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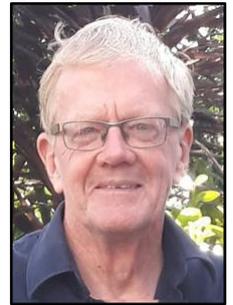
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From the Chair

This will be a brief one as we're away in the South Island in our caravan for a few weeks. We'll be back in time for the October Meeting and talk, which looks like being an interesting one. Look out for the new groups forming, ukulele and camera, as well as reports on existing groups that you might be interested in joining. The last time I did any Scottish Dancing was, believe it or not, in Nigeria in the 70's where there was an active Caledonian Society, so I'm really looking forward to the Ceilidh (see notice below). No previous experience necessary, though, as there will be plenty of helpers to guide the dancers. Let's make it a fun event! That's it from me; I said it would be brief.



Drew Barlow

October General Meeting

10.30am Monday 15 October 2018
St John Ambulance Hall Kerikeri

Tom Everitt

Retired District Court Judge on

Law

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Kitchen Duty: Current Affairs Thursday Group

Please bring a plate for our shared lunch

This meeting is open to the general public



Group Convenor

By the time you read this I will be in the South Island, but before we left I wanted to report on what a great New Members' Afternoon Tea we had at the end of August. Moira Warnock kindly opened her home to approximately 30 people. Of the new members 10 had just joined. Two non-members came along to see what U3A was all about and have since joined. The remaining attendees were made up of facilitators and some committee members.

There was much chatter and discussion about the groups and what would suit. It was an excellent opportunity for people to mix and mingle and the tea offerings were not to be missed! We also had 9 questionnaires returned. These were sent out to all the same new members. This was extremely useful, as I used the information to get some new members straight in to groups.

If there are groups that are full and you wish to join, please contact the facilitator to go on their waiting list. We will be looking to start second versions as the waiting lists grow.

Having done a quick analysis of the information, the following subjects were of interest and we will look to forming groups in the future to fit these if there is demand.

Travel, History, Climate change, Food/wine/cheese making French for beginners or the less fluent. If there is anyone else interested in these subjects, or others we have not thought of, let me know.

We have a couple of new groups.

Beginners' Ukulele Group

Is there any interest in starting a small beginner's ukulele group running for an hour, once a week for six to eight weeks? No previous experience required. Christine has two ukuleles available on loan for anyone to try before deciding to buy one. Depending on progress, individual members can decide what they would like to do after November; i.e. remain as basic strummers; develop different strumming and arpeggio techniques; or perhaps try tab reading chord melodies. Christine can help with all of these. Please contact Christine at annachristinec@gmail.com or ph 4076871 and she will make a time that fits in with people's commitments.

Camera Group

The first meeting of the new Camera Group will be held on Thursday 18th October starting at 10.00am. This will start with an introduction to the functions of a camera by David Welch, and progress on from there. It is designed to be a fun group learning experience as we all see the world through different eyes (and lenses). Anyone interested in photography will be able to gain from the sessions, whether or not they have a fancy DSLR. There will be the opportunity to discuss cameras and what each type can and can't do. From there it will move on to photographic composition and techniques, as well as editing and printing. If you have already registered for this Group you will have received an email with details of the venue. If not, or you would be interested in joining, please get in touch with the Group Convenor.

Don't delay; it's filling fast!

I have also been approached recently by established members with even more ideas for new groups that will be coming up soon, so watch this space!

Request for an accompanist for existing group:

Singing For Fun Group

Singing For Fun needs a sympathetic accompanist. This person need not necessarily be a U3A member. We require someone able to play a clear and heavily emphasised melody line without any ornamentation. An ability to transpose would be useful but not a necessity. We have a repertoire of about 300 well known songs and sing 25 to 30 each month. If you are able to help or know of anyone who may be able to play for us, please contact either Christine annachristinec@gmail.com, ph.4076871, or Moira warnockmoira@gmail.com , ph.09 407 *Susie Barlow*

Art History Groups

On visits to Art Galleries, at home and abroad, do you find yourself standing in front of famous or notable paintings and wondering to yourself - 'Why this subject? Who are these people? How did this particular painting come about?' Sound familiar? Your questions may differ but the intent is the same - to learn and understand more. An Art History group may be a good fit for you.

There are two Art History Groups at the moment - one on the second Monday of each month, the other on the third Friday. Many members of the Monday group can be found at the Friday group as well - a testament to the absorbing and wide-ranging nature of the works covered.

The Monday group is at present considering German Art. The Friday group has been viewing Kenneth Clark's television series "Civilisation" and delving deeper into some aspects of Renaissance art and architecture in Italy. We are moving northward and beginning to look at Dutch Art and artists and their treatment of light. On the alternate month - my favourite - we explore "The Secret Life of a Masterpiece" with a painting selected from our previous month's study. Iris, our Facilitator, very ably brings these artworks and their creators to life via books, CDs, and YouTube with some quirky and often irreverent video clips as well.

These groups are interactive and group members are encouraged to follow up anything piquing their interest and share it with the group. Recent highlights include a further understanding of perspective by actually drawing ourselves using several lines of perspective and a vanishing point, and sketching the human form using a series of oblongs - great fun with surprising results.

Rembrandt's "The Night Watch" (pictured) is the object of our next 'Secret Life' exploration - I can't wait.

Jan Hardley



TED Talks Group

2500+ talks to stir your curiosity is the headline for www.ted.com/talks, a non-profit web site dedicated to spreading ideas from 'thinkers' all over the world. This site is worth looking at whether or not part of our group.

Each month a group member selects talks from the hundreds of diverse topics available, to be shown and discussed at our meeting. The topics covered are many and varied. For our last meeting Judy Klaus found a series of talks relating to her passion for photography. The talks were interesting, informative and as they were by the photographers, the imagery stunning.



Who would not laugh at the story of a leopard seal trying to feed penguins to the photographer. What happens next is even funnier. Find out for yourself on:

https://www.ted.com/talks/david_griffin_on_how_photography_connects

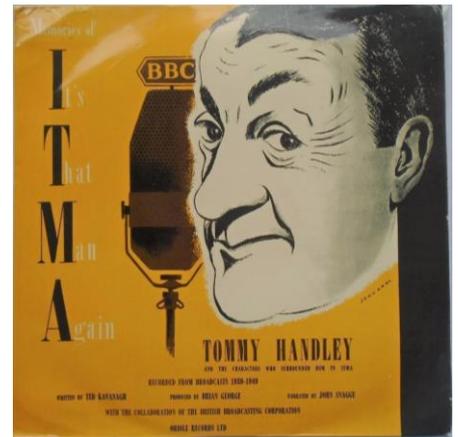
It's a great story. A word of warning though, parts of the talk are also very confronting.

Whatever the subject, the talks always serve to generate a lively exchange of views. As there are at least 2,250 presentations we do not anticipate running out of material anytime soon.

Christine Cronshaw

Antiques and Collectables Group

We meet on the first Friday of every month from 10.00 until noon. Our group all share one thing in common, we have a passion for items from the past, be they valuable antiques or more modest items, tins, buttons, badges and books. Nothing is safe from our scrutiny! I must admit that I have seen some beautiful objects since I have been hosting the group. We pick a subject each month and then have a show and tell session, its good fun and I think we all learn something from each other. We have had a beautiful old wooden tea caddy and an "ancient" petrol can to give you an example of some of the items that we have at show and tell and of course the stories that go with them. Currently our group is full but if you are interested contact Susie Barlow and pop your name on a waiting list. Our theme for October is WW2 memorabilia, including poems, sayings and songs from the era for example who remembers I.T.M.A?



Jan White

U3A Can Do Ceilidh

2-5pm Saturday 24 November 2018 Cornerstone, Kerikeri

This is a fun way to celebrate the end of another great U3A year. No partner or previous experience needed. Just bring flat shoes and a sense of humour for an afternoon of easy dances, some old favourites (including The Gay Gordons and The Dashing White Sergeant), songs, poems and a delicious homemade afternoon tea. Numbers are limited so please get your tickets (\$5 for members and \$10 for non member partners) from Moira Warnock at the October General Meeting. Or email: warnockmoira@gmail.com.



If you can play a couple of celtic airs on the violin or have a "party piece" you would like to share with us, please let Moira know. **Come and enjoy the craic.**

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