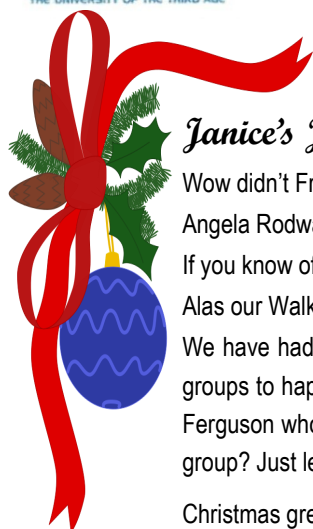


Newsletter November 2017



Janice's Jottings

Wow didn't Franki James do a wonderful job when our speaker did not arrive at our Coffee morning! Thanks Franki.

Angela Rodway has stepped down from being our almoner after many years. She has done a great job.

If you know of any members who are ill or bereaved please let Anne Green know, ph 845 1246.

Alas our Walking group has finished. Thank you to Peggy Gregory.

We have had requests for 2 new groups, Spanish Language group and a Ukulele group. But we need leaders for these groups to happen. If you can help please let me know so we can get going next year. We have 3 lunch groups. Lauretta Ferguson who is the convener of Lunch Group 2 is wishing to step down. Please can someone else take over this happy group? Just let Lauretta and me know. Thanks.

Christmas greetings to you and your families.

Janice Cram President U3A Phone 843 8329



The entertainment for our Christmas Coffee Morning will be a "senior" ukulele group: 'The Hopping Frogs'.

You may recognise some of the players!

TWO important dates for your Diary =

1. The Christmas Coffee Morning is on the 2nd. Wednesday of December which is the 13th. (The hall is not available on our usual 1st Wednesday).
2. The U3A Taradale AGM will be held on Wednesday February 7th 2018. More information in the January 2018 newsletter.

Geography

The Geography Group meets at 10am on the first Friday of every month at the Community Centre, Missionview Retirement Village in Greenmeadows.

We have chosen to look at **The North American Continent** this year. If you are interested in Geography or have travelled - you will enjoy our group. At each meeting two people present their prepared talk. We now have a screen so you can present your talk as a Powerpoint using your laptop or show supporting maps and pictures from a USB stick.

We usually give two talks per year, each is half to three quarters of an hour long. The internet and the children's section of the local library are our main sources of information.

Most people bring along their own atlas but there are usually plenty so if you don't own one we can share.

We would like to have a few more members join our group as we have a lot of travellers who are zipping off to foreign parts and the ones left behind would have a longer gap between their talks!!

Convenor Maureen Duncan Phone 8357966

Antiques and Collectibles

Our September meeting was presented by Chris, whose chosen subjects were paperweights and cruet sets. We saw beautiful, mainly glass, paper weights, some of these had been collected during members' overseas trips. The collections also included some from New Zealand's finest glassmakers - Gary Nash, Peter Viesnik and Peter Raos. A couple of interesting salt and pepper sets were also shown.

For October the subject was 'something special to you' and included in the display was a pair of Bristol green glass vases, a silver topped scent bottle hallmarked 1910, a group of wooden boxes and a lithograph of early Napier. Chris told us about the making and history of lithographs.

Convenor Jeanie Jenkins Phone 878 8542

A Small Quiz:

1. What is a Rastafarian?
2. What and where is Alcazar?
3. What was the homeland of Vincent van Gogh?
4. What is a Redstart?
5. What famous politician died in 1924?

History 1

Our enthusiast group meets 2nd Wednesday 1.45pm to 3.45pm. Topics in September and October this year included: 150th Anniversary of Armed Constabulary and their history, Personal HB Earthquake 1931 stories, Albert Einstein's private life, Siege of Mafeking, Tortoises that became Pets in World War 1, Tower of London, Lawrence of Arabia, Reynolds, Danvers, Ashcroft family history in HB. New Members always welcome.

Conveners: *Norma Sinton Phone 8448388, Chris Geddis Phone 8353009*

Te Reo.

We meet every 2nd Friday usually at my place from 10.30-12.00. Originally we met around the dining room table but we've moved to the lounge where we watch previous episodes, on the internet, of a language learning show - see the link below. This course is broadcast on Maori Television and started with basic Te Reo concentrating on grammar and vocabulary. Each fortnight our aim is to study 3-4 episodes at home and then do a revision episode when we meet.

There are seven of us in the group which is fairly tight in our small lounge. However, generally one person is away each time we meet, as we all lead busy lives, so we could fit another person in.

Convenor Sally Woods Phone 844 9551..<http://www.tokureo.maori.nz/index.cfm/1,186,0,43,html>

Playreading Group

The group has had an interesting winter. We gained two new members and lost another, so we now number six when we are all well and present. Our first play was "Under Milk Wood" by Dylan Thomas, a casting director's nightmare, with all those small parts popping in and out. We all read many parts and tried not to have conversations with ourselves! We were able to hire a DVD of the play to view afterwards, which was very interesting.

Our next choice was "The Cocktail Party" by T. S. Elliot, very little doubling required. In November we shall read a shortened version of "Iphigenia in Tauris", an ancient Greek drama with a manageable cast, by Euripedes; and think about next year.

We meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at 29 King Street at 1.30 p.m. New members will be welcome.

Convenor C. Downes Phone 8440008

A - Z

Our year will end with the challenging letter 'Q' as we wend our way through the alphabet for the fifth time. Past talks for 'Q' have included such topics as "Quebec", "Quintuplets", "Quasimodo", "Quark and Other Quirky Cheeses" and "Quackery" to name a few. 'X' ("Xylophones", "Xhosa Tribe", "Xrays") and 'Z' ("Zeppelins", "Zuider Zee", "Zoroastrianism") are the other two letters that provoke groans from those rostered to use them. However, no matter what the letter, every fortnight we look forward to talks that are always interesting, informative and entertaining.

Convenor Joan Fitzmaurice Phone 8355510



Caption Please ?
Send to Sonia ,8444834

Bon Vivant Group

Our mantra – Good Food, Good Wine and scintillating company – with all members organising one theme event during the year.

After calling for interest, we are a group of 14. Our past activities have included a chocolate and red dessert wine afternoon tea; platters and wine tasting lunch at Te Awa; tapas and Spanish wine dinner at the home of one of our group; and a pot luck picnic lunch and wine tasting at Trinity Hill. This month we are having a surprise dinner event at a member's home and then next month we have another dinner (probably with a Christmas theme). Our activities vary and with the lovely Hawkes' Bay summer approaching and the vines coming into leaf, we anticipate a good harvest to keep us on our toes thinking up new food events and corresponding themes as we progress into the new year. For information, please contact :

Convenor Sue Lambourn Phone 845 1585.

Answers: 1.A Caribbean religious cult. 2. It is a palace in Seville
3. Netherlands. 4. A small bird. 5. Lenin



Community Affairs

The second half of this year has been as full of variety as the first 6 months. In July, Mark Venman who became the Regional Manager of Hawke's Bay Fish & Game last year came to talk to us. He came from Scotland where he obtained various degrees from Glasgow University. On arrival in New Zealand he worked in the Trout Fishery in Taupo. He has great visions of what he hopes to achieve in Hawke's Bay.

Our August speaker was Murray Douglas from Te Mata Figs - the base of this is on the Napier Road just out of Havelock North but he and his partner, Helen Walker, have hundreds of fig trees in Hawkes Bay. He told us of the many varieties of figs, the history of them, and what they are creating from the fruit they are harvesting. Their shop on Napier Road is well worth a visit.

September saw Carol Dacey give some very detailed descriptions of her work at the Museum Theatre Gallery, particularly in the textile department. She has been a volunteer worker for very many hours over a great number of years - it was fascinating hearing about the skill and attention to detail required. She surely earned the Citizen's Award which she received a short while ago.

Jennie Motley, a Pharmacist from Taradale Medical Pharmacy, was our October speaker. She explained how important it was to get all your medicines from one pharmacy. Your Pharmacy hold all your records and can check very quickly to verify that anything new will have no ill-effects with your current medication. Qualified pharmacists have a huge knowledge of the many drugs available today.

Our last speaker for the year was Glen Pickering, the Festival Director/ Art Deco Trust. He has been appointed in the last year with a huge job to make Art Deco Festivals bigger, better and brighter attracting more people. He shared some wonderful ideas, his enthusiasm is infectious and he is very passionate about what he is doing. He is highly qualified and obviously very experienced in the Performing Arts.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Morning Tea with a musician to enjoy.

Convenor Belinda Galbraith Phone 8449293



Art Appreciation

Art Appreciation Class meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Taradale Library. This is a small but enthusiastic group. At the beginning of the year we choose a different Art topic for each month then each member researches an artist of their choice from that topic and presents their findings to the group. We have had some great discussions over the last year and hope to carry on next year in the same vein. Anyone interested can contact me..

Convenor Kathleen Cocking Phone 8451553

Words, Words, Words.

This vibrant, friendly and occasionally pedantic group, is looking for about ten more members. One of the attributes of Words, Words, Words is a lot of fun and laughter. You can be as competitive as you like but there are no first prizes. We are, in fact, very collaborative, and many activities can be done in pairs or in groups of three or four.

Our activities are varied, and include short story writing, sometimes with a starting sentence or an idea, poetry writing such as limericks, ballads, haikus, epitaphs etc, matching definitions with words, maybe all starting with the same syllable, matching books or quotes to authors, various word games, crosswords, anagrams, finding missing syllables, exploring word meanings. We sometimes have book reviews, interesting headlines, a few funnies, and frequently despair over the rapid degeneration of the English language! We even have homework, but like all of our activities it is voluntary.

Every session is different, they last two hours, which includes afternoon tea. We meet at the Taradale Senior Citizens's rooms on the 1st, 3rd, and sometimes 5th Wednesday of each month, at 2pm. If there is a U3A coffee morning we don't meet on that day.

We look forward to some of you visiting us to see what we are about. For further information I can be contacted.

Convenor Janice Hambly Phone 8448857

Please note, there will be NO pencil sketching Group in 2018.



OFFICERS , COMMITTEE and EDITORS 2017

President: Janice Cram 843 8329

Vice President:

Secretary & Membership: Sue Lambourn 845 1585

Treasurer: Jeanette Elgie: 844 4537

Committee:

Russell Driberg (IPP) 844 0303

Hank McConell 844 9257

Frankie James 8435926

Jimmy Dee 844 2952

Pauline Bothwell 844 0303

Ann Green 845 1246

Angela Rodway 844 6937

Peter Green 845 1246

Neil Gunderson 835 6881

Newsletter contact Angela Rodway, 844 6937 or Sonia Mackenzie 844 4834, sjmac13@xtra.co.nz



Taradale U3A Inc.

Next Meeting Taradale Town Hall

Wednesday 13th December 2017

Christmas Coffee Morning

Starting promptly at 10.00 am

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Followed by Christmas Refreshments

