



Stamford u3a Newsletter October 2026

Getting ready for Stamford's Juke Box Jury

Getting ready for the action – **Monday 5th October** we have our own version of **Juke Box Jury with Roger Prescott** as our presenter. Come for memories, come for the music, come for the laughs. Please come in plenty of time because the show starts at 10.30 when the red light goes on its time for the show. Just as with broadcasting the original show the performance starts promptly at the scheduled time.

Last month we had an entertaining talk by Michael Burton is on The Bayeux Tapestry. The BBC also had a documentary on the tapestry but left unsaid the gossip that Michael had talked about. I know which I found the most entertaining.

Next month, November, we have a speaker who also knows about big bangs, or how to avoid them. Lucy Lewis joined the Army on the spur of the moment. After training at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst she was chosen in 1989 to become the first woman to operate as a Bomb Disposal Officer with the Royal Engineers. She subsequently served with the Royal Military Police in Germany and Northern Ireland, retiring in the rank of Major to start a family. In 2018, Lucy made history for a second time by becoming the first woman to be appointed University Marshal at the University of Cambridge. She now leads one of the oldest Constabularies in the world.

Intertest Groups News

Railway History : the first meeting after the summer break will be held at Blackstones Social Club 10.00 for 10.30 start, in October.

October 28th, 2026, John Hayden: Ironstone Railways of Easton. Iron ore has been worked in the areas round Stamford for centuries. Join us as John uncovers many of the features of the workings which remain but may not be recognised as such today .

November 25th, 2026, Mike Sopit: Railways in the Wye Valley. This illustrated talk will explore the railway lines of the Wye Valley and the subsequent closure, using contemporary and recent photos.

Garden Group: We visited Boughton House in September. We were welcomed with a cup of tea, then we made our way round the gardens and parkland at our own pace. It was a sunny day, so it made it very enjoyable. There was still a lot of colour in the walled garden after such a hot dry summer. It is a garden well worth visiting when it opens next year.



Our next monthly meeting is on Tuesdays **20th October** at 2:00 pm at Church Hall of St Peter and Paul's Church, Great Casterton PE9 4AP. The speaker is from **Mees on Growing Blueberries**.



Antiques, Bygones & Curiosities

We had an enjoyable talk in September during which Felix Downs took us through "Satire and Ridicule" from the 18C to the present day. It showed that satire is alive and well and, pretty much, using the same topics for over two hundred years. Ridiculing people with power, money and an inflated sense of ego spans the centuries!



Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 27 October** when Keith Talbot will be talking to us about Restoring Furniture. 10am coffee, 10.30 am start, in the downstairs room at the rear of Barn Hill Church.

Photography Group - Next Meeting on **Tuesday, 6th October** at 10.30 am at Great Casterton Church Hall : Competition subject: **Stations**. In November or competition will be on Books.



Travel Group: In September we visited Lavenham and its Guild Hall which has a fascinating history. Like so many things which have been passed down to us from previous generations its preservation is down the work of enthusiasts who were going against the modernisation and fashion trends of the day. We then travelled on to Bury St Edmunds to discover the sights of this famous market town and its ruined abbey. Look in the Group News for information on our visits which are open to all u3a members.

Local History: First meeting of 2026/27 season is on **Tuesday 13th October**, downstairs room at Barnhill Church, refreshments from 10am. **Speaker Billy Dalziel on The History of Corby and the Steelworks**

Community Section.

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Sunday 27th September 3 pm Stamford Methodist Church, Barn Hill

Tickets available on the door, £10 (£5 for children) or in advance at "The Well" in the Church foyer. Proceeds from the concert will be supporting the Church's Mission Projects.

Best wishes to you all and see you at our 5th October meeting.

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