



Stamford Third Age Group

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Another wet summer over. The weather is bound to improve as the schools go back! I hope you all enjoyed watching the Olympics on television. I wonder how many of us will be going to watch events in London in 2012. There's going to be a high speed rail link from St Pancras to the main stadium – so getting there from here will be no problem.

As usual in September it's time to get ready for Christmas. The Christmas Buffet Lunch and Entertainment will be on the 1st of December. Tickets priced £3 will be on sale at the October meeting. The Drama Group presentation is "The Emperor's New Clothes" – I wonder who is playing the Emperor. The mind boggles.

Group leaders – we have a New Members' meeting on the 16th of October. Please can you come along if you can and meet the new members. And talking of Group leaders we are still looking for a Theatre Group Leader as well as a Science Group Leader.

While we have no Theatre Group Leader I am hoping to take a party to a matinee of West Side Story in Birmingham on Thursday 23 April. At this moment in time I have no idea of cost or times, as I need to have a rough idea of numbers before I book anything. If you are at all interested and I do appreciate that it is a long way ahead, please contact me on 756316.

In the mean time in the absence of a Theatre Group I have put Karyl Rey's A1 Theatre Group excursions in the

Newsletter. Karyl is a member of Stamford U3A and so I am glad she has read my comments about using the Newsletter to advertise things.

I have two bits of news from our members. First a "Thank you" from Pat Gallacher for supporting her Wajir Orphans' Day. She raised £1431.26p.

Secondly the news that the Stamford U3A Singing Group was asked to be the choir for the wedding of John and Katherine Knott on August 9th in Barnack Church. They sang a hymn by themselves then led the singing of the other hymns. Elizabeth Snowball and her group are always open to other engagements!

If you recall some time ago I reminded you that we have not closed our membership, despite rumours circulating to the contrary. Welland U3A are having the same problem. They have not closed their membership, but rumours are circulating that they have. So both Stamford U3As have their doors wide open for new members.

Lastly, please continue with your support for sending parcels to our troops who really appreciate them. Bring donations to the meetings or contact Steve Bond of the Royal British Legion direct t: 752552.

All the best,

Hendy Farquhar-Smith

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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	Speaker Finder
Sheila Halliday-Pegg	
Jill Haynes	

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

September 1st Saints and Sinners

Jill Collinge

October 6th The Bangsang Hospital

Anita Smith

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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CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE CROWN

Christmas Lunch at the Crown will be on

Monday 15th December at 12.30 pm.

Price will be £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 October/November. For more information contact

Paddy Thompson

HOUSE SITTER AVAILABLE

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

ROTARY CHARITY BRIDGE EVENING CANCELLATION

Regrettably, the Bridge Evening on September 12th in Barnack Village Hall has had to be cancelled.

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.

Dick Colgrove

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

ROTARY CLUB OF STAMFORD SRI LANKAN TSUNAMI ORPHANS

Continuing with our supporting tasks for the orphans, this year we have two projects:

More books, reading age 4 to 12 only please.

Money, for projects which attract matching grants. (eg equipping the schools and orphanages which are only now being built).

You all helped us make a success of the last appeal, would you please help us again to continue with the support of the Tsunami orphans. Please contact me,

Tony Wakefield, t:757307 e:wakefield@stamford.uk.com

ART HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of the group will be at 10.30 am, in the Livingstone Room of the United Reformed Church Hall on

September 10th Klimt.

September 24th The Dutch Paintings of the Samuels Collection at the Mansion House.

The latter is as a "taster" for those going to the Mansion House in October and as a second look for those who went in July. For more information contact

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

A1 THEATRE

Excursions currently booking

All matinées - top price seats

Sun 19th Oct **War Horse** at the National Theatre
Optional lunch at Chez Gerard or
Free time on the Southbank

Thu 13th Nov **Calendar Girls** at
Cambridge Arts Theatre
Free time first

Sat 20th Dec John Rutter's **Christmas Celebration**
at Westminster Central Hall
Christmas lunch at Rubens Hotel incl.

For more information, prices and application forms contact

Karyl Rey

ONE WORLD WEEK

The Stamford Fair Trade Steering Group is organising this event in the Gallery at the Arts Centre from 20th – 25th October. During the week 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 two 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

George Hetherington t: 757439
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CHURCH VISITING GROUP

Meet at the church at 11 am.

September 26th Chesterton
Ken Moss

Elaine Ward

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY DANCING

This group will next meet on 24th September. October dates are 8th and 22nd October.

This group dances in the upper room at Barn Hill starting at 11 am. New members are very welcome. For more information contact

Graham Creedy

SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Unfortunately, Percy Moss can no longer run this group and therefore a new leader is urgently required. You do not need to have any scientific background and the group members will give you all the support you need.

If anyone is interested please contact

Chris Rippington

SELF HELP FOR HEALTH

The meeting for September is one week later than usual on September 22nd at 2 pm at Ryhall Village Hall.

The main topic is Healthy Housework and the discussion is about the "Value of Gossip." Everyone welcome. For more information contact

Sheila Halliday-Pegg

TRIP TO KEW

The Family History group are planning a trip to the National Archive Centre at Kew on Thursday 11th September. It may well be that other U3A members and friends would like to join us, but spend the day in Kew gardens instead.

There are still some seats left. If you would like to go add your name to the notice board at the September meeting, or contact.

Jim Guthrie 752755

FREE OFFERS

HP PRINTER

I have a surplus HP Printer in good condition, available free to any U3A member who can make use of it. Contact

Trevor Dorkes

WALKING EQUIPMENT

Walkers – two sets of over trousers and gaiter and a survival bag. Two aged walkers are disposing of these to anyone who is interested. Contact

John McNeil

MANSION HOUSE TRIP 9th OCTOBER

The list for this trip is now full. Please pay me at the September meeting.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of this group will be held at

3 Maltings, Wothorpe. If you are intending to come, please ring

Christine Lambert

ACTIVE LIFE FOR THE OVER 50s

A Swimming and Exercise programme at the Stamford Leisure pool which is open to all over 50s in the district. Timetables change with school holidays, or Bank holidays. From September the schedule is:

Mondays, 11 to 11.30 am **Swimming**
11.30 to 12 **Exercise (called Active Life)**
Thursdays, 2 - 3 pm **Swimming.**
3 to 3.45 pm **Active Life**
3.45 to 4 pm **Swimming**

Ann Linton

WALKING GROUP

September 5th **Wadenhoe**
Helen Simmons

September 19th **Apethorpe**
Peggy Aldridge

October 3rd **Southwick near Church**
Pauline Reed

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 or e:

STROLLERS

September 12th **Exeter Arms Barrowden**
1.5 miles Jose Fox 720336

October 10th **Millstone Barnack Hills and Holes**
2 miles, but up and down
Anna Bridger 756737

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

Anna Bridger

NEW FOCUS LIFELONG LEARNING

Traditional Adult Education classes are starting in Stamford this September. Courses include Craft Workshops, Floristry Workshops, Sewing Workshops, Spanish Improvers, Intermediate and Advanced French and creative Writing.

For more information contact

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WOOL WANTED

The ladies of Stamford Inner Wheel are in desperate need of wool for making blankets for charity.

If you have any oddments of double knitting wool please contact Pauline Wakefield . She will collect.

DISCUSSION GROUP

After an interlude of a few months there has been sufficient interest expressed in the Discussion Group to think of resuming meetings – although on a different basis. Two changes are proposed – that it is a joint group with Welland U3A and that there will be a different leader chosen on a rota basis for each meeting.

If you are interested in resurrecting this Group please contact

Tony Barry
