



# Taradale U3A Newsletter

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## President Peter's Ponderings:

Welcome to another year and I hope that you all enjoyed the festive season.

The Taradale U3A committee has been involved in some changes in the past year. Two of these have been the end of the Secondary Schools' Speech Competition and the subsequent introduction of our sponsorship of the **Aria Competition** at the **Hawkes Bay Easter Festival**. We have also looked at alternative venues for our coffee mornings but have decided that our current Town Hall venue will remain for the time being. We have, however, decided to reduce the number of coffee mornings from the current six down to four. This decision was made principally because of decreasing attendance, and coffee mornings this year will be held on Wednesday 5th February (our AGM); Wednesday 3rd June, Wednesday 2nd September and Wednesday 3rd December (our Xmas Coffee Morning).

Starting time stays the same: 10.00 am.



It is a time for change on the committee as well, with Janice Cram handing in her resignation from the committee at our last meeting. Thanks for your contribution over the years, Janice. We are looking for more committee members in the coming year, so if you want to put your hand up or know someone who might be interested in becoming a committee member. All the best for all your U3A activities in 2020

## 2019 CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

At the beginning of December we had our Christmas Coffee Morning when we were entertained by "Young Stars at Heart", a senior concert party. If you didn't manage to come along, then you really missed out! The hour-long performance entitled "A Tribute to the Stars of Stage and Screen" directed by Margaret Atkins and stage-managed by Barrie Hughes, was billed as "a variety comedy show" and more than lived up to expectations, incorporating numerous slick costume changes. A fourteen-strong cast sang, danced and joked their way through an extremely entertaining, non-stop programme that had us all tapping our feet and singing along, finishing with a seasonal Christmas medley. Thanks are due to the entire crew, including those who worked behind the scenes.

This was followed by a delicious Christmas morning tea, organised by your Committee led by Wynn Barnett, to whom our thanks are also due, when members were able to mix and mingle - not only with each other but also with the young at heart team - all in all, an excel-lent finish to another busy U3A year.

## TARADALE U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

**2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held in the Taradale Town Hall  
Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 10:00 am.

**Tea/Coffee at Conclusion. No admission fee.**

## CONVENORS - MEMBERSHIP LISTS

The committee wishes to thank all Convenors for their contribution, hard work and support during 2019. With 2020 and a new financial year, would they please forward a list of their members to the Secretary, Sue Lambourn, for membership confirmation. Many thanks.

## FRENCH FOR BEGINNERS



The first lesson will be Monday 3rd February at 10:30 am. We will have the first meeting at my place: **36 Churchill Drive, Taradale**. It is at the top of a longish drive but there is plenty of parking at the house. If you want to see whether you would like to learn please come and give it a go. Starting at the beginning of the year is preferable particularly if you did not learn it at school. **Convenor: Marion Sturm Ph: 844 8872**  
**STOP PRESS:** The **Intermediate French** group is also changing venue to **Taradale Library**

- still on Mondays from 9.30am to 10.30am. **Vive le change!!**

## BON VIVANT - Good Food Good Wine and Great Company

Time certainly flies when you are having fun and the combination of food wine and beer as well as various activities has certainly added variety to the flight! Since our last article the group celebrated the month of July (Cancer) with Fish and Chips; has been wine tasting at Smith and Sheth; and enjoyed Pies and Puzzles - being Blockus, Quiddler and Trains! Oktoberfest was celebrated in due style with steins and Germanic food with some members donning costume. November was a Scottish theme with an array of whiskies and Scottish food including haggis. Plenty of tartan was seen and even a kilt was worn. Fortunately for the neighbours bagpipes were not played. Cricket was planned for December but was abandoned due to the weather - however we retired to the "club house" and partook of good food and regaled others with our past cricketing endeavours. 2020 has arrived and January will see us at Hawke's Ridge. All members have claimed a month for the remainder of the year so we await to learn what is being planned and schemed.



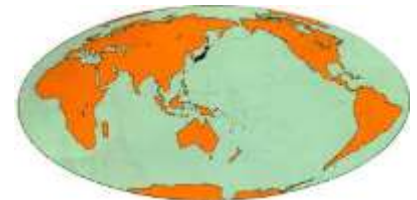
**Convenor : Sue Lambourn 845 1585**

## THE GEOGRAPHY GROUP

The monthly geography group, which meets at 10 am on the first Friday of each month in the hall at Mission View Village, is planning another interesting year to learn more about our world.

We have one presentation each month prepared by one of our members.

Last year's subject of "The Pacific" produced some fascinating presentations on a wide range of topics, including the ring of fire, migration, water currents, impacts of climate change, Great Barrier Reef, Pitcairn Island and the impact of tourism in the Pacific. Researching your topic is a great way to learn and in sharing our knowledge we always learn something new.



Our topic this year is "Waterways of the World". Within this overview, you can choose your own topic and method of presentation, including an activity, debate, quiz, guest speaker, etc. We will continue to range across the huge landscape of geography, covering physical, social, economic, climatic and historical strands. Our first presentation on 7th February will be Tony Smith giving an overview on the importance of water. The meetings have an informal structure and there is always discussion as others share their knowledge and experience, followed by morning tea.

If you are interested in joining this friendly group, please contact the co-ordinators, Christine and Tony Smith, who can be contacted at [tontine.smith@gmail.com](mailto:tontine.smith@gmail.com), or 8341300.

**STOP PRESS:** Following interest having been expressed in forming a **U3A Taradale Ukulele** group, **Chris Gibson** has kindly offered to start one up, probably in his home in Jervoistown, starting in February 2020. To this end, an information meeting is being held at **10 o'clock on Tuesday, 21st February** for anyone interested at **16 Corbett Place, Onekawa** to discuss frequency, duration, level, content, aims and objectives, any additional costs involved (ie sheet music), etc. **Chris Gibson Ph: 06 650 7994**



## DIPPING INTO HISTORY



Greetings, we wish all our groups a successful and enjoyable year. In 2019 as our mid-year field trip we visited the Waiapu Cathedral of St John The Evangelist in the city and Ormond Chapel on Napier Hill. We learnt about the history of the Cathedral and the Chapel. So often we pass this beautiful building, admire the architecture but don't stop to think about its history. It is the second cathedral and fourth church built on this site.

Did you know the foundation stone for the first Cathedral dated 1886 is located at the main entrance doorway? The foundation stone for the existing cathedral can be found by walking back down the street, halfway along the northern side of the building. The window fragments on the landing of the stairway in the foyer of the cathedral were collected from the rubble of the fallen cathedral.

The Ormond Chapel building was originally a schoolroom built for the Academy for Young Gentlemen (later the Napier Grammar School) in or around 1865. After a successor school had been closed down in 1918, Miss Fanny Ormond, a member of a wealthy settler family, bought the building, moved it to its present location on the corner of Napier Terrace and Chaucer Street, and presented it to the Cathedral Parish of St John the Evangelist in memory of her nephew, Alexander Ormond who died in France in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. The Ormond Memorial Chapel was dedicated in September 1919.

Would you like to join our group? We meet from 2pm to 4pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Masonic Retirement Village, Avondale Road. Our first meeting is on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Join us or if you like more info contact me. **Wynn Barnett Convenor**

**Phone 8442 329**

## HAWKE'S BAY EASTER FESTIVAL 2020



The **Hawke's Bay Easter Festival** organised by the *Napier Performing Arts Competitions Society* takes place over **Easter weekend, 10-13 April 2020** in the **Municipal Theatre** in Napier. About 200 young people will be participating competitively in ballet, tap and jazz dance, senior vocal, Aria, junior vocal and instrumental.

**TARADALE U3A** is sponsoring the first prize in the *Recital Class* of the Aria on the evening of **Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April** - which attracted a record number of 26

competitors in 2019. Each performer presents a 15-minute programme of three pieces.

The *Finals* of the Aria take place in the *Century Theatre* on **Easter Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April** as part of a *Gala Evening*, with all six finalists singing two pieces. All these competitions are open to the public, tickets will be available on-line and door sales will also be available for all but the *Gala Evening*. We are hoping for a good audience turn-out - especially from *U3A* members, their families and friends. So be sure to put these dates in your diary!

## TE REO MAORI - Change of Meeting Day and Time

Te Reo will recommence on Friday 31 January 2020. The group while still meeting on Friday has an amended time of 9:30am -10:30am at the **Taradale Library**.

New members always welcome - please contact **Peter Lambourn 845 1585**.



**SCRABBLE** is played each **Thursday afternoon** starting between 1:30 and 1:45 with a lucky dip partner. You can elect to play either 1 or 2 games paying \$1.00 a game.



This money is used for rent. When there is enough money in the kitty there is a surprise free day. We do play with the aid of dictionaries, many owning a scrabble dictionary. We love to see new people and always try to help them improve their game if they want it. So if you feel like giving it a go please come. Starting date ...January 16th

**Venue.....Masonic retirement complex**, Devonshire Place, Taradale Our room is on the ground floor of the only two storey building. **Convenor: Marion Sturm 844 8872**

## U3A Taradale Committee 2019 / 20

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**DATE TO REMEMBER: AGM - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 10:00am**

**Sir Graeme Avery** is our next Town Hall Coffee Morning Guest Speaker. Sir Graeme was recently inducted into the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Auckland, being recognised for his contribution to business, food, wine and sport. The award recognises outstanding contributions to the economic and social development of New Zealand, including community involvement. Sir Graeme will be talking about some of his past accomplishments, some of his current endeavours and how to keep motivated going into the future.

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## U3A TARADALE INC Committee Nomination Form

I nominate .....

For the position of (please circle)

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Member

Proposer: .....

Second: .....

Nominee's Signature: ..... Date: .....

All nominations must be with the U3A Secretary by 5:00pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020