



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

A year ago I wrote that time passed very quickly between one AGM and the next. The same applies this year. At Stamford we have not had a major anniversary to think about this year.

Harlaxton became almost routine and is now managed by a wider group of local U3As. This year has been somewhat different due to the temporary move to the United Reformed Church and Hall. This continues to run comparatively smoothly. Operating over two sites puts a higher work load on the people involved. I would like to thank again the committee, the many other U3A members, and URC members, for their efforts ensuring the continuing success of this move.

We understand Barn Hill hope to have their reopening celebrations in September. Perhaps we shall move back there in October. We shall await confirmation.

As mentioned at short notice at the April meeting, we shall be having a New Members' Meeting at the URC Hall at 10 am on Thursday 26th May 2005. New Members' invitations have been sent out via

post and e-mail and good responses are coming in. We hope that many group leaders will attend to meet new members and give information on group activities. There will be a list out at the AGM for attending group leaders to sign. Please let Hendy or me know if you missed the list but are able to come.

On another subject, I must mention the great generosity shown by U3A members at the April meeting. Margaret Rine gave an excellent talk on the local Air Ambulance.

After the meeting, the collection at the door, plus the sale of postcards, and the speaker's fee, (which Margaret also donated to the Air Ambulance fund), realised nearly £400. She was very grateful and overwhelmed with your generosity.

Best wishes

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dick Colgrove	Chairman
Paddy Thompson	Treasurer
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Hendy Farquhar-Smith	Group coordinator
Joy Paterson	Minutes Secretary
Kate Rogers	Speaker Finder
Gill Bolton	Membership Sec
Percy Moss	Treasurer's Asst
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MONTHLY PROGRAMME

TUESDAYS

June 7th Joe David
The Eccentric English Gentlemen

July 5th Gregg Baker
A light hearted talk on Wills, etc

Meetings are held at the United Reformed Church on the first Tuesday of each month. Coffee is served in the Hall at 10 am, the meeting starts in the Church at 10.30.

For information on how to become a member and for subscription information, please contact the Membership Secretary, Gill Bolton,

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JUNE Issue Deadline

23 May 2005

ADVANCE NOTICE – AUGUST MEETING

As the United Reformed Church Hall will out of commission for the meeting on the 1st of August, there will be no coffee and therefore you should go directly to the Church itself.

Doors will open at 10 am and the meeting will start promptly at 10.30 am.

There will be no charge for this meeting

HARLAXTON - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers are needed to help at the Harlaxton Summer School, which is run by a group of East Midlands U3As – including Stamford.

We need people to help with car parking and showing the students to their rooms. Neither task is very onerous and you will be rewarded with a free sandwich lunch and a small contribution towards your travel costs.

We need volunteers for either one or both of the following two days - Sunday 10th July or Thursday 14th July, from about 11.30 am to 5 pm each day. If you would like to help please contact:

Hendy Farquhar-Smith on 756316.

CHURCH VISITING

The next church visit will be to St Pega's Church in Peakirk at 11 am on the 27th May.

Everyone is welcome to join in on these visits.

There will be lunch afterwards at the Ruddy Duck.

Anna Bridger

THEATRE GROUP

We have still a number of seats available for our last theatre outing before the summer break - the Birmingham Repertory Theatre's production of "Don Quixote" starring Mathew Kelly on 30th June 2005 at 2.30 pm.

The coach will leave:

The Danish Invader at 1145 am

The Bus Station at 1150 am

The cost of this trip is £18.50 and includes the driver's tip.

If you need any more information please contact:

Shirley Draheim-Jackson



OAKHOUSE RESTAURANT

The Oakhouse restaurant are offering members of the U3A a special deal. Members can eat a three course lunch there for £10 each – for up to six people, only one of whom needs to be a U3A member. An up to date membership card must be shown to take advantage of this offer, which is open from now until December.

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The site is worth visiting even if you have a printed version of the Newsletter because of the range of additional facilities which it offers. Our web statistics show that more and more people visit the site, and not only to download the Newsletter.

Some groups now have their own web pages which allow the inclusion of a full range of information and graphics for which there simply would not be room in the printed Newsletter. Look for the 'W' sign at the end of items in these pages.

With increasing numbers now with Internet facilities, some with broadband, websites are important communication facilities, and therefore we will continue to develop ours. Importantly we need your feedback, please send it through the website or contact:

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

LUNCHEON GROUP

This was one of the very first groups formed in the very early days of Stamford U3A. It was founded by Jose Graham who sadly died a year or two later. Since then it has been run by Selma Carter with great success.

Its membership remained at 20 probably because it was the maximum number for local eateries. However, recently numbers have declined influenced by the huge rise in parking charges.

For two years the Dolphin opened specially on a Monday for the group, but unfortunately after winning the title of Second Best Inn Food in Lincolnshire, the landlord decided to move on. Moving the monthly meetings to Tuesdays led to a complete drying up members, as it clashed with their previous commitments. So Selma, after all these years of organising the group, is giving up the task and we thank her for all her hard work.

However, we are going to try to resuscitate the Luncheon Group. The first meeting will be in the new lounge of the Crown Hotel after the meeting on Tuesday May 3rd. The Crown would like to have an idea of numbers in advance so I will be asking for a show of hands at the beginning of the May meeting. If you cannot come this month with such short notice, think about it for next month and I shall arrange a venue for that day as well.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group will be held on Thursday 12th May in the Livingstone Room in the United Reformed Church Hall at 2 pm. The talk will be by

John Costin on Early Wireless – including crystal sets.

Percy Moss

WALKING GROUP

May 6th **Easton on the Hill**
(Meet at the Barnack Road Water Street Entrance to Burghley Park) 3 m Anna and Harold Bridger
 Lunch at the Exeter Arms, Easton - 45 minute return

May 13th **Ropsley**
 The Ropsley Fox 5 m Roger Teasdale

May 20th **Denton**
 The Welby Arms 5.5 m Roger Teasdale

June 3rd **Apethorpe**
 The King's Head 5 m Derek Warrick

June 10th **Leader required please**

All walks start at 10.30 am. Queries on individual walks please contact the Leader. General queries contact José .
 If you have any doubts about the conditions please contact the Walk Leader.
 In case of cancellations, or any other problems, Walk Leaders please contact José before 9 am. Please check your e-mails before leaving home! If you do not have e-mail, please 'link' with someone who does, who can relay any messages.
Please share cars whenever possible, especially for those walks which are a little further afield.

ART HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting of the Art History Group will be held on Wednesday 25th May in the Lvingstone Room of the URC Hall at 10.30. The subject will be

An Introduction to Impressionism and the Impressionists.

All members are welcome to come to these meetings. There is a charge of £1 to cover the cost of coffee and hiring the hall.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 765316



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Group Outings

May 10th Southwick Hall, near Bulwick
June 14th Tour of Ketton Village, led by Geoff Fox
July 12th Tour of Stamford Town Hall

Places on these outings are limited. If you would like to go on any of these outings please contact

Trevor Dorkes

COUNTRY DANCING

The next meeting of the Country Dancing Group will be in the United Reformed Church Hall at 10.30 on Tuesday 24th May.

All U3A members are welcome to come along and have a bit of exercise, combined with a bit of fun. There is a charge of £2 for this meeting to cover coffee and the hire of the hall.

Hendy Farquhar-Smith 756316



SINGING GROUP

This group is strictly for fun! The group now meets at 10.30 pm on Wednesday mornings. They hope to sing at various residential care homes during the summer.

We hope that many of you will join us for the sheer fun and pleasure of singing. **THERE ARE NO AUDITIONS!**

More information and details of the venue from

Elizabeth Snowball

HANDICRAFTS 1

We are a small flourishing Handicraft group who have tried our hands at making greetings cards, using crafts varying from teabag folding, iris folding and quilling.

Half our group recently visited Bourne U3A Handicraft Group to learn fabric box making and we will try to show the other half how to do it.

A pleasant afternoon once a month is spent by all our members. More details from:

Audrey Dorkes

SUBSCRIPTIONS — URGENT NOTE

The annual subscription of £6 for the year 2005 – 2006 should have been paid by the 31st March. If you have not paid yet, please pay as soon as possible or your membership will lapse.

You can download an application form from the Newsletter website at **www.SU3ANews.co.uk** if you can access the Internet, otherwise you can ask the Membership Secretary for one - call

Gill Bolton 480611.