

STAMFORD THIRD AGE GROUP

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Hello Everyone,

We are at the end of another U3A year, and we hope that it has been an enjoyable one. Our monthly meetings have held their own regarding attendances.

We have tended towards entertainment with our speaker programme but have included some serious subjects of great interest this year too. This is likely to continue as we need some fun in our lives. Membership has also picked up after our more intensive campaign this Summer with our newsletters being available at the library and the Arts Centre. This is to make the general public aware of our existence and what we have to offer.

Also we now have a supply of visiting cards giving our U3A details which we can carry around as they are credit card size. If we meet someone who expresses an interest, we can then hand them one, so please ask for some at any of our meetings.

We need new members to halt the decline in recent years, and to that effect, we welcome the following new members who joined at our last meeting with the hope that they will be made welcome and enjoy what we have to offer.

Mrs Jill Verdegaal, Mr Eric West,
Mrs Mary Ludlow, Mrs Rose McHard,
Mrs Helena Denny and Mrs Linda Munton.

Our book binding and restoration group is up and doing well.

The new Ukulele group will hold their first meeting at a venue in Stamford on Wednesday 2nd January in the afternoon. If anyone wishes to join,

would they make themselves known to Lesly Hayes at the finish today or by contacting her during the month. Details are inside.

Our secretary Anne Sedgewick has now handed over to Roland Higgins, after some years of dedicated work including dealing with all the new rules earlier this year with the GDPR, safeguarding and Charity Commission regs - no mean feat by any stretch.

Thank you Anne on behalf of us all.

We still need new people with new ideas to come on the committee if anyone feels that anything need improving. We must have a large reserve of talent in our midst.

One piece of information to share with you following the recent first aid course, is that if one is living alone and on medication, put a photocopy of your prescription in a small bottle in your fridge. The emergency services know to go to the fridge if the need arises.

Not everyone knows this potentially life saving trick. The bottles are available from the practices in town.

Please remember to save your used stamps as in previous years as these go to our charities in the new year.

Finally may I wish you seasonal greetings for an enjoyable Christmas and good health as far as possible.

Michael Crowe

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Michael Crowe	Chairman
Jim Duncan	Vice-chairman
Bill Niehorster	Treasurer
Jim Guthrie	Membership Secretary
David Woodman	Website and Newsletter
Patti Hallam	Speaker Finder
Roland Higgins	Secretary

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1077090

MONTHLY MEETINGS

**DEC 3 CHRISTMAS PANTO, SONGS & CAROLS
DRAMA AND SINGING GROUPS**

**JAN 7 100 YEARS OF JAZZ
ROGER BROWNE**

Monthly meetings are on the first Monday of every month at Barn Hill Methodist Church or the second if that is a Bank Holiday.

COFFEE AT 10 AM - MEETINGS START AT 10:30 AM

WALKING GROUP		
DATE	LOCATION	LEADERS
DEC 7	KINGS CLIFFE - meet at the Church.	Peter
DEC 21	CHRISTMAS WALK IN BURGHLEY PARK —meet at the entrance to Wharf Road car park.	Helen and Hilary
JAN 4	AN INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER at The Cosy Club in Stamford at 10 am to discuss 2019 programme. Short walk nearby if the weather is fine.	
All our walks start at 10:00 am. New members always welcome. HELEN WRIGHT 01778 590037		

MARK WALSH

We were treated to a morning of music and merriment at our November meeting when Mark Walsh came along to entertain us. He regaled us with tales of his young years spent working with Danny la Rue, who became his mentor, along with other famous comedians and great comic scriptwriters who helped him along the way.

An outstanding mimic and sublime ukulele player, he kept us in fits of laughter throughout, proving that to lighten the mood, there really is no business like show business. **Excellent!**

STAMFORD BRASS A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

A spectacular 2 hour Christmas concert at Stamford Methodist Church, by none other than Stamford Brass Band on Sat 15 Dec at 7:30 pm

Tickets: £10 (£8) £5 students/children

CHESS GROUP

Our group meets on Monday 10th December for its final time this year. Beginners very welcome, as are players of all strengths. If you can't make it on the 10th, we hope to see you in the New Year.

Time 13:45 Venue 23 Priory Gardens, Stamford
STAN DANIELS 752706

NEW HISTORY GROUP

We have a proposal to start a new history group to explore past events that would be of general interest, as there is so much that we have yet to learn from Roman times to the present.

If anyone is looking to join a new group, would you please let us know at one of our regular meetings. This would in no way clash with our very successful Local History group.

WALKING GROUP

On behalf of all the members of the Walking Group we would like to thank Helen Wright for organising the group with much enthusiasm and care over recent years, encouraging members to plan and lead walks, and leading many walks herself, including some memorable "days out" during the Summer months. Helen is now "handing over the baton" in January 2019 and we look forward to her continuing company.

All U3A members are welcome to join us at any of our walks. Simply come to the meeting place or phone the group leaders.

ROSEMARY PECK 01572 822205 - 07717 250790
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MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

JIM GUTHRIE 752755

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RESIGNATIONS

As it seems to be the fashion nowadays, I wondered if there were any member who would consider taking over as Membership Secretary next year, if I decide to do a ministerial Brexit-style departure. You would need to be computer literate, remain calm and be nice to everyone. Training provided, salary not.

Applications in writing please to
JIMGUTHRIE69@AOL.COM

COMMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

Please send any items about your activities or local events to the editor -

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE — DEC 18TH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT BARNHILL

THU 20TH DEC

2:30pm Carols for All (carols and readings)

Organist: Jeremy Jepson,
Stamford Choral Society

SUN 23RD DEC

10:30am Worship Together for Christmas

6:00pm Carols by Candlelight

MON 24TH DEC – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Christingle Service

11:30pm United Midnight Communion at URC

SUN 25TH DEC – CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Family Worship for Christmas
(United service with URC)

**We extend a warm welcome to all and hope
you will join us.**

MINISTER: REV ANDY FYALL

U3A JANUARY LUNCH

We are proposing to re-instate the January lunch at Casterton Garden centre after the lapse last time. It will be a mid month event to compensate for the lack of some activities after Christmas. The date is Thursday 17th January at 12 noon.

It will not be a fixed menu this time, so we need to know who would like to come starting this month and again at the December meeting. Would anyone interested in this purely social occasion please see us and peruse the menu.

We would like a deposit of £5 either in December or at the latest at the January meeting.

MICHAEL CROWE

UKULELE GROUP

This new group has now been formed and meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month starting at 2 pm for about 2 hours. The group leader will be Lesly Hayes who will be available today to take names of anyone who wishes to come to learn this fun instrument.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd January at a venue in Stamford. This will be announced today by Lesly.

Would all interested members please see her today or contact her before the end of December

tel: 763139 or e: ukulele2020.u3a@gmail.com

Many other U3As across the country have these groups and it will be a further opportunity to join together to learn a new skill.

Do come and give it a try

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th December when you will be entertained with

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL CUSTOMS OF LINCOLNSHIRE, FOLK TALES AND SONGS BY STEPPING STONES

Meetings are in the downstairs hall at Barn Hill.
Coffee from 10 am, talk at 10:30.

Everyone is welcome,

CHRISTINE BEARNE 480286

TALKS PROGRAMME 2019

- Jan 7 **100 Years of Jazz**
Roger Browne
- Feb 4 **Macmillan Cancer Support Org**
Tanya Taylor
- Mar 4 **Musical Recitals**
Pupils of SES Schools
- Apr 1 **Throwing the Haggis**
Robin Dunseath
- May 13 **AGM + Entertainment**

- Jun 3 **Busy Bees**
Sue Jakeman
- Jul 1 **Why did the Germans Vote for Hitler**
David Damant
- Aug 5 **When Birds Sing**
Saffron Summerfield
- Sep 2 **Stormy Stories – Part 2**
Fools Gold
- Oct 7 **Dementia Support South Lincs**
Kate Marshall
- Nov 4 **Antiques**
Keith Talbot
- Dec 2 **Pantomime & Songs**
Drama and Singing Groups

CUT OUT AND KEEP

NEXT MONTH'S TALK

2019 MARKS THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF JAZZ ARRIVING ON OUR SHORES.

Roger Browne, a pianist with the renowned Mart Rodger Manchester Jazz, and the President of Stockport Operatic Society, will present a musical feast of his own live jazz interpretations of classics from the pens of great composers for theatre, which include Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and many more.

NOT TO BE MISSED!