# HARLAXTON

# 2011

# SUMMER SCHOOLS

## 10 to 13 July School

Landscape and the Novel **Sue Love**  
British Art (1880 - 1930) **Hendy Farquhar-Smith**  
The Ice Ages: God's Great Plough **John Aram**  
The Life and Times of Henry VIII **Jean Townsend**  
Art for All **Ed Corbishley**  
Northern Sounds **David Lovell Brown**

## 14 to 17 July School

World War II - The Home Front **John Plumb**  
Antiques, Collectables and Auctions **Peter Edwards**  
Creative Writing **Kate Mitchell**  
Papercraft **Jill Dunn**  
Discovering Abbeys and Pories **David Start**  
Singing for Fun **Paul White**

For more information and to obtain application forms:

[www.HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk](http://www.HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk) (application forms can be downloaded) or e-mail: [info@HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk](mailto:info@HarlaxtonU3A.co.uk)

Phone Hendy **01780 756316** or Pat **01778 341248** **Book early, places are being taken up very quickly!**

## HIGHGROVE VISIT 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Remember you will need photo ID – either driving licence or a passport – and also a snack in case – as we did on the June trip, we get held up.

No cameras are allowed at Highgrove. Leave the Bus Station at 7.30 am, Danish Invader at 7.35 am. More information contact

Hendy 765316

## FAMILY HISTORY

The Family History Group will resume in October.

Jim Guthrie 752755

## BALLROOM DANCING

Ballroom Dancing will recommence on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3 pm at the Roman Catholic Church hall, Broad St. For more information contact

Meg Atkins Moss

## TRAVEL GROUP

The next meeting of the Travel Group will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 10 am at Barn Hill. Speaker to be arranged.

Maggie Newbigging

## CHURCH VISITING

Please note changes. There will be no meeting in September and the next meeting will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30 pm at Glaston Church followed by afternoon tea at a cost of £5.

Maisie Hand

## WATCH OUT FOR THIS !

The Time Team have been doing some excavations in the area at Norman Cross Prisoner of War Camp and Bedford Purlieus near Wansford.

These programmes will probably be shown at some time during the Autumn series starting in September on Channel 4.

## A1 THEATRE

All matinées - top price seats

Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

**Deathtrap.** Ira Levin's comedy thriller with Simon Russell Beale

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Orff's Carmina Burana**  
Royal Philharmonic 400 voices  
in monumental harmony  
Royal Albert Hall

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Wicked**  
with Lee Mead.  
Apollo Victoria Theatre

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

**John Rutter's Christmas Celebrations**  
Royal Albert Hall

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan  
2011

**Matthew Bourne's Ballet Cinderella**  
set in the First World War.  
Sadler's Wells

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Aug  
2011

**Wizard of Oz**  
London Palladium

For information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey 753769

## SINGING FOR PLEASURE

This group is now going to meet twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays. So the dates for September are 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.30 am in the Methodist Church. New members welcome

Rita Wood

## JAZZ APPRECIATION

The September meeting will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The theme is to be "Tributes" – jazz tunes written or played for some event, relative, friend or famous person. We hope as usual to be hearing some very interesting choices.

Terry Watkins

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Christmas Lunch this year will be held at Burghley Park Golf Club on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 12 noon for 12.30 pm lunch. The seating will be at tables of 8 so you can choose to sit with your friends.

The cost will be £14.50 for three courses. Please sign up at the September meeting and indicate your choice of menu.

If you have a transport problem or would like any more information please phone Hendy on 756316.

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## CREATIVE WRITING II

As the Creative Writing Group is full, Ann Linton has kindly volunteered to start up a second Creative Writing Group.

If anyone is interested in joining that group, please see Ann after the September meeting or ring her

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## STROLLERS

September 10<sup>th</sup> Belmesthorpe – the Blue Bell. Please park there only if you are eating. Menu will be available before the walk – Anna Bridger

October 8<sup>th</sup> Easton on the Hill. Parking and lunch as above Daphne Sharpe

All walks start at 11 am.

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## ART HISTORY

The next meeting is on the Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September when the subject will be

### The Scottish Colourist JD Fergusson.

Our meetings are 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. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

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## THURSFORD VISIT 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Please can you pay for this at the September meeting. There will be a list available showing who has to pay what. Again, please make your cheques to Stamford U3A Art History Group.

Please note that at the moment there are 4 seats left at £40 each for coach and seat.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

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## TAOIST TAI CHI

New classes for beginners are starting at the United Reformed Church Hall from 11 am to 12.45 pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 7 – 9 pm. For more information contact

Chris Green 07800749907.

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## WALKING GROUP

**Sep 17<sup>th</sup>** **Launde.** Lynn Darwin

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** **Bainton Church.** Marian Manger  
Aileen Marriott

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>** **Ryhall.** Park by the Millstone  
Peggy Aldridge

Leaders needed for walks on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December.

All walks start at 10 am and are around 5 miles. New members always welcome. For more information contact

Chris Rippington

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## NEW MEMBERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting especially for new members on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.30 am at Barn Hill.

All new members will receive an individual invitation.

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## GROUP LEADERS

Please can you come to the New Member's meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.30 am to help us describe the work of our groups.

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## CALLING ALL GROUP LEADERS

The South Lincs Neighbourhood U3A Group is holding a workshop for local U3A Group Leaders from 2 – 4 pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at Bourne Corn Exchange.

This should be interesting as it will give you a chance to meet other leaders and exchange ideas. Please try to attend this. If would like to go, contact

Chris Rippington

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## SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The next meeting of this group will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm in Ryhall Village Hall when the main subject will be "Getting Under your Skin". Afterwards we will be discussing how to assess the quality of your medical services. For more information contact

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

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## SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

Forthcoming dates are 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Dancing takes place in the upper room at Barn Hill from 11 am – 12 noon.

New members welcome. For more information contact

Graham Creedy

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