



CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Hello Everyone,

Here we are back to school as it were or in our case university, after the August break.

Several groups closed down for the holidays and will now resume their activities. Please check with your group leader if in doubt.

We are sometimes reminded by our head office that we should be prepared to learn and possibly run workshops. I would have thought that we learn every time that we have a group meeting. With our first Monday meetings, we have speakers who impart their knowledge to this effect. Today we have a musical extravaganza which is also fun on a Monday morning.

Last month, we had to do a rapid change of speaker, but we were lucky that Philippa Massey was available for another of her interesting talks. We thank her for stepping in at very short notice.

There have been some changes in recent times to our group leaders as is inevitable. We are so lucky that others are prepared to take over these important roles. Diane Smith has taken on the Drama Group with Patti Hallam as secretary. Stella Morgan and the Pearsons will be running the Second Sunday Lunch Group and Penny Rowley the Local History Group when this group restarts in the Autumn.

Rita Wood is handing over the Singing for Pleasure group after 16 years of organising this our largest group twice a month. The work involved in planning the programme of songs and liaising with our music maestro David Lovell

Brown has shown dedication beyond the normal. We wish her well as she hands over to Molly Roberts, Catharine Weaver, Viv Higgins and Shane Abrahams. Rita can now relax after so many years in charge. This must be some kind of record in running a group. Thank you Rita.

Our History Group has been running for six months now and has proved a great success with some wonderful speakers, thanks to the dedication of David Damant. He has a great programme in hand for the rest of this year and well into next. They meet at Barn Hill on the third Thursdays in the morning. Please see notice inside to the effect that the start time has been moved forward to 10:00 am with coffee available from 9:30. This is so that the presentations can be completed before the people in the upstairs room commence their operations with the resulting disturbance. Do come to these meetings as they are most enlightening. There is plenty of room for more.

The newsletter for August was one of the best yet with so many contributions. If any group leader wishes to promote their activities like this, please do send in your features to David each month. With the Library and Arts Centre displaying these, we are getting good coverage resulting in new members joining each month. We hope that new members are able to join in group meetings of their choice.

Best wishes to everyone with thanks for your support.

Michael Crowe

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MICHAEL CROWE	CHAIRMAN
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JIM DUNCAN	FIRE OFFICER

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1077090

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- SEP 2 BANG UP TO THE ELEPHANT**
FOOL'S GOLD - STEVE AND CAROL ROBSON
- OCT 7 DEMENTIA SUPPORT SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE**
KATE MARSHALL

Monthly meetings are held at Barn Hill Methodist Church on the first Monday of each month, unless it falls on a Bank Holiday when it is then moved to the second Monday.

COFFEE AT 10 AM - MEETING STARTS 10:30 AM

WALKING GROUP 1		
DATE	LOCATION	LEADERS
SEP 6	DUDDINGTON – Meet at the Royal Oak pub. PE9 3QE Car park at pub if eating after otherwise park in village. Walk to Ketton and back. Easy walking. .	David
SEP 20	CASTOR — Meet at Prince of Wales Feathers pub. PE5 7AL Park in village.	Anne and Jill
WALKING GROUP 2		
THIS GROUP IS NOW CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 2020 A shorter walk (about an hour) each month over a more gentle terrain		
All our walks start at 10:00 am. New members always welcome. ROSEMARY PECK 01572 822205 WENDY SANCHEZ 01572 747037		

UKULELE BEGINNERS GROUP

Due to the popularity of the existing Ukulele Group, there will be a new Ukulele beginners group on the first and third Monday of the month in Stamford commencing 7th October at 2:45pm.

For further information please contact me

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NEW COURSE AT STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE **ART AND MORALITY WITH DR DANIEL CALLCUT**

Come and enjoy a friendly introduction to philosophy of art. This course will focus on the relationship between art and ethics. Must artists be prepared to break moral rules? Should learning about their bad behaviour change our view of their art? We will discuss a variety of figures including Paul Gauguin.

No prior experience of philosophy is required but please be aware that some topics will include adult sexual content. This is a chance to learn with an engaging local philosopher who has spoken at events around the world.

The six week course will start on Thursday Sept 12th, 6:30pm to 8pm, and meet at the same time each week, concluding on October 17th.

£50 FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE

COUNTRY DANCING GROUP

There was no Country Dancing in August, but we're back again as usual on the 3rd Tuesday in September – the 17th.

MARY ROWE

JAZZ—RYHALL RHYTHM

For our September meeting on the 23rd at 2:00 pm we are continuing the "Instrument Theme" i.e. any guitar, double bass also of course a banjo or anything else you can think of. As always we hope you can come. Looking forward to your choices.

TERRY AND JUNE WATKINS 751067

LOCAL HISTORY TALKS AT THE ARTS CENTRE

THE MAKING OF GEORGIAN STAMFORD

BY PHILIPPA MASSEY

TUE 24 SEPTEMBER 7:30 PM

Philippa explores Stamford during the reigns of George I to George IV, from 1714 – 1830. She looks at the way the town expanded during these 116 years, and how and why it evolved from a small market town to a thriving and important coaching centre on one of the most important routes in the country. The effects of communications, modes of transport, trade, entertainment and new styles of buildings on the town are all interconnected, and Philippa tries to unravel this remarkable transformation.

TICKETS £5 CONCESSIONS £4

CASTLE CONSTRUCTION, CONQUEST AND COMPENSATION

BY DR DAVID ROFFE

THURS 5 SEPTEMBER 7:30 PM

This talk commemorates the work of Christine Mahany who was the director of Stamford Archaeological Research Committee for many years. Dr Roffe collaborated with Miss Mahany on the important excavation of Stamford Castle from 1972 – 1976 as well as other archaeological projects in the area.

His talk explores the role that her work played in a radical reassessment of the castle as an instrument of conquest in England.

Dr Roffe is a medieval historian who was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and Leicester University. His research interests are many and wide ranging but he is best known for his work on Domesday Book.

TICKETS £6 CONCESSIONS £5

COMMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

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DAVID WOODMAN NEWS@STAMFORDU3A.CO.UK

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE - SEP 23RD

STAMFORD PHOTOGRAPHERS

Last month we were all expecting to hear Saffron Summerfield talking on her subject of garden birds and birdsong, which drew in quite a crowd, but unfortunately she had to cancel at the last moment due to a family crisis and sent her apologies to you all. Saffron hopefully will be able to join us next year.

Thankfully, Philippa Massey, one of Stamford's most popular speakers, managed to step in, with less than 24-hours notice, to talk on her knowledgeable subject, Stamford Photographers, of which there were many for such a small town. Philippa always delivers a concise and interesting lecture and this was no exception. Packed with local history, amazing photographic techniques and wonderful old photographs, noting the town's famous and infamous photographers was astonishing. Stamford's most acclaimed photographer was Harry Burton, an Egyptologist, who took over 1400 photographs of the excavation of Tutankhamen's tomb. Fame indeed. **Thank you Philippa.**

ANTIQUES GROUP 1 VISIT

GIZMOS & GADGETS – "We had one of those!"

September 24th at 10:30 am (10 am coffee)

The Museum of Technology, Throckenholt Farm, Old South Eau Bank, on B1166 Admission £5
Please contact June Downs to book for the visit the museum.

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SINGING FOR PLEASURE GROUP

The group starts again on 12 September. Rita has passed the baton to a team of singers, who will help to organise the ever-growing numbers. It is a tribute to Rita's hard work and enthusiasm over many years that the Thursday morning meetings are so popular.

Thank you Rita.

THE SFP TEAM

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who joined in August -

MRS KATHLEEN FRYER, MRS JENNY GOSLING
MRS ANN GILLIATT, MRS JEAN KEYMER
MRS ANNE MARIE NIEMANN

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

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CHURCH VISITING

Our visit this month on Friday 27th September will be to St James church in **CASTLE BYTHAM** at our usual time of 11:00 am.

Lunch will be available at a local hostelry yet to be chosen.

Details of this and any other information will be sent to members later in the month. Once again this ancient church has a long history as we keep finding. Thank you for your support.

New members are always welcome.

MICHAEL CROWE 762490

HISTORY GROUP

Please note that starting from the history group meeting on Thursday 19th September at Barn Hill, meetings will now start at 10:00 am with coffee available from 9:30 am.

This will allow us to complete the presentation without interruptions from the room above. These have rather intruded on our meetings in the past.

This month will be an outstanding talk on opera by Jamie Hayes with musical extracts.

How can anyone forget the Three Tenors ? And Jamie has just been asked to give the same talk and music on the Queen Mary II, sailing from New York on January 3rd. Do not miss this special event.

Group members will receive the usual reminder before the meeting. **Do come along as you will be amazed.**

New members always welcome,

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HEALTHY DIFFERENCE

For the rest of this year, the meetings will move to the 2nd Monday of the month. They will still be held in Francis Court, Rutland Way, Ryhall and will still start at 2pm and run for about 2 hours. We welcome new people.

We usually present a main medical topic for the first hour and, after a tea break, discuss topical issues of the month. Laughing is an essential ingredient of the session. It works better than many prescriptions!!

SHEILA HALLIDAY-PEGG

NEXT MONTH'S TALK

Kate Marshall, from Dementia Support South Lincolnshire, will be talking about the current work and progress in hand for people suffering with dementia. Hopefully we shall all gain some insight into the care and support needed to help friends and loved ones through this worrying time.