

Stamford u3a May 2026 e-bulletin

Check out changes to Local Groups.

Check below for news about Activity Groups and changes, many Activity Groups take a rest during the summer.

Meanwhile we need help with the Newsletter

We have, yet, been unsuccessful in getting a volunteer to produce our excellent newsletter. Although it has been done successfully just by Patti, members seem daunted by the thought of taking it on. There is plenty of committee assistance on hand, so do give some consideration to helping us with this. It is through our newsletter that we attract about half of our new membership, so it is an important part of u3a.

Please contact Roland using the details at the end of this bulletin if you wish to discuss the role.



Activity Group News - to contact group leaders click the link on the Activity Groups page on our website and send them an email or use the u3a telephone number 07942 335069. Due to scams and security issues, we will no longer publish the private email addresses or telephone number of Group Leaders.

Antiques, Bygones and Curiosities – Sad to report that June Downes is not well and so the next two sessions of Antiques, Bygones and Antiquities are going to have to be cancelled. That is, there is no meeting on Tuesday 26th May or Tuesday 23rd June.

Climate and Energy Study Group - We close down for an academic vacation in July and August and will restart on Tuesday 15th of September at 2.30pm. Contact the Group Leader, John Polkinghorne if you want further information.

Croquet Group - Revival! - Martin Lander writes 'The joint venture with Easton-on-the-Hill Bowls Club is going well. We meet every Thursday afternoon from 2.00pm, all are welcome'. To contact Martin Lander use the link on the Croquet page of our website or leave a message on the u3a phone.'

History Group: - The Group's next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th June when the talk will be given by Ian on Servants - an Upstairs and Downstairs story. There will be no History Group in July and August.

Photography Group - Is not meeting in June due to members' holiday commitments.

Railway History Group: - The monthly meetings at Blackstones have finish for the summer and will restart in October. We are having a trip on the 'Guided Busway from Cambridge to St Ives' on 27th May. The day starts with catching the 09.56 train from Stamford to Cambridge, meet up at the station with your train ticket, this is not a group booking. It takes about 1 hour to Cambridge, and we catch the guided busway to St Ives from outside the railway station (don't forget your bus pass to get free travel). The guided busway follows the line of the original train track. St Ives is a lovely town to visit and there is plenty to see for the day as well as good cafes for lunch. According to their own wishes members then make the return bus trip to Cambridge and then train to Stamford. This trip is open to all u3a members.

Look in the Community News section below for details of an exciting **Nene Valley Railway Seniors Day**, with a discounted price, that has been negotiated by a u3a member. It is open to all so you can bring friends along to it too.

Church Visiting;



Christine tells me 'Our next church visit is to Ketton on Friday 29th, all are welcome.

For all about the Stamford u3a Activity Groups use this link to our webpage

<https://stamford.u3asite.uk/groups>

Computer Group – Anna tells me 'The revamped computer group is now 6 months old and going well. We have settled on this format for the monthly meetings

- Bring to the group any issue you have with your device and we will troubleshoot together .
- Bring to the group any apps or techniques that you find really useful and we will share the knowledge.

Look on the Computer Group's U3A webpage for links to any apps we like or other helpful websites. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30 at my (Anna's) house.

Travel Group -

There are still some places on our next trip to Waddesdon Manor on 1 July. If you are planning to hand in a booking form at the next Monday Meeting on 1 June please email Roland to reserve your place. Please see full details and the booking form attached at the end of this e-bulletin. If you have difficulty downloading the booking form email Roland for a Word version.

Community News

This is what is happening in your community.

LEMONS, LEMONS, LEMONS. LEMONS, LEMONS

Stamford Shoestring Theatre presents:

A PLAY BY SAM STEINER

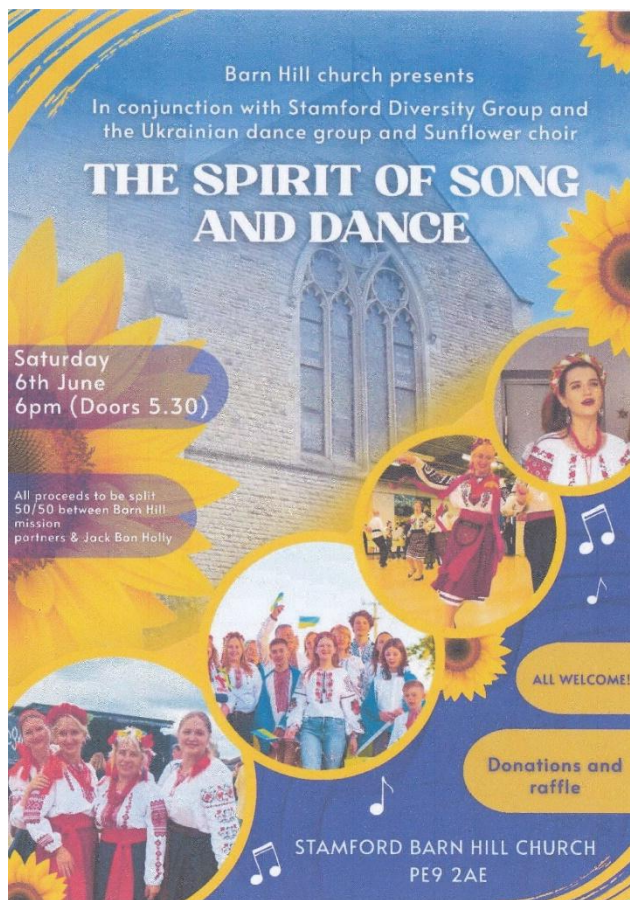
2nd - 6th June 2026

With the government imposing a new 'Hush Law,' Oliver and Bernadette's life is about to get turned upside down. Their already tricky fledgling relationship must now be navigated in as few words as possible. Let's hope those games of 'Articulate' have paid off. A 'dystopian rom com' that is funny, moving and thought provoking in equal parts. This award-winning play will have you laughing, crying and carefully considering what to say, or maybe more importantly, what not to.

StamfordShoestringTheatreCompanyLtd www.stamfordshoestring.com @stamfordshoestring

tickets: £12 / £10 conc.

box office: 01780 763203



On Saturday 6th June a joyous performance of Ukrainian Song and Dance. Donations at the door and a fund-raising raffle.

Serenity Flutes

with Fergus Black, piano

St Michael & All Angels

Main Road, Uffington, Stamford, PE9 4SN

Sunday 7th June

at 3pm for about an hour followed by tea and cake

Would you like to take a relaxing trip on the water? or marvel at the appearance of fireflies at dusk? Perhaps you would like to get ready for a wedding? and join in the dancing. It is all possible in this beautiful Summer concert of sparkling and tuneful music for two flutes and piano

See and hear at www.serenityflutes.uk

TICKETS £10 (CHILDREN £5).

Please book in advance to give an idea of numbers for the tea. SCAN QR CODE, OR VISIT WWW.RB.GY/1V5KWY

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St Martin's Singers

20th ANNIVERSARY

Women's Voices Choir from Stamford

Fergus Black conductor (www.smartsingers.org)

"Little Beggars"

Saturday 6th June at 7pm

St Martin's Church, Stamford

High Street, St Martin's, PE9 2NT – Concert ends approx. 8:15pm

An enjoyable and amusing concert of Nursery Rhymes, Nonsense Songs, including *Three Ways to Vacuum Your House*, and *A Beggar's Opera*

Tickets: 20% discount if bought online before the end of May

Adult Tickets £8

Accompanied school-age children £4

(please scan QR code

for programme and tickets)

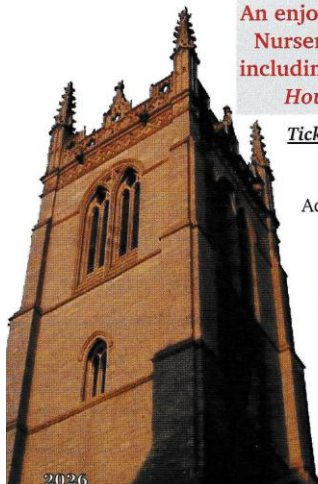


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£10 and £5 on the door (cash only)

Surplus in aid of church building fund.



Summer Sunday Afternoons

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THE CHURCHES
CONSERVATION TRUST

Concerts at St John's Church, Stamford

corner of High Street and St. John's Street, Stamford, PE9 2AW

Sundays in June and July at 4 p.m. for 50 minutes

There will be light refreshments before and afterwards: cakes, biscuits, tea & coffee. If it turns hot there will be copious jugs of cordials! The Churchyard Garden will also be open afterwards for you to sit in for as long as you like.



Concerts by local musicians

Sunday 14th June at 4^{pm}

Saeid Nayeb Mohammadi, oud

Fariborz Kian Nejad, tombak

Music of the classical Oud repertoire from Iran: improvisation in the Dastgāh-e Shur and pieces from the album Qowol-o Qazal

Sunday 21st Jun at 4^{pm}

Tanya Kamburova, mezzo-soprano

Dramatic arias from opera and concert hall, and folk songs by a Bulgarian singer now resident in Peterborough

Sunday 28th June 4^{pm}

The Vintage Singers

True vintage classics and later music sung with flair and a vintage twist

Sunday 5th July 4^{pm}

Lucy Todd, soprano

English Art Song and Lieder are set in a varied recital by a local soprano

Sunday 12th July 4^{pm}

Peterborough Flute Choir

A Flight of Flutes, featuring classical faves, film themes, and lively popular pieces

Free admission, with retiring collection in aid of

The Churches Conservation Trust

St John's Church is off Red Lion Square, opposite ASK Italian Restaurant, and is in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust (Registered Charity No: 258612). Free car parking at Scotgate Car Park is nearest: PE9 2YB.



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Nene Valley Special Seniors Day Wednesday 17 June 2026

Stamford u3a member Edwin has negotiated a special Seniors Day at the Nene Valley Railway. Note that we have been offered a discounted price but there are special events laid on as well.

Trains will be steam hauled with the regular silver timetable. In the unlikely event of drought conditions making it risky to operate steam, diesel might be substituted.

After a 15% discount the price is £17.00 which is very good value. To qualify for the discount tickets must be booked in advance via the NVR website. Anyone turning up on the day without a prebooked ticket can purchase a ticket from the booking office but without a discount. The website for bookings and more info is <https://www.nvr.org.uk/>

There is a largeish car park, but it is recommended that people carpool.

Extras on the day:

Engine shed tour (donation towards cost of maintaining and restoring locos)

Signal box tour (donation required)

Music will be provided on the platform at Wansford

Cafes at Wansford and Overton will be open

Miniature railway, and the garden railway will be operating

Museum and shops open.

This day has been negotiated with u3a members in mind, but it is open to everyone. Please tell any friends, who may be interested about the day.

Repair Café – a new local initiative.

REPAIR
CAFÉ Rutland
& Stamford

Based in Rutland, they are an organization focused on sustainability, community, and the environment, often facilitating local sharing, and, in this case, repair efforts to reduce landfill waste. For more information, visit www.rootandbranchout.co.uk . The café will be based at

different locations round Rutland and in Stamford, so visit the website for up-to-date information.

Best wishes from Roland Higgins

Chairman, Stamford u3a

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Or the Stamford u3a mobile number: 07942 335069



Travel Group



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Mobile: 07903 420154 Email vjrmhiggins@hotmail.com

Waddesdon Manor NT Wednesday 1 July 2026

£30 + £23 entrance fee (NT & Historic Houses members free, RHS Member £12.00)



stunning art collection. The collection of English and Dutch paintings, and French decorative arts is amongst the finest in the world. All this as a backdrop to rooms full of exquisite porcelain, tapestries, rare manuscripts, arms and armour, and

The Waddesdon Manor website modestly invites you to Experience the Extraordinary, but it is no empty boast. What can you say about a house that was designed to be a stunning introduction to an even more



the finest European decorative arts. Our visit also includes the chance to see the sweeping gardens in full bloom. Waddesdon was designed inside and out to host the most splendid of Victorian house parties. The silver dinner service was commissioned for George III but was not considered complete until other pieces were commissioned by the Rothschilds to reach 120 pieces. This is a property upon which no expense was spared, and it promises to be a day filled with superlatives.

The house has coffeeshop/café and Restaurant. We are expecting to leave Waddesdon at 16.30 arriving in Stamford at 19.00

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Name(s) please give name of each passenger you are booking for

..... Phone no..... Email

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I/We enclose a cheque payable to Stamford u3a for £___ or a direct credit will be made to Stamford u3a's account no. 00655135 at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-98-02, stating name and reference Manor e.g. Roland would use (HigginsManor), or contactless card payment at meetings.

Coach + Full Entrance fee £53x	Coach + RHS Membership fee £42x
Coach +NT/Historic Houses £30x x£30x	

Please picked up at: Stamford Bus Station (08.00) The Danish Invader (08.15)