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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Hello Everyone,

We are back to normal now with all our groups up and running again after the Christmas break. The Monday meeting on the 7th January was an excellent start to our activities this year as a larger than usual audience of 157 members including visitors were treated to a wonderful musical experience on the subject of The History of Jazz over the last 100 years. Patti our speaker finder has a report inside on this outstanding morning.

The mid January lunch at the Casterton Garden Centre was another great event, well organised for us by Molly and Jill –thank you both. All who attended were full of praise for the food and organisation on a lovely sunny day too.

Our new Ukulele group has held its first two meetings with 16 members who were complete novices. After an hour and half, all were able to strum and sing along to ABBA's version of the song "I have a dream ". It made a remarkably good sound from such humble beginnings. **Thank you Lesly** for coming up with the idea and being such a good teacher and guide. If anyone else wishes to come, please contact Lesly for details.

Christine Bearne has been responsible for the coffees at our first Monday meetings for many years and now wishes to hand over this very worthwhile task to someone else. We are looking for anyone who comes to these on a regular basis to do this for us. It is not onerous but does need continuity. Thank you Christine for all your valiant efforts. We have a number of members who regularly man the check in desks at these Monday meetings, so we would also like to thank them for taking on this vital task as we have to know the numbers attending under the new safeguarding regulations.

Our audio/ visual team do the job on a regular basis, often unseen behind the console in the gallery. Thanks also to them for making our meetings go so well. We do need volunteers with some knowledge of computers to help out, so please do offer your services, even if you are only able to come occasionally.

You will see inside a notice of the formation of yet another group, this one being History, not to be confused with our very popular Local History one. If anyone is interested in this, please come to tell us after this or the March meetings.

The book binding and restoration group under the guidance of Chris Gardiner have now relocated to the Uffington village hall with much improved ground floor facilities. Anyone with a valuable but tatty book is welcome to come as guidance will be given. It is quite a new skill and so worthwhile for a family heirloom to be preserved thus.

We have a steady intake of new members and so have organised a Meet and Greet coffee morning at the Arts Centre on Wed 27th March. Please make a note of the date, as this is a great way to meet each other and some of our group leaders.

Finally it is membership renewal time, so would you all do this as soon as you can. We offer amazing value unrivalled by any other organisation.

Never have so many enjoyed so much for so little.

Roll on Spring.

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

**FEB 4 WHY DID THE GERMANS VOTE FOR HITLER
DAVID DAMANT**

**MAR 4 CONCERT BY PUPILS OF
STAMFORD ENDOWED SCHOOLS**

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

COFFEE AT 10 AM - MEETING STARTS 10:30 AM

WALKING GROUP

DATE	LOCATION	LEADERS
FEB 15	THURLBY - Meet at Methodist Church in High Street, PE10 0EE Parking on site. Horseshoe pub is on the main road or Waterside Garden Centre is nearby.	Helen
MAR 1	HALLATON - Park on the village green. LE16 8UB. Lunch available at Bewicke Arms in village.	Valerie

**All our walks start at 10:00 am. New members always welcome.
Lunch venues are suggestions only — Make your own arrangements**
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CHESS GROUP

Dates for the Spring 2019 meetings -

**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.
Coaching and mentoring to beginners given. I look
forward to meeting you on some of these days.

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NEW MEMBERS

Our welcome to new members from January, and
hope that you will enjoy joining in our groups.

MRS JANET DYER, MRS LYNN CONWAY,
MR TREVOR BATTLE. MRS LINDA BATTLE,
MR JAMES RIMMINGTON, MRS PAULINE RIMMINGTON,
MR ALEC BILHAM.

THERE WILL BE A MEET AND GREET COFFEE MORNING
at the Arts Centre on Friday 22nd March from 10:30am
onwards when anyone as well as new members can
come to meet some of our group leaders.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP 2

This group is restarting and our next meeting
is on Wed, 6th Feb at 10:30 am in my home in
Masterton Close.

LITERATURE GROUP 1

This long standing group now has places for a
couple of new members. Our next meeting is on
Mon, 18th Feb at 2 pm in Aileen Marriot's home in
Drift Road.

ANN LINTON 764552

JAZZ - RYHALL RHYTHM

Our January meeting was very enjoyable, listening
to all our Desert Island Discs and the stories
behind the choices. The theme for our February
meeting on Monday the 25th at 2-00pm is

COLLABORATIONS BY TWO OR MORE ARTISTS
**For example Ella + Louis, we hope to see you
all there.**

TERRY AND JUNE 751067

NEW HISTORY GROUP

Our member David Damant has offered to run a
History Group, quite different to our successful
Local History group of course.

We have several people interested already, and
so the first meeting will take place on Wednesday
27th March at 11:00 am at the Tobie Norris in St
Pauls Street. Coffee and drinks will be available.
We will then discuss the format for future
meetings. Please let us know if you are interested.

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 — FEB 25TH

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP 1

**Author, Poet, Scribe, Correspondent, Scribbler,
Biographer, Novelist, Diarist or Writer?**

The greatest pleasure of writing is not what it's about,
but the inner music the words make. Truman Capote

If Truman Capote's words resonate and you are interested in exploring ideas, writings, inspiration, and sharing that 'inner music' in your own individual and unique way, you might be interested in joining our group.

Meetings take place in Stamford from 3pm to 5pm on the third Thursday of each month.

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ALL THAT JAZZ!

The first Monday coffee morning of the year kicked off with a bang. Roger Browne, a jazz pianist, who hails from Salford, entertained us with jazz classics and stories of renowned jazz musicians.

In 1919 the Original Dixieland Jazz Band, who were in fact all-white musicians, arrived from the United States and their music soon took the country by storm. In a short time others followed and jazz was here to stay.

Roger, who remarkably does not read music, opened with a couple of George Gershwin numbers; the heavenly 'Embraceable You', followed by 'I've got Rhythm'. He interspersed his playing with remarkable stories of famous jazz composers and performers and amazed us with a few facts some of us didn't know; that Scott Joplin also wrote classical music and Andre Previn started out in life as a jazz pianist, to name but two. Roger then gave us an accomplished rendering of his take on Previn's jazz medley of songs from the musical, My Fair Lady.

He captivated us with Joplin's Tiger Rag, the Entertainer, 12th Street Rag and Bethena, one of Joplin's classical works. He enthralled us singing and playing Donald Kahn's 'This is the End of a Beautiful Friendship' and ended with 'S'Wonderful' and my goodness it was Wonderful.

The U3A motto is 'Learning for Pleasure' and if you didn't manage to get to this event for both learning and pleasure, you missed a treat!

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Our next talk will be on Tuesday 12th February

THE HISTORY OF WICKSTEED PARK BY TRACEY CLARKE

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

Everyone is welcome,

CHRISTINE BEARNE 480286

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

We need volunteers to help with the coffee duties on the first Monday meetings each month with immediate effect, as Christine is stepping down in May. **This is an essential part of our main meeting, so would anyone who can help, please come forward at any time after today. Thank you.**

ANTIQUES GROUP 1

Our next meeting will be

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

SINGING FOR PLEASURE GROUP

The Singing for Pleasure group had a very busy 2018. We are a large group, and this term we have welcomed quite a few new members. We need time to settle everyone in, so for the time being we are closing new entries for a short time, as we do from time to time.

If you have already enquired, please let me know. There will be an article in the newsletter when the membership is open again.

RITA WOOD 766345

NEXT MONTH'S TALK

At our monthly meeting on Monday 4th March, we are delighted to welcome back some of the talented pupils of the SES to give us another of their quite wonderful musical mornings as in the past few years. This has proved to be one of the most popular events in our programme and is usually a sell out.

Do come to this event if you can, you will not be disappointed.