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Photo: Dave Baxter

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Our members have decided not to meet this month, due to holidays and other commitments. We shall reconvene on Tuesday 7th July 10.30am at Great Casterton Church Hall. **New members are welcome to join us.**

Dave Baxter

HISTORY GROUP

16th June: Upstairs & Downstairs Our talk this month by Ian Bottreil is on the **History of Domestic Servants**, which will be fascinating no doubt. 10am refreshments for a **10.30** start, at the Barn Hill Church rooms.

New members are most welcome.

Note: We shall be taking a break during the months of July and August and will welcome you again in September.

Edwin Fitchett

OPENING A GROUP

Do you have a particular talent for something you would like to share with others? If so, why not become a Group Leader and start up a new group of your own. Our Chairman, Roland Higgins, will be happy to chat with you.

Email: vjrmhiggins@hotmail.com

WELCOME!

New members; Gillian Lomer

TRAVEL GROUP

Experience the Extraordinary!

Join us on a journey to **WADDESDON MANOR**
Wednesday 1 July 2026

Coach £30 + £23 full entrance fee = **£53**
National Trust & Historic Houses members
free entrance

RHS Members £12 entrance fee

Coach pickup: Stamford Bus Station 8.am
Danish Invader 8.15 am

BOOK NOW!

Pay at the meeting today, by card, cash or bank
transfer (**closing date 12th June**)

or contact: Roland Higgins Tel: 07903 420154

Email: vjrmhiggins@hotmail.com

HEAR ALL ABOUT IT!

*If you have something to say, Say it in the Newsletter.
Use it or Lose it!*

TODAY June 1

From Score Box To Press Box

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Jul 6** **You Couldn't Make it Up**
- with **Bharat Patel**
The secret life of a TV reporter!
Behind the headlines there are
some absurdly comic stories which
are never reported – until now!
Don't miss it!

Reminder: There is NO MEETING in August

- Sep 7** **The Bayeux Tapestry**
- with **Michael Burton**

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

PLEASE REGISTER ON ARRIVAL

Coffee from 9.45 am.
Meeting starts 10.30 am

CROQUET GROUP REVIVAL!

Anyone interested in playing Croquet on Thursday afternoons at Easton on the Hill?

If so, contact Martin Lander on 07887 780987
Email: lander968@gmail.com



Plotting the next move

GARDEN GROUP

The sun always shines on us!

Our visit in May was to the Old Vicarage, at Whissendine. In light of the horrendous weather forecast, we were dressed from head to foot in wet weather gear. However, as the garden owner began the story of the garden, the black clouds dissipated and the sun shone while we toured the beautiful gardens, some were saying, the best gardens they had ever visited! The rain only began as we were eating delicious home baked cakes in the conservatory and afterwards magically stopped before we walked back to the cars!

June 16th Our visit is to Home Farm Little Casterton which is a large farmhouse garden featuring more than 120 old English rose varieties. Members will be sent a poster with details. If you would like to join the group, please use the contact details on the back of the newsletter

Pamela Rodgers



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

On a bright but very chilly day in May, our group members enjoyed a very interesting and informative tour of Lyveden New Bield, an unfinished Grade 1 listed Elizabethan summer house in the parish of Aldwinckle in North Northamptonshire, owned by the National Trust. It was unfortunate that the Lodge was closed for urgent repair works, so we weren't able to go inside, but our excellent and very knowledgeable guide, Tony Yeomans, brought it alive for us.

Penny Rowley



SENIOR STEAM DAY!

Nene Valley Railway: Wednesday 17th June

With u3a members in mind, Nene Valley Railway is offering a 15% discount for seniors who are 65 plus. Primarily based at Wansford Station at Stibbington, the day will feature a steam locomotive hauling a train along the scenic Nene Valley. There are Shed and Signal tours, the Railway Museum, and much more. The cafes at Wansford and Overton stations will be open for food and drinks, as well as the on-train buffet. To top it all, there will be live music (and perhaps some dancing?) on the Platform at Wansford throughout the day.

For full details and bookings, check out the website; www.nvr.org.uk

Edwin Fitchett

DATA PROTECTION

To comply with current Government Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we have removed the telephone numbers of our Group Leaders from the list of our u3a Activities Groups, on the back page of the Newsletter. Any information you may require about contacting Group Leaders should now be sent by email to:

GENERAL ENQUIRIES: u3astamford@gmail.com
or you can leave a phone message on 07942 335069

WALKING FOR FITNESS

THURSDAY WANDERERS

11th June 10 am: Castor and Ailsworth walk. Park at the bottom of Station Road, Ailsworth, PE5 7AH.

25th June 10 am: Bourne Woods. Park in Bourne Woods Car Park, PE10 0LG.

Dawn McLean

STAMFORD WALKING GROUP



Photo call at Casewick

5th June 10 am Our walk will be a circular one from Wing. Park near the church on Top Street, LE15 8SE.

19th June 10 am Meet in Bourne Woods. Park in the main car park off the Corby Glen Road, PE10 0LG.

Stella Morgan

STAMFORD STROLLERS

19th June Meet at Ketton Nature Reserve for a **10.15** start. Please let me know if you intend to join us.

Aileen Marriott

New members are welcome to join any of our walks. Contact the Group Leaders via the contact details are on the back page of the Newsletter.

SINGING FOR PLEASURE

'Any Dream Will Do'

This is one of the songs our group enjoy singing, so it was fascinating to hear the following story from one of our singers;

"I was in London working for a music magazine called Music in Education and went to the Colet Court School concert at the Methodist Central Hall and sat with a few other journalists and musicians. I spoke to Andrew Lloyd Webber afterwards and wrote a review to say the songs were good and memorable. I suggested it would be a good idea to make it into a stage musical with costumes."

It certainly was a good suggestion, as the musical **Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is still performed to audiences worldwide.

Molly Roberts

ONLINE FRAUD & PHONE SCAMS!

Online Fraud: If you suspect the contents of an incoming email, from someone you know, seems unfamiliar or suspicious in any way, especially if it involves requesting a bank transfer: **STOP** and think it through first. Do not reply, nor click on the 'link'.

DELETE THE EMAIL and try to contact the sender through a different email link to ask whether the message was genuine or not.

Scam phone calls: The same applies to random phone calls, such as someone advising you that an insurance policy is due for renewal, or they wish to send a payment to you, for which they will need your bank details. **END** the call immediately.

Be Wary: If someone is claiming to be calling from your **bank**, advising you there is a scam operating in the bank's system and they need your permission to safeguard your accounts, by temporarily transferring them to another account; **HANG UP IMMEDIATELY.**

Contact your bank, using the number on the back of your debit or credit card to report what you think might be a scam. Or use the **159** hotline. This is the UK official short-code telephone number used to safely and directly contact your bank's fraud department.

REMEMBER: If it seems too good to be true – it usually is.

COMMITTEE

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