



Stamford Third Age Group

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Last month we had the sad news that one of our members, Eric Rippington, had passed away. Some of us knew him well for his work on Rutland County Council and also for the excellent support that he gave to Burghley Park Golf Club. Our thoughts are with his wife, Chris and the family at this sad time.

While we were preparing the Newsletter for publication we got the news that Geoff Fox had also passed away. Geoff was a great supporter of the U3A and I will never forget the talks he gave to us on Butterflies and the Lutterell Psalter. Many of us also enjoyed the informative walks he led around Ketton. Our deepest sympathies go out to Jose and the family.

Inside the Newsletter you will find the courses we are offering this year at the Harlaxton manor Summer Schools. As Chairman the Harlaxton Steering Committee, I do urge any of you who have not sampled the Harlaxton experience to give it a try next summer. It is only 20 miles away and yet when you get there – the atmosphere is out of this world.

For a few days you can be Lord of the Manor, enjoying the fabulous public rooms and the delights of the extensive gardens while at the same time learning something new on one of our courses. I think it represents excellent value for money – where else

can you have accommodation with full board, a full and interesting day with a banquet and entertainment at the end for an average of £50 a day?

The U3A Conference and was held in Chester in September. One interesting point that arose was the response of the U3A to cutting down of courses run by LEAs for Continued Learning. The overall opinion of the Conference was the we should not be attempting to offer courses similar to the ones that have been withdrawn, but we should continue to offer our unique form of shared learning.

As Chairman I am very sorry to lose two of our Committee members. Kate Rogers is going to Cornwall for the winter. She had been a wonderful speaker finder and we are going to miss her. Gill Bolton, who has done such an excellent job as Membership Secretary has now got four grandchildren and a retired husband and quite rightly she wants to spend more time with them. I cannot begin to express my thanks to both Kate and Gill for all the hard work they have done over the years.

Regards,

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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
Howard Jones	General Factotum

MONTHLY PROGRAMME

November 6th

Into Wajir, Africa. Where no English woman has been before.

Pat Gallagher

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at Barn Hill, except for Bank Holidays. Coffee will be served at 10 and the meeting will start at 10.30 am.

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HARLAXTON 2007 Summer Schools

The very successful Harlaxton Summer Schools are back next year, apply early for best choice.

8 to 11 July

Elgar **Anthony Burton**
19th Century Art **Hendy Farquhar-Smith**
Art for All - Adventures in Form and Colour **Sally Crew**
Eminent Victorians - or Were They? **John Plumb**
Polish up your computing skills **Pam Bisnauthsing**
The Immense mind of George Eliot **Dr Jane Mackay**

12 to 15 July

Paper Craft **Aileen Marriott and Jill Dunn**
In Search of the Green Man **Jean Townsend**
From Big Bang to Global Warming **John Aram**
Digital Photography and Imaging **Rod Sloane**
Walking **Gordon Young**
Singing for Fun **Paul White**

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SOCIAL HISTORY GROUP

A meeting has been arranged for the Social History Group on Monday 9th October at 5 pm at Truesdales Hospital, Scotgate. For more details contact

Joan Newey

VISIT TO THE BANK OF ENGLAND MUSEUM

The visit on Tuesday 7th November to the Bank of England Museum is now full. A waiting list will be started. For more information or additional details contact

Ina Bacon – or Kay Johnson

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE

It has been suggested that there may be some members interested in learning to play Bridge. If there are, please will you contact me.

And also if there is anyone willing to teach Beginners' Bridge, could you please contact me as well.

Hendy 756316

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting will be held at Priory Court on 11th October at 2.15 pm. For more information or if you would like to join this Group contact

Phil Day

SELF- HELP FOR HEALTH GROUP

We are casting our eyes downwards at the next meeting on October 16th at the Essendine Village Hall. Local Podiatrist, Jill Westcombe is giving a talk about foot care (and hand care). We are also looking forward, as we are discussing what we can learn from the young. All members welcome. For more details contact

Sheila Halliday - Pegg

CONTACT US

The online version of the Newsletter does not normally include telephone numbers. If you want to contact anyone please e mail info@SU3ANews.co.uk

UFFORD BRIDGE TEA

There will be a Bridge Tea at Ufford Village Hall starting at 1.30 pm on Monday 6th November. This will be in aid of a Surgical Hospital serving all races and creeds in Dharamasal, North India.

Double ticket - £15. For tickets and enquiries please contact

Jenny Walsh on

CHRISTMAS LUNCH — CROWN HOTEL

This will be held on Monday December 11th at 12.30 pm. The cost will be £16.95. Please sign the list at the monthly meeting. Cheques are due at the November meeting, please make them payable to the Crown Hotel.

For more information contact

Paddy Thomson

PETERBOROUGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra will give a Brahms Concert on October 21st at 7 pm in the Broadway Theatre. The programme will include: The Flying Dutchman Overture, Violin Concerto, Brahms 3rd Symphony.

Tickets £12, concessions £10, accompanied children free.

TRAVEL GROUP NEWS

Anyone holidaying in Europe this year is reminded to update their European Health Card – E111.

SPRING HOLIDAY 2007

Travel Group members have decided that the Spring Holiday 2007 will be to the Austrian Tyrol – Kirchberg from 19th – 26th May. 8 days – 7 nights for £569. This includes half board, several excursions and coach travel from Stamford to Heathrow and back.

If interested please collect details from the Travel Group desk, or contact Paddy. Please note that there is already a waiting list for single rooms.

Paddy Thompson

STROLLERS GROUP

The next stroll will be on October 13th at 10.30. Meet at the Burghley entrance opposite the end of Water Street. For more information contact the leaders

Harold and Anna Bridger -

WALKING GROUP

All walks start at 10 o'clock. Queries on individual walks to the Walk Leader. All walks are approximately 5 miles.

Friday, October 13th

Denton, meet at Welby Arms, Walk Leader Roger Teasdale

Friday, October 27th

Thrapson, meet at Southern end of lake SP 994791, Walk Leader Aileen Marriott

Friday, November 10th

Ryhall, meet at the Millstone Inn, Walk Leader Peggy Aldridge

Please note that we still need a leader for this Group, Any volunteers?

ART HISTORY — VELÁZQUEZ EXHIBITION

This visit has now been arranged for the 13th December.

The cost will be £22 – payable at the October meeting. Please make your cheques payable to Stamford U3A Art History Group.

Pick up at the Bus Station at 8 am and Danish Invader at 8.05 am. For more information contact

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CHRISTMAS BUFFET

The annual Christmas Entertainment and Buffet will be held on Monday 4th December at Barn Hill.

Tickets will be on sale at the October meeting, price £3. Because of the seating arrangements we have to limit the tickets to 250 which will be on a first come first served basis.

If you cannot make the meeting but would like a ticket please contact

Percy Moss

SCIENCE GROUP

The next meeting of the Science Group will be on October 12th at Barn Hill at 2 pm.

The talk will be 'Going Faster - Breaking the Sound Barrier' by Horace Farquhar-Smith

Percy Moss

FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The Group has arranged a visit to the Family Records Centre, which can be combined with shopping in Central London, on Thursday 23rd November 2006. The coach fare is £15. For more information please contact

Dennis Rotherham

ST PETER'S SINGERS

The St Peter's Singers will be giving a concert at St John's Church, Ryhall on October 7th at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are £6 – but children are free. For more information contact

David Harrison

SCOTTISH STRATHSPEY GROUP

This group meets on Wednesdays at Barn Hill Methodist Church at 11 am. The next meetings will be on

October 4th, 18th, November 1st, 15th, 29th,

December 13th For more information contact

Barbara Carpenter

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ART HISTORY GROUP

There will be no Art History during October as I am on the Tuscany trip and on the 25th I have to go to the meeting of the East Midlands Association.

Please note that the next meeting will be on November 15th. For more information contact

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BLOOD BROTHERS THEATRE OUTING

This outing will be to the Hippodrome Birmingham on October 18th. The coach will leave the Danish Invader at 9.15 am and the Bus Station at 9.25 am allowing time for shopping, sightseeing and lunch.

Please tell Paddy your preferred pick up point. For more information contact

Paddy Thompson

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MEMBERS ARRANGING TRIPS

Please be aware that guests on trips with the U3A must satisfy the joining qualifications for the U3A – ie they must be over 50 and not be in full time employment.

Our insurance from Head Office only covers visitors who could be potential members of the U3A. For additional information contact

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COUNTRY DANCING

Country dancing will be held at the Roman Catholic Church Hall at 10.30 am on Tuesday 17th October. Everyone welcome. For more information contact

Mary Rowe
