

STAMFORD THIRD AGE GROUP

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Hello Everyone,

Firstly I hope that you all had a good Christmas, some more so than others no doubt. The pressure to spend every minute of the day was somewhat tiring, and the clue to the festival is in the name, not Asdamas or Waitrosemas.! One card even said "Winter Wishes". Why would anyone wish Winter on anyone?

The Pantomime last month was a wonderful production and ran perfectly. Congratulations to all concerned - script writer Margaret, group leader Anne and pianist John and the outstanding cast. The props department had to work at great speed to set the whole thing up in time.

The Singing for Pleasure group concluded the morning's entertainment in fine style, and thanks go to Rita and David Lovell Brown for this rousing end to the season and to everyone who made this a special morning.

As we start a new year of activities, your committee are keen to support our groups in any way that we can. Do please come to talk to us if there is any help needed. We intend to carry on promoting our U3A in the community to spread the word of our existence and what we have to offer.

The Stamford Library and Arts Centre have been most helpful in displaying our newsletters each month. As these disappear on a regular basis, it is possible that we are reaching more people who might come to our monthly meetings one day.

The December newsletter included the planned list of speakers for this year as a cut out and keep. This has received a positive response as being a good idea. Thank you Patti for doing this.

Inevitably, there will be some changes as speakers are booked some months ahead. The ongoing monthly newsletters will show any amendments and when they happen.

By the time that you read this, the first meeting of the new Ukulele group will have taken place. More details will be in the next newsletter. **The Book Binding group** will be moving venue this month starting on Tue afternoon the 8th Jan. Please see inside this issue. If anyone is interested in the **proposed new History group**, please let me know at the meeting or as soon after as convenient.

The Casterton Garden centre lunch is now fully booked and the balance is now due, see inside for further details.

We had more new members attending the pantomime on 3rd December, and we welcome the following -

Mrs Milly Clayphan, Mrs Annemarie Hawkins,
Mr Peter Kennedy, Mrs Sharon Kennedy,
Mr Malcolm Roberts, Mrs Sue Gilbert and
Mrs Sandra Cooper.

I hope that you were made welcome and enjoyed the show. Please seek me out at the next meeting after the event, as I would like to make your acquaintance if I have not done so already.

Finally, please hand in any used postage stamps at any future meeting. These help our chosen charity carry on their good work. Thank you.

I wish you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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

JAN 7 100 YEARS OF JAZZ

ROGER BROWNE

FEB 4 WHY DID THE GERMANS VOTE FOR HITLER

DAVID DAMANT

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 - MEETING STARTS 10:30 AM

WALKING GROUP

DATE	LOCATION	LEADERS
JAN 18	HAMBLETON PENINSULA. Meet at the church, LE15 8TL Lunch available at Finch's Arms in village.	Wendy and Rosemary
FEB 1	FINESHAE — Meet in car park, Fee £4, NN17 3BB Café on site.	Wendy and Rosemary
FEB 15	THURLBY - Meet at Methodist Church in High Street, PE10 0EE Parking on site. Horseshoe pub on main road or Waterside Garden Centre is nearby.	Helen

All our walks start at 10:00 am. New members always welcome.
Lunch venues are suggestions only — Make your own arrangements
 ROSEMARY PECK 01572 822205 WENDY SANCHEZ 01572 747037

CHESS GROUP

We will be playing on the following dates in the New Year -

JANUARY 7TH, 21ST

FEBRUARY 4TH, 18TH

MARCH 4TH, 18TH

APRIL 1ST, 15TH, 29TH

All these dates are Mondays, starting at 1:45 pm
 Meetings are held at 23 Priory Gardens, Stamford, PE9 2EG. Ample parking if you need it. New members, including beginners, very welcome.

I look forward to meeting you on some of these days.

STAN DANIELS 752706

BOOK BINDING GROUP

The group is moving to **UFFINGTON VILLAGE HALL**, the next meeting is Tue 8th Jan at 2:00 pm and then Tue 22nd Jan. If coming from Stamford, take the first left past the hall into Greatford Road (one way). At the tee junction at the end, take the left into The Charters. At the top, go through the field gate and park at the end on the hard standing. Use the back gate into the hall which has a kitchen, loos and heating and is at ground level.

If coming from the Greatford direction, take the right at the mini roundabout up to the top and into The Charters.

CHRIS GARDINER 752939

RESIGNATIONS

As it seems to be the fashion nowadays, I wondered if there were a 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

PLAY READING GROUP 2

A New Year! - Why not join the Second Play Reading Group and try something new. We are a small but happy band of play readers and we're very welcoming. We meet every fourth Wed of the month at 2.00pm until 4.00pm at my house.

The next meeting is on 23rd January 2019.

If you are interested please contact me, I look forward to hearing from you.

SUE SAMUELS 07428 820 671

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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COMMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER

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

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE — JAN 28TH

U3A JANUARY LUNCH

The Casterton Garden centre lunch on January 17th is now fully booked.

We would ask those who are coming to bring cash to pay the balance at the January meeting to Molly or Jill. This will help us sort out the final bill.

There is a waiting list, so please phone Molly on 720779 if you need to cancel.

We hope this will prove light relief in the depth of Winter purely as a social gathering. Thank you Molly and Jill for organising this for us.

MICHAEL CROWE

CINDERELLA?

Well, we eventually got it together last month, when the U3A Drama Group presented their lavish Christmas spectacular Cinderella, with songs, gags, slapstick comedy and dancing – a lot of which wasn't even rehearsed!

Before the performance started, the narrator cum prompt, tripped over and broke her **reading specs**, so had a touch of the Roy Orbison look, having to resort to her prescription Sunglasses! The Baron was sadly killed off in Scene 1, just as he was thoroughly enjoying himself. Agatha, the really ugly sister, was thrilled to be wearing a big bra and party frock, with his size 10 brogues, while Buttons couldn't wait to show us his 'live' mice!

The rest of the cast all performed beautifully, without the aid of alcohol (that came later) and John, our pianist, coped surprisingly well, having to follow both his music score and the script, which at times became a bit random.

A big thank you to the Singing for Pleasure Group who helped enormously by heartily singing the words of the songs, which we'd either forgotten, or couldn't remember!

Hail to Margaret our Scriptwriter and Director, to Ann our Group Leader for keeping us in order and to everyone behind the scenes for making it happen.

Thank you for having us.

We'll be back next year so don't go away!

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next talk will be on Tuesday 8th January
100 YEARS OF THE RAF AND THE HISTORY OF RAF WITTERING

BY WING COMMANDER NICK MAXEY

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

Everyone is welcome,

CHRISTINE BEARNE 480286

ANTIQUES GROUP I

Our next two meetings will be

JAN 22 — BRING & BRAG— Bring an item with a 2 minute 'story'

FEB 26 — JOSIAH WEDGEWOOD BY GILLIAN DARBY

Meetings are in the small upstairs room at Barn Hill. Coffee from 10 am, talk at 10:30.

New members always welcome,

JUNE DOWNS 01572 821337

JAZZ - RYHALL RHYTHM

Our November meeting was a success with very unusual modes of transport and a few seasonal refreshments. The next meeting is on Monday 28th January 2019 when the theme will be

OUR DESERT ISLAND DISCS

We hope to see you all there

TERRY AND JUNE

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NEXT MONTH'S TALK

Our February speaker is unable to attend, so David Damant, a U3A member, has kindly stepped in and will talk on the following subject;

WHY DID THE GERMANS VOTE FOR HITLER

David reviews the history of Germany in the 20th century, arguing that it was probable that the Germans would vote for an authoritarian government in 1932/33.

That this government was in fact Hitler's was as Thomas Mann remarked " a catastrophe. But that is no reason why we should not find him interesting as a character, and as an event"